

So, You Want to Start an ECW!

We are pleased, as your ECW National Board, to offer this packet to you as a tool to help you develop a plan to form a new ECW group or to revitalize your present one. There are as many different ways to organize as there are groups, and each group should choose a workable plan that meets their individual circumstances and needs. We have included a brief summary of the history and structure of the national organization to give you an appreciation of the impact and influence that Episcopal Church Women have had and continue to have on the life and ministry of the Church. Also, included in the packet are tips and suggestions on how to begin as well as some ideas for structuring and implementing a program for your group.

This is intended to be only a sampling – a guide and resource reference to ‘jump start’ your plans. Many Episcopal Church Women are eager to assist and advise you as you develop your group’s plan. We encourage you to call your Diocesan ECW President or your Provincial Representative. National Board members also stand ready to help in any way we can. You will find contact and other helpful information about Episcopal Church Women on our website, www.ecwnational.org.

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