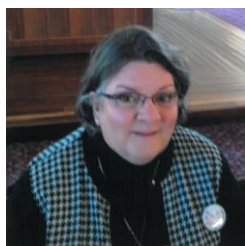


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**Dorothy (“Dottie”) Arthur
Province III - Diocese of Maryland
President**

Dorothy “Dottie” Arthur currently serves as Province III representative to the ECW National Board as well as the Workshop Chair for the 2015 Triennial Meeting. She also serves as Diocese of Maryland ECW President and is president of the Tuesday Women’s Guild at her congregation, St. James Episcopal Church, Parkton, MD. Dottie’s congregation has sent her to Diocesan convention 6 times as a delegate as she has also served on vestry for the same length of time. Dottie has a Masters in Education specializing in early childhood education and has been an instructor, administrator and principal as well as a board member on two local college boards. She volunteers at a Moravian camp during the summer as the Resident Weaver and paints in the traditional folk art (theorem) style. Dottie believes that “as women’s ministries change they need to reconstruct what their roles are in the church in the 21st century.” Dottie is ready to give back and fulfill her baptismal covenant with service as ECW National Board president. Dottie comes highly recommended by her bishop, the Rt. Rev. Eugene Sutton.



**Lisa Towle
Province IV – Diocese of North Carolina
President**

Lisa currently is the secretary to the ECW National Board and liaison to the Ad Hoc Committee on Resolution 101/104 of the 2012 Triennial Meeting. She has served as Diocesan ECW president and on Diocesan committees for Global Missions, the Companion Diocese (Botswana) and the Millennium Development Goals. Lisa’s home congregation is the Church of the Good Shepherd in Raleigh, NC. Lisa is a journalist by trade, was a correspondent for TIME magazine and currently runs her own communications business. As a young journalist, she was dispatched to Canada by the Episcopal Church Missions office to cover the 6th Conference of the Anglican Council of North America and the Caribbean. Through this work, Lisa developed a desire to serve the church, especially its women. Lisa wants to “see the good work of the ECW National Board continue and move forward so that all the church’s diversity feels part of the whole.” Lisa comes with strong recommendation from her bishop, the Rt. Rev. Michael B. Curry.

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**Linda E. Guest
Province I – Diocese of Rhode Island
First VP of Program**

Linda is the current Province I Representative to the ECW National Board. She has served ECW as all levels. On the ECW Diocese of Rhode Island's board, she was president, vice president, UTO chair, Missions chair and deanery representative. At her local congregation, St. David's Episcopal Church, she chaired the 100th Anniversary committee and continues to usher and coordinate coffee hour. She is a board member of the Scandinavian Nursing Home and Assisted Living association. Linda was Camp Director at the Diocese of Rhode Island's Episcopal Conference Center for 18 years and had been a floral designer until retiring in 2009. Linda would like to bring God's word to women far and near through the programs ECW presents. Linda comes with strong recommendation from her bishop, the Rt. Rev. W. Nicholas Knisely.



**Virginia (Ginger) Lief
Province II – Diocese of New York
Second VP for Information and Communication**

Ginger is the current Province II Representative to the ECW National Board. Ginger has served as President and Vice-President on her Diocesan Board as well as on the Diocesan Social Justice and Global Missions committees. At her congregation, St. Michael's Episcopal Church in New York City, Ginger has served as ECW president, UTO coordinator, Vestry member, Deputy to Diocesan convention, and parish representative on the diocesan Carpenter's Kids pilgrimage to Tanzania, Africa. She is a board member of two neighborhood and block associations and committed to the work of an NGO committee to Stop Trafficking in Persons. Ginger has an MDiv from General Theological Seminary and has worked at Columbia University in middle management and at the Blanton Peal Graduate Institute as a Resident Therapist. Ginger writes that she wants to be part of the process of re-envisioning the role of ECW in relationship to the larger Church. Ginger comes with strong recommendation from her bishop, the Rt. Rev. Andrew M.L. Dietsche.

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**Amelia (“Amy”) Swiernik
Province III – Diocese of Central Pennsylvania
Secretary**

Amy is the current ECW Province III President and immediate past ECW president of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania. Her service to the Diocese has included membership on the Bishop’s Executive Committee and the Diocesan Council of Trustees. The Rt. Rev. Nathan Baxtor awarded Amy the Diocesan “Spirit Award” for her service to the women of the Diocese in 2009. Amy is very active in her home parish, St. Edward’s, Lancaster, PA and in her community. She utilizes her landscape architect degree by serving as the resident landscape architect to the Memorial Garden at her church and on the Zoning Hearing Board for her township. Her work in leadership in ECW includes coordinating retreats and provincial meetings that energize attendees to return to their dioceses “supported, encouraged and a part of a Church that is expressing its faithfulness to God daily.” Amy writes that ECW is at a crossroads and that she wants to help women bring about changes that will positively impact all women’s lives in the Episcopal Church. Amy comes with strong recommendation from her Diocesan president, Shirley Wagner.



**Patricia L. Wellnitz
Province VI – Diocese of Nebraska
Secretary**

Pat has been active in ECW at the congregational and diocesan levels all her adult life. At St. Mary’s-Holly Episcopal Church, a country church, 11 miles north of Rushville, Nebraska, Pat has served as president, secretary and treasurer many times for the ECW as well as senior warden, secretary and treasurer of the Vestry. At the Diocesan level, Pat served on Executive Council for 2 years and as secretary for the Diocese of Nebraska Women’s ministries as well as co-convenor over a 12 year period. Pat manages the lab at Gordon Memorial Hospital which processes work for the hospital, two rural health clinics and two nursing homes. Pat strongly believes that the Episcopal Church has much to offer the world and needs to share that message widely. Pat believes the ECW can help the church grow. Pat is highly recommended by Sandra Squires, Province VI ECW President.

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Karen O. Patterson
Province IV – Diocese of SW Florida
Treasurer

Karen's life work has been handling people's lives and monies within the legal system as a paralegal, guardian, personal representative and trustee. She has served ECW as past Diocesan President and Province IV ECW president and has also served on the Church Periodical Club board of directors. Karen has worked on several Rotary district committees, completed Rotary Leadership Institute Training and served on the Dade City Noon Rotary board of directors. Her service to the Episcopal Church includes convention deputy and secretary to the National Standing Committee on National Concerns. Among many Diocesan positions, Karen was selected to serve on the Ecclesiastical Court comprised of 5 clergy and 4 lay members which held the only trial in the history of the Diocese. She was recently elected to the Board of Trustees of the University of the South (Sewanee). Karen comes highly recommended by her bishop, the Rt. Rev. Dabney T. Smith.



Katharine E. E. Hunt
Province VIII – Diocese of Oregon
Member at Large – Social Justice

Kathy believes in the ECW National board's importance in connecting all women of the church especially through social justice. She currently serves as ECW president of the Diocese of Oregon and in on the vestry at her local congregation, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Eugene, Oregon. Kathy is a certified Women of Vision presenter and has worked in the public schools in Utah and Oregon as a special education instructional assistant. Her volunteer service to women includes service to the State and Lane County Church Women United boards. Kathy's interest in farming and beekeeping led her to coordinate the work of "That's My Farmer", a partnership of local farmers and faith communities practicing community supported agriculture as well as serving as president of the Lane County Beekeeper's association. She volunteers at the Egan Warming Center for the homeless which houses people during the winter months. A native of Canada, Kathy's received education in Anthropology and social welfare service at two Canadian institutions. She is an organizer of meetings and conferences for women of her Diocese and strives to be inclusive in all she does. Kathy comes with strong recommendation from her bishop, the Rt. Rev. Michael J. Hanley.

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Beblon G. Parks
Province III – Diocese of Virginia
Member at Large – Social Justice

Beblon has extensive experience as an educator, trainer and consultant. She was the manager and director of the Virginia Education Association's Office of Field Support, Organizing and Minority Engagement until her recent retirement. VEA honored Beblon with its highest award, The Friend of Education, at the VEA delegate assembly in March 2014. A scholarship fund was established in her honor. Beblon was the first woman of color to serve as a Diocesan ECW president. She concurrently served on her Diocesan executive committee. Beblon has served minority Episcopal youth by coordinating and presenting the Black Ministries S.O.U.L. Young Adult conferences and by conducting workshops for Ethnic Minority Youth in conjunction with EYE at a national conference. At the local level at St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Richmond, Virginia, Beblon served on Vestry and was past president of the ECW where she led retreats and instituted ECW day. Beblon is a 20 year breast cancer warrior/survivor/activist and an active civil rights advocate working voter registration drives and helping to elect pro-education candidates. Beblon comes highly recommended by her bishop, the Rt. Rev. Shannon S. Johnston as well as the current ECW President of the Diocese of Virginia, Patricia Hardy.



Mayra Brown
Province IX – Diocese of the Dominican Republic
Member at Large – Multi Media

Mayra is the current Province IX representative to the ECW National Board and serves on the Finance and Communications committees. She has served ECW in the Dominican Republic at the Diocesan level and congregational level in the offices of president/national coordinator and vice-president as well as special commissions for Ministry of Justice and Gender and ECLOF Dominicana (an ecumenical organization). Mayra has served on her parish board as secretary, treasurer and communications chair. She is a lay minister and member of the Planning and Development committee for her Diocese. Mayra would like ECW to represent women's rights, spread the Gospel and represent all cultures in its work during the next Triennium. Mayra comes highly recommended by her bishop, the Rt. Rev. Rudo Julio C. Holguin.