



# Triennial Today

Saturday June 27, 2015

48th Triennial Meeting of the Episcopal Church Women

Salt Lake City, Utah

## Where Did the Nominees Come From?

Today our new Presiding Bishop (PB) will be elected. The process to get to this point is long and has very set rules. Each PB serves for 9 years. Each General Convention elects a committee for the election of the PB. This assures that there is a group “ready to go” if the need for replacing the PB is needed (such as death or incapacity to serve).

The committee is made up of a Bishop, clergy and lay person from each Province for a total of 27. In a triennium where there will be an election they begin to meet early on. They look at the role of the PB in light of the place the church is at.

They ask for nominations and do much of the work like a diocese does when they are electing a new diocesan Bishop. They whittle the number of candidates down to 4-6 and then announce them. The members of the House of Bishops are the only people who vote for the PB. However, the House of Deputies is required to approve the selection (which they have always done).

The list of potential candidates is fairly short because of 2 rules. The person should be able to serve a full term of 9 years, meaning they should not be reaching the age of 73 during the 9 year term. The person needs to have been a functioning Bishop for at least 5 years before election. Of the 100 plus Bishops in the Episcopal Church, these restrictions reduce the number of possible candidates.

There are several resolutions coming to the convention this year regarding this process, so there may be changes when we elect the next PB in 2024.

The nominees for PB will be introduced to the House of Deputies on Wed. June 24 from 1:30-4:30. Everyone was welcome to join the process. Prayers are requested on Saturday, June 27, for the election of the new PB.

Also, the elections of officers and National ECW Board members will be held on that day and prayers are requested.



# Message from the President

By Nancy R. Crawford

How long has it been a tradition for the Sunday Eucharist at the General Convention to be the United Thank Offering (UTO) Ingathering? It certainly has been as long as I can remember.

While all worship services in our Episcopal Church tradition can provoke deep meaning for us and a spiritual connection to God, this one stands out for its pagantry and its significance in proclaiming our ministry that is being accomplished throughout the world.

At this service the bishops of our church will process in vestments. Episcopal Church Women who serve as UTO representatives in their dioceses will walk across the platform to present their collections for UTO and will be greeted by Presiding Bishop Katharine

Jefferts Schori and by Barbara Schafer, UTO Board President.

This Ingathering of the people's offerings of thankfulness through coins and bills has been part of women's ministry in the church for 125 years, when the Box Works was begun by Margaret Emery.

On Sunday, June 28, the thankfulness continues.

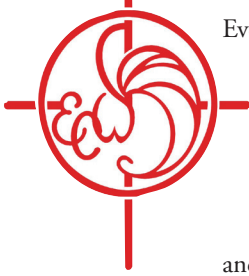
The Sunday Eucharist will be a special occasion for me because I have been asked to serve as the Deacon of the Platform. I have had the privilege of serving with Presiding Bishop Katharine at the consecration of my bishop in the Diocese of Oregon and at my home parish in Eugene, but this will be most special when I serve at the Eucharist that raises up the work of women in the church.

Episcopal women do so much to live out Christ's call to us to care for those less fortunate than ourselves. Ministry is begun, supported, and accomplished because of United Thank Offering.

The service will be held in the Worship space of the Salt Palace Convention Center on Sunday, June 28, at 10 a.m.



## You Asked for Support - We Now Have a Scholarship



Every year the ECW National Board had inquiries about scholarships for women. In the past, we had to send women back to their Dioceses and Provinces for support.

In the middle of the Triennium, there appeared to be sufficient funds to establish a Memorial Scholarship fund for Graduate Study for women seeking ordination primarily and secondarily for those women seeking to serve in the helping professions. We used a similar scholarship fund model found in other Dioceses and established a \$50,000 fund managed by DFMS.

The application process included a March 31, 2015, deadline. We had 22 applications all from amazing women who are aspiring church

and community leaders. About half the applicants were seeking MDIV's or DMin's. Other courses of study included an Archival Studies degree, a Sacred Music degree, a Masters in Non-Profit Studies, a doctorate in Curriculum Instruction, and a Masters in Family Ministry. As this was the first year, we elected to award all 22 applicants a scholarship with \$29,000 being distributed in total. A full list of scholarship awards will be presented at the Finance presentation on Friday, June 25th.

Although the fund was new in 2014, we have received no contributions from any source. We encourage contributions to the scholarship fund in honor or in memory of women in your Dioceses and congregations to perpetuate the fund.

Please make checks payable to: DFMS – ECW and mail to the Treasurer. The mailing address is on the website at [www.ecwnational.org](http://www.ecwnational.org).

# Program Highlights

**9:30-10:45 a.m. Community Eucharist**

**11:10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Bylaw and Resolution Hearing**

**1:30-2 p.m. - Delegates pick up and sign for Ballots out Plenary.**

*Delegates vote at this time and deposit ballot in Ballot Box inside the Plenary Room*

**2:10-5:30 p.m. Plenary II**

*Call to Order - Nancy Crawford, President*

*Opening Prayer*

*Credentials Report - Committee Chair*

*Election of Officers and Members-at-Large*

*Social Justice Presentation - Deborah Gardiner*

*Member-at-Large for Social Justice*

*Report of Election Supervisor*

*Communications Awards - Christine Budzowski, Vice President for Information and Communication*

*Resolutions and Bylaws - Committee Chair*

*Announcement*

*Chaplain Time - The Rev. Mary Janda*



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## Honoring a GEM: Rachel Lloyd

From the Girls Educational and Mentoring Services' (GEMS), meet the 2012-2015 ECW Triennial Unified Gift Recipient: Rachel Lloyd

Rachael Lloyd, a leading child sex trafficking advocate, is the founder and chief executive officer of Girls Educational and Mentoring Services (GEMS).

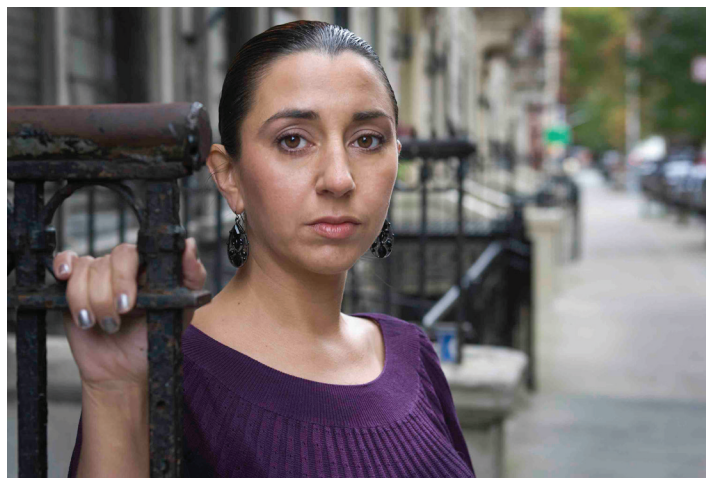
In 1998 with only a computer and -\$30, Lloyd, established GEMS to support American girls and young woman ages 12-24 exploited by the commercial sexual industry and domestic trafficking.

Her passion and commitment to stop this problem comes from her own experience as a youth-survivor of commercial sex exploitation. Under her leadership GEMS' innovative programs have grown steadily; GEMS is today one of the country's largest organizations providing direct services to child victims of sex trafficking.

Though the model program — From Victim To Survivor, From Survivor to Leader — GEMS offers a continuous array of services including:

- Prevention and Outreach
- Court Advocacy and Alternatives in Incarceration
- Supportive Service Program
- Transitional Independent Living Pro

Her long-trailblazing advocacy and public consciousness raising are portrayed in the documentary *Very Young Girls* (Showtime, 2007) and her memoir *Girls Like Us: Fighting for a World Where Girls Are*



*Not for Sale*, an Activist Finds Her Calling and Heals Herself (Harper Collins, 2011). In her lobbying of New York State legislators Lloyd played a key role in the passage of the landmark 2008 Safe Harbor for Exploited Youth Act.

Amongst her many awards and recognitions Lloyd was elected to the Ashoka fellowship in 2009.

A frequent and accomplished speaker, her name is listed on the Premire Speakers Bureau roster. Lloyd has a Bachelor degree in Psychology from Marymount Manhattan College and Masters in Applied Urban Anthropology from the City of New York.

# In Their Own Words

**How did you first feel about coming to Triennial?**

When I first found out that I was going to come to Triennial I was a little bit nervous because I had not done something like this before, I would be representing GFS and wanted to make a good impression on everyone I met.

**Do you have that God given spirit within you to be ready to share with your other Sisters in Christ?**

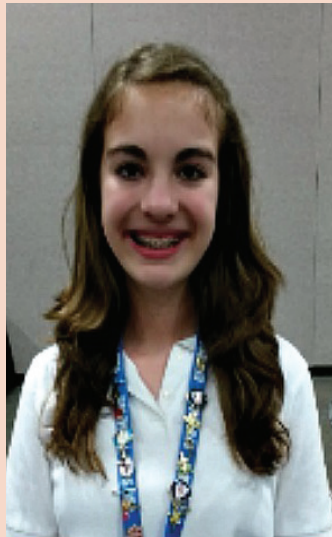
I believe that I do because I have been in GFS since I was 5 and I think that it has helped me in so many ways like overcoming shyness, it is a welcoming and inclusive organization and helped me to grow and develop.

**Why is it important to attend such an event?**

It is important because it is a great opportunity to meet others in the Episcopal church. I am learning what it means to be an Episcopalian and I am happy to be able to spread the word about what it means to be a part of GFS.

**What are YOU going to contribute to the event?**

I am representing GFS and spreading the word, handing out flyers, and talking about the organization. (Catherine is also assisting the ECW with various duties throughout the convention most importantly assisting with the 5K Run/Walk to benefit the Youth Homeless Resource Center in Salt Lake City.)



**How has the experience been so far?**

The trip so far has been interesting. I especially enjoy meeting others who were in GFS years ago. While sight seeing today in Temple Square we came upon our motto, "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ" – Galatians 6:2 and we took it as a sign that we were meant to be here. I would welcome the opportunity to come again.

*Catherine Sopko is editor of her school newspaper and on the yearbook staff. She is 14 and lives in Hamilton, New Jersey. She is the recipient of the Presidential Academic Excellence Award, The Principal's Academic Excellence Award, Outstanding Musician Award for Jazz Clarinet and awards in Social Studies. She is an Acolyte, and Lector and a member of the choir at Grace St. Paul's in Mercerville, New Jersey. She is 14 years old.*

## PHOTOS OF THE DAY



Photos by Ann Seyler

### Episcopal Women's History Project Annual Meeting

**Monday, June 29 12:10-1 p.m.  
Marriott Downtown, City Creek  
Luncheon. \$6.95**

All are invited. Membership forms will be available at luncheon and at the History Booth



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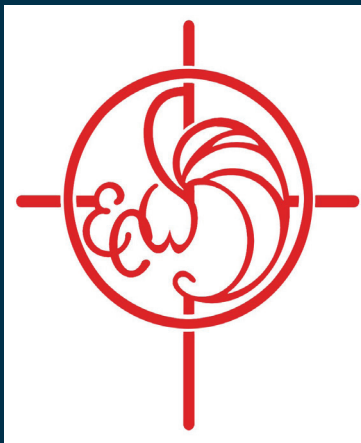
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