



Triennial Today

Wednesday, July 1, 2015

48th Triennial Meeting of the Episcopal Church Women

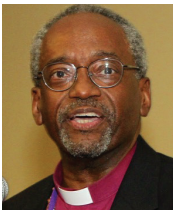
Salt Lake City, Utah

Safe Travels Home ...



Newly-elected National ECW President Lisa Towle addressing the House of Deputies on Wednesday afternoon.

Meet the New ECW Officers



Rt. Rev. Michael Curry
New Presiding Bishop
North Carolina



Lisa Towle
New ECW President
North Carolina



Linda Guest
1st Vice President
Rhode Island



Virginia Leif
2nd Vice President
New York



Karen Patterson
Treasurer
SW Florida



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Secretary
Nebraska



Beblon Parks
Member at-Large, Social Justice
Virginia



Mayra Brown
Member at-Large, Multi Media
Dominican Republic



PHOTOS OF THE DAY



Location, Location, Location



In the history of worship in the Episcopal Church, children have been expected to be seen but not heard.

At this my second attendance at General Convention, I was thrilled to see the children prominently displayed in such a prime and prized location at the front. These children were not excluded from the worship experience; their parents were not discouraged from bringing them.

Through attendance, the children were allowed to preserve their levels of comfort but still be in the proximity to hear the exuberant singing, feel the power of significant prayers, witness our heartfelt exchanges of peace and taste the soulful communion.

Some might say that children are too young to remember or understand but children have are quite a phenomenon. The tune of a song, a line in a prayer, a smile during a peace exchange or receiving communion bread may become a long lasting memory.

It is truly vital that as adults we be mindful of the type of memories in children that we kindle. For a short time, these minds depend on the impressions we imprint or allow to be imprinted.

One may go even further and say that the memories we as adults have are influenced by children. What would happen if we choose to dim the lights of these children or assign them locations of unimportance?

Program Highlights

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Closing
Celebration
and
Commissioning

ECW Board and
UTO Board for 2015-2018



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Images will be edited and uploaded to this site from the meeting as quickly as possible.



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In Their Own Words

How did you first feel about coming to Triennial?

I was excited when I first found out. I was excited to find out what ECW was really like because I wasn't even sure what it really was.

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

I think I do because I love to spread the word about GFS and to talk about one of my greatest passions. I've been involved for so long that it is a way of life for me to live by the motto, "Bear One Another's Burdens."

Why is it important to attend such an event?

It is important to get the word out at this event because I want GFS to grow throughout the country. Triennial is a good place to inform fellow Episcopalians about our program.

What did you contribute to the event? I informed many people who did not know about GFS. I was surprised how many people did not know about GFS since it is such a big part of my life.

I helped the ECW leaders with some tasks such as making the flags for the race, holding the crosses for Bishop Schori, passing out programs at the Distinguished Women's Luncheon and counting the votes for the election. I spoke at the workshop about my experiences in GFS.

How has the experience been so far?



I thought it was a nice experience. I was happy to be here and meet new people and understand more about the ECW. I really learned about more organizations that I didn't know about before.

For example, I learned about the Episcopal Relief and Development organization and the United Thank Offering.

Amber is going to be a junior at Penn College of Technology in the Fall. She has been a member of the St. Mary's, Clementon, NJ branch of GFS for 15 years. She has attended two GFS World Councils, in Wales and Ireland, as well as many GFS National Assemblies.

She has worked at the GFS Holiday House in Cape May, NJ, as a waitress, where she helped serve meals and helped with cleaning. GFS is an important part of Amber's life and she has dreams of working on the GFS-USA board to incorporate her ideas for improving and updating GFS.

Knitting for Newborns



Maryfran Christ, left, asks Utahans Linda Garner, second from right, and Linda Harden, far right, about the knitting projects they have brought to her workshop. Ann Seyler, Diocese of Texas, second from left, and Emily Wilson, Diocese of Fond du Lac, center, look on.

"What is THAT?" ECW workshop presenter Maryfran Christ was walking around the corner of the big conference table before her talk on "Graceful Aging."

She had almost stumbled over two large plastic bags, one full of small, colorful skeins of yarn, the other holding small knitted objects.

Two women seated at the corner were busily wielding their knitting needles.

These ECW delegates from Utah, Linda Garner and Linda Harden, were making items for the care and comfort of others. Garner was making hats for premature babies, while Harden was making a warm shawl.

Garner said she saw someone knitting baby hats at a previous Triennial Meeting, and decided to take it up herself.

She and a local group of six knitters make about 200 hats a year, which they donate to preemies in the newborn ICU at

St. Mark's Hospital, a formerly Episcopal institution, and two other hospitals in Salt Lake City.

Harden likes to make the prayer shawls.

A Knit Together workshop was offered at this Triennial Meeting by Sandra Corp, an experienced knitter from Ogden, Utah, and the plan is to donate the end products to babies in local NICUs, Garner said.

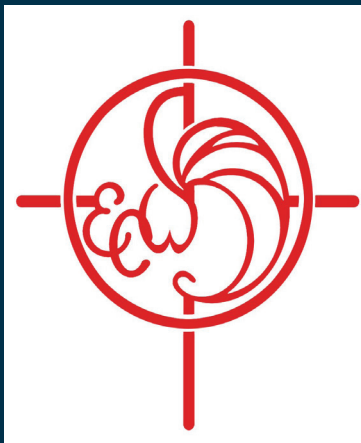
According to the description of the workshop, it offered "ideas for knitters to use their craft to provide solace to individuals during times of crisis through compassionate ministries."

It also mentioned the definition of "knit" (to join together closely and firmly), which "also defines the benefits of joining with others to spread compassion."

A tag is tied to each tiny hat. It says, "Bless this perfect little one, to be kept safe and sound. Presented by: (name of knitter). 48th Triennial Meeting of the Episcopal Church Women."

Episcopal women at the Triennial Meeting have knitted a colorful assortment of hats for premature babies in Salt Lake City hospitals.





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