

## 2014 President's Report

It has been both a pleasure and an honor to serve as your Diocesan ECW president for the last three years. I have met, and worked with, many wonderful people throughout the diocese, at the Triennial meeting in Indianapolis, at Province III meetings and at a meeting with the ECW National Board members in Maryland. I also had the privilege of serving on the Nominating Committee for the National ECW Board.

The women of our diocese have undertaken three mission projects during my term of office. We joined with St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Medford, NJ in a recovery effort for those displaced by Hurricane Sandy. Our first project was to collect kitchen supplies to be given to families when they were ready to return to a permanent residence. The second project was to gather sewing supplies to assemble sewing kits at our Cape May retreat in September, 2013. At this year's Cape May retreat we assembled 40 Snap-N-Store boxes filled with home office supplies. This is the final project with St. Peter's Church. It is my hope we will continue to do mission work together as Episcopal Church Women from the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania.

I am happy to announce the women from our diocese voted to become "Home Heroes" by pledging \$1,000 a year for the next five years toward the Shippensburg Episcopal Home Endowment Fund. Many parishes have been collecting needed items for the home and we hope you will continue to collect items. Every gift, large or small, is greatly appreciated.

The 95th annual Province III meeting was held April 4 – April 6, 2014 in Hershey hosted by the Diocese of Central PA and the Diocese of Bethlehem. The theme for the meeting was "Celebrating the Magnificence of All Women". The meeting gave the diocesan presidents, UTO coordinators and the CPC coordinators an opportunity to meet with and discuss our successful projects and our challenges. New officers were elected and our representatives for the National ECW Board and the UTO National Board were chosen.

This year's retreat at Cape May was led by The Rev. Elaine Ellis Thomas from St. Edward's, Lancaster. Thirty-five women attended. Please read Amy Swiernik's report in this booklet.

All women of our diocese are members of ECW whether or not your parish has a formal ECW group. We welcome and encourage all Episcopal Church women to participate in any or all of the activities we offer. With our diocese covering such a large area, perhaps you can meet in smaller groups with other parishes in your convocation.

I have been blessed to know you and to have served as your president.

In Christ's Service,

Shirley Wagner

