

**Diocesan Episcopal Church Women Board**  
Report for Diocesan Convention 2009

We are Episcopal Church Women of all ages, ethnic origins and socioeconomic backgrounds who serve on a diocesan board to assist parish churchwomen, congregations and to empower women to do Christ's ministry. The diocesan ECW board meets approximately 5 times annually and corresponds by email and phone/phone conferencing. Our current members, their parishes and year to rotate off positions follow. We are currently seeking deanery representatives, an assistant treasurer and a newsletter person.

Patricia Purol	President	2012	St. Davids, Lansing
Linda S. Gerrard	Vice-president	2012	Church of the Holy Spirit, Belmont
Kay Hanson	Secretary	2009	St. Martin of Tours, Kalamazoo
Tammy Mazure	Treasurer	2012	Diocesan Office
Gail Donovan	UTO	2012	St. David's, Lansing
Char Camfield	CPC	2012	Holy Trinity, Wyoming
Pam Chapman	parliamentarian	2011	St. Philips, Grand Rapids
Sharon Love	Mary Powers	2010	St. Philips, Grand Rapids
Clair Turner	MOS	2012	St. Davids, Lansing
Kay Hanson	Triennial Delegate	2012	St. Martin of Tours, Kalamazoo
Char Camfield,	Chaplain	2009	Holy Cross, Wyoming
Sally Carmean	Altar Guild	2012	St. Pauls, Muskegon

The board has been reviewing diocesan and ECW mission statements along with MDGs (millennium development goals) to assess where we are, what we need and how to proceed. We are actively improving communication with all parishes within our diocese and identifying a key contact and spokesperson in order to build an ECW resource that can better meet the growing needs of today's woman. Some parishes have active ECW groups; others have guilds and groups which perform a variety of functions within parishes. One highlight was in response to a request for assistance to begin a new parish ECW. Resources were provided and diocesan, provincial and a national ECW member met with the parish to see how they could best develop an ECW that enhanced their parish's community life and growth as well as individual personal growth. Particularly exciting this year has been the overwhelming response from parish altar guilds and connecting with Ann Geper as she establishes a diocesan altar guild and training to educate, serve and assist other altar guilds. All interested people will be encouraged to participate

Younger women (pre-teen/teen) are being encouraged to participate in women's ministries, by inviting them to this year's Annual meeting May 9. We are looking for interested people and girls to start GFS (Girl's Friendly Society). To enhance spiritual growth, we are seeking retreat centers and diocesan leaders to bring back affordable retreats around the diocese. Spiritual based leadership programs such as WOV (Women of Vision) and GATES (Gaining Authority Through Education and Service) are also being revived. The potential works for everyone.

We continue to be a financial resource. CPC scholarships have been distributed for EFM/seminarians from the diocese. The Diocesan Youth Program received a national CPC grant last year. The Mary Powers Endowment Fund designates funds specifically for women in ministry. M.O.S. (Missions, Outreach & Scholarship Fund) gives assistance to projects and service often not funded by other sources or needing additional support.

The diocesan ECW board assists with UTO in-gatherings and UTO grant applications. Just \$3.65 (1 penny a day) from each person would allow all grant requests from the 9 Provinces to be fulfilled. Our diocese has received substantial UTO grants over the years - more recently to assist with parish growth and community outreach.

We are connecting in a time when sharing is vital, continually seeking to serve within our parishes, diocese and in the bigger world.

Respectfully submitted from  
Your sister in Christ,

Patricia Purol, President  
Diocesan ECW Board