

MISSION PROJECTS FOR 2001-2002

WORLD MISSION PROJECT:

ROCK THE WORLD: YOUTH MISSION ALLIANCE • A ministry that seeks to accomplish its mission of mobilizing a network of student and adult leaders trained to call students to follow Jesus. Their two flagship programs are the Josiah Project and The Student Ministry Professionals Program. The Josiah Project is a summer ministry training program for outstanding Christian college students. The Student Ministry Professionals Program provides graduate level studies for those who seek to be better equipped to minister to students in middle school through college age. The ECW funds will support these young adults in their studies and journey to spread Jesus' Words throughout the entire world. (E-mail: rockworld@aol.com).

PRAYER PARTNERS: **The Leaders, Ministers, Youth, and Kate Rankin of Rock the World**

Rock the World, Youth Mission Alliance
P.O. Box 43
Ambridge, PA 15003-9928

NATIONAL MISSION PROJECT:

EMMANUEL CHAPEL GUILD HALL-WHITEHORSE, SOUTH DAKOTA • is located two miles from the community of Whitehorse and is one of ten active chapels on the Cheyenne River Episcopal Mission - a part of the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation. The Church of the Advent has sponsored mission teams to this chapel for the last five years and Sue Perrin, former ECW Eastern District Director, has spent this past year as a missionary on the reservation. The repairs done during these mission trips can no longer maintain the safety of the Guild Hall. A new and larger Guild Hall will be constructed with the help of "volunteer builders" and will include plans for putting in electricity, running water, propane heat and indoor plumbing. The ECW will provide funds to purchase the materials needed for the new Guild Hall.

PRAYER PARTNERS: **The Community of Emmanuel Guild Hall and the Construction Crew in White Horse, South Dakota.**

Whitehorse-Emmanuel Chapel/Guild Hall Building Project
Mr. Randy, Barnhardt, Administrator
The Diocese of South Dakota
500 South Main Avenue
Sioux Falls, SD 57104-6814



DIOCESAN MISSION PROJECT:

CRISIS/DIAGNOSTIC CENTER - YORK PLACE, YORK, SOUTH CAROLINA • a residential treatment center for emotionally handicapped children • is planning to expand the immediate services they can provide to children and their families in crisis with the building of a Crisis/Diagnostic Center. This center will also house an outpatient clinic. A Crisis/Diagnostic Center was ranked as a top priority in a survey sent to 80 referral sources around the state. The purpose of this center is to have a place for referring agencies to make quick admissions in cases of emergency. Children can be admitted immediately to the center and not have to wait on the many levels of paperwork needed for normal admittance procedures. This highly enhances the effectiveness of treatment and treatment plans for these children in crisis. The ECW will provide funds to go towards the building of this most important component in bringing children back to emotional wellness and to their families.

PRAYER PARTNERS: Staff and Board of York Place and the children of South Carolina to be served through this project.

York Place
234 Kings Mountain Street
York, SC 29745

PROPOSED CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS PROJECT:

In the true spirit of mission giving, the ECW board faced the daunting task of picking one Diocesan Mission Project. This year we are asking you to support two mission committees of the DEC Mission Commission:

1. Our Hispanic Ministry • The Rev. Dr. Dennis Smith, Chair; (864-576-0424)
2. The HIV/AIDS Spring Retreat • Mr. Peter Lee, Chair (803-781-2208).

This support may come in the form of financial aid or may present itself in volunteer work or supplies needed. Please contact the chairman to see how you can help. We are also continuing our journey with our sisters of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America through prayer and program as we come together in the "Call to a Common Mission".

PRAYER FOR OUR ECW PRAYER PARTNERS

Our Father Almighty, who fills us with His love and gives us His grace, fill our lives with wonder and awe as we call on **You** each day. Through Your presence, guide us with Your wisdom, justice and mercy. We offer You, Lord, our thanks for our many blessings that allow us to continue to reach out toward others and do Your good works to reflect our love for You. We ask Your blessings for our Prayer Partners and all the lives they touch: The leaders, ministers, and youth of the Rock the World Youth Mission Alliance as they prepare and go out to make an impact for God and our own Kate Rankin as she prepares for her ministry in Nepal; The Community of Emmanuel Chapel and the construction crew in White Horse, South Dakota as they complete their Guild Hall; The staff and board of York Place as they move forward to build the Crisis/Diagnostic Center on the campus and the children of South Carolina that will receive immediate treatment upon its completion. Grant the blessings and gifts for all of these Prayer Partners, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS

FOR THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, bless we pray Thee, our work for the extension of thy Kingdom, and make us so thankful for the precious gift to us of Thy beloved Son, that we may prayer fervently, labor diligently, and give liberally to make Him known to all nations as their Savior and their King; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

UNITED THANK OFFERING

Heavenly Father, source of all creation, all love, all true joy, accept, we pray, these outward signs of our profound and continuing thankfulness for all of life. Bless those who will benefit from these gifts through the outreach of the United Thank Offering; and keep each of us ever thankful for all the blessings of joy and challenge that come our way; through Him who is the greatest gift and blessing of all, **Jesus** Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

OFRENDA UNIDA DE ACCIO'N DE GRACIAS

Padre celestial, fuente de toda ceacio'n, de todo amor, de todo gozo verdadero, acepta, te rogamos, estos signos esternos de nuestra profunds y continua gratitud por todas las cosas de la vida. Bendice a los que se bebficiara'n de estos dones a trave's de la Ofrenda Unida de Accio'n de Gracias; y haz que siempre nos sintamos agradecidos por todas las bendiciones de alegrí'a y prueba que aparecen en nuestro camino. Mediante aquel que es el don ma's grande y las mayor de todas las bendiciones, Jesucristo nuestro Senor y Salvador. Ame'n.

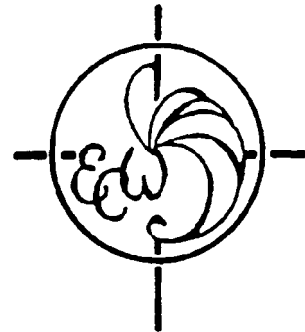
PRAYER FOR ECW OF THE DIOCESE OF UPPER SOUTH CAROLINA

Bless, O Lord, the women of this Diocese; Keep us mindful of whom we serve and aware of the larger community we represent. Thru our diversity may we discover purpose; thru our like-mindedness may we develop program: Help us to listen and not just hear: help us to perceive and not just see. In Jesus name we ask. Amen.

Written by The Venerable Frederick C. Byrd, Archdeacon, Diocese of Upper SC

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

God through Christ has called us, a Diocesan Community:
United, inspired, empowered by the Holy Spirit
Rooted in Scripture and the Anglican Community
To be Christ where we live:
Understanding
Witnesses to
Caring for
The Church, the Community, and the World.



ECW HYMN

O God, we praise your Holy Name, as one in Christ we stand;
You've made us sisters through your Son with kin in every land;
Anoint us now with your own grace that we might ready be
To touch the world with gentleness as through Christ's eyes we see.

Chorus:

*O God, in joy we lift our song.
Your words we will proclaim
Until the love we share today
Through out the world shall reign.*

Dear God, we pray for courage and the strength to do your will;
Before us lies a hurting world that only love can heal.
Open now our hearts and minds to all that we can do
To make our lives the means, dear God, that lead the world to you.

Chorus

O hear, our God, this prayer for peace, let justice rule the earth,
Free us from selfishness and hate that hinder love's rebirth;
"Blessed are the peacemakers." Let this our motto be,
And speed the day all join together as a family.

Chorus

with coda • *Amen, Amen, Amen.*

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PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB

Bless, O Lord, the Church Periodical Club, that it may be an instrument for the spread of your Word throughout the world. Grant to its officers wisdom and patience, to its members perseverance and the spirit of sharing that asks no return. Bring more to take part in its mission and ministry. Bless our gifts and those who receive them, to the enrichment of individual lives, that we all may be servants of the risen Lord. Amen.

Dear Heavenly Father, We ask for your continuing guidance for the Church Periodical Club. Help us all to know your will in this ministry of the printed word. Help us all to see where there is need and to fill this need in the spirit of Christian People. Caring, remembering always that our Lord Jesus Christ came not to be served, but to serve. Make us aware: Help us to hear the voices of word-hungry people in your world and to respond. This we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

DIOCESE OF UPPER SOUTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

The name of this organization shall be Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of Upper South Carolina.

ARTICLE II

The object of this organization shall be to unite the women of this Diocese in allegiance to their Lord, Jesus Christ, in a program of worship, study, work, and fellowship which shall broaden their Christian outlook, strengthen their own spiritual lives, and lead them into Christian service in the Parish, the Community, the Diocese, the Nation, and the World.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIPS

- A. The organization shall be composed of those women who, being **baptized** members of the Church 18 years of age or older, are engaged or do desire to be engaged in any part of the program as expressed in Article II.
- B. Church Women who are not connected with any Parish or Mission in the Diocese, or in whose Parish there is no Branch of the organization, may become associate members by contributing in any way to the objectives of the Episcopal Church Women.

ARTICLE IV– OFFICERS

- A. The officers of the organization shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and every second year a President-Elect and Treasurer-Elect. These constitute the Executive Committee.
- B. These officers, the District Directors, and the Chairmen of Committees named in Article I of the By-Laws shall constitute the Executive Board.
- C. The outgoing President (for one year) and any member of the National Executive Council and the Provincial Council living within the Diocese shall be members of the Executive board during their terms of office.
- D. The Executive Board shall be authorized to carry on the necessary business of the organization between Annual Diocesan Few Conventions. The Executive Committee shall be authorized to transact such emergency business as may arise between Executive Board meetings, The Executive Committee may fill vacancies on the Executive Board occurring between regularly scheduled elections.
- E. The President shall be on an ex-officio member of all committees and shall be authorized to appoint such special committees as may be necessary to facilitate the carrying on of the work.

ARTICLE V – ELECTIONS

- A. There shall be a Nominating Committee, appointed by the President, consisting of five (5) members, one from each District, and one member at large, who shall present names of nominees for Officers and Chairmen to be elected each year, This committee shall also present names of nominees for Delegates to the Triennial Meeting in the year the Triennial meets. Additional nominations for Officers, Chairmen, and Delegates to Triennial may be made from the floor of the Annual Diocesan ECW Convention, provide those nominated have agreed to serve.
- B. Nominations, which are presented to the Diocesan Convention, shall have been presented to the Episcopal Church Women at their Annual Convention for confirmation.
- C. All Diocesan Officers and Chairmen shall be elected for a period of two (2) years (except the President-Elect and the Treasurer-Elect who will serve for one year), and shall be eligible to serve consecutively for only one term in any office.
- D. At the Annual Diocesan ECW Convention preceding the Triennial Meeting of the Episcopal Church Women, Delegates (beside the President) and Alternates shall be elected to represent the Women of the Diocese of Upper South Carolina at the Triennial Meeting. The three nominees receiving the highest number of votes (after the required number of delegates) shall be declared Alternates.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS (CONTINUED)

- E. Officers and Chairmen shall be divided into two groups to be elected on alternate years. Group One shall consist of the Vice-President, the Secretary, and Chairmen of Missions and Christian Social Relations, Christian Education and Church Periodicat Club, the Treasurer • Elect. Group Two shall consist of the President-Elect, the Treasurer, and Chairmen of College Work and Bena Dial, Worship, United Thank Offering, and Diocesan Altar Guild. The President shall take office at the Annual Diocesan ECW Convention following the year she serves as President • Elect. The Treasurer • Elect shall take office at the Annual Diocesan ECW Convention following the year she serves as Treasurer-Elect.

ARTICLE VI – REPRESENTATION BODY AT THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN ECW CONVENTION

- A. Each Parish and Mission Branch of the Episcopal Church Women shall be entitled to two votes at the Annual Diocesan ECW Convention provided it sends two Delegates.
- A. Past Diocesan Presidents and members of the Executive Board shall be given the privilege of the floor and vote.
- B. The Bishop, Clergy, and any visiting members of the organization within the Diocese may be given the privilege of the floor without vote.

ARTICLE VII -- MEETINGS

- A. There shall be an Annual Diocesan Convention of the Episcopal Church Women.
- B. There shall be at least two meetings of the Executive Board held each year. Meetings of the Board may be called by the President at her discretion and must be called upon the written request of at least five members of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VIII -- FINANCE

- A. There shall be a Finance Committee consisting of the President, the Vice-President, The Treasurer, and the Chairmen of Missions and Promotion and Publicity and such members as the Finance Committee may desire. The President-Elect, the Treasurer-Elect, and the immediate past Treasurer shall serve also for a period of one year.
- B. Funds for the Diocesan Church Women's Budget shall be secured through pledges from the local Branches, with a suggested minimum of two dollars (\$2.00) per member per year.
- C. Expenses of Officers and Delegates to Conventions and conferences shall be decided by the Finance Committee.
- D. The fiscal year shall be from January the first to December the thirty-first.

ARTICLE IX-- QUORUM

- A. Ten members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum.
- B. Three members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.
- C. Representatives from on more than half of the total number of Branches in the Diocese shall constitute a quorum at the Annual Diocesan ECW Convention.

ARTICLE X -- AMENDMENTS

- A. The constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at any Annual Diocesan ECW Convention provided that written notice has been sent to every branch at least one month prior to the Convention.
- B. The By- Laws may be amended by a majority vote at any Annual Diocesan ECW Convention.