

**2016 Annual Report
Episcopal Church Women
Diocese of Texas**

“JESUS IS A GIRL’S BEST FRIEND!”



115th Annual Retreat for Women

October 14-16, 2016

Camp Allen, Navasota, Texas

The mission of the Women of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas
is to bring women together for sharing gifts
of fellowship, service, and outreach
while spreading the good news of Jesus Christ.

The ECW Prayer

*Almighty God, Heavenly Father, source of all knowledge and truth,
be present with each of us meeting together as the
Women of the Episcopal Church.
Grant us open minds, compassionate hearts, honest words and gentle ways.
Give us the grace to know your will,
the courage to accept it and the strength to accomplish it.
May we not forget the lessons from the past
nor fear the challenges of the future.
Bless us with your peace today and all the days to come,
and may we ever pray, "Thy will be done."
We live in your presence and pray in your Holy Name.
Amen*

All women in the parishes and missions
of the Episcopal Church, Diocese of Texas,
are members of this organization
by virtue of their baptism and confirmation
in the Episcopal Church.



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**Standing Rules
Episcopal Church Women
Diocese of Texas
2016 Annual Business Meeting**

- The voting body of this assembly shall be attendees of the Annual Retreat.
- A majority of the attendees at the meeting shall constitute a quorum.
- The chair shall recognize persons speaking in support of, and in opposition to, a question alternately, with the makers of the motion having the first right to the floor in debate.
- A motion to adjourn shall not be in order until all items on the agenda have been acted upon.
- Robert's Rules of Order: Newly Revised shall govern all proceedings of this meeting not covered in these Rules or not inconsistent with the ECW Diocese of Texas Bylaws.

**Episcopal Church Women
Diocese of Texas
115th Annual Retreat for Women**

**Business Meeting Agenda
October 15, 2016
10:00 a.m.**

Call to Order	Lisa Martin, President
Introduction of Special Guests	Lisa Martin, President
Minutes	Karen Wesley, Secretary
Standing Rules	Pam Holley, Parliamentarian
Proposed Budget 2016	Jane Brown, Treasurer
Nominating Committee Report	Karen Wesley, Chair
Election of Officers	Lisa Martin, President
Installation of Officers	The Rt. Rev. Jeff Fisher, Bishop Suffragan
Invitation to Next Annual Retreat	Pat Starkie, Resurrection, Austin, ECW President
Announcements	Christy Martin, Vice President

Adjournment of Business Meeting

**MINUTES OF
THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING 2015
Diocese of Texas Episcopal Church Women
November 21, 2015, 10:00am
Camp Allen**

Call to Order

The 114th Annual Business Meeting of the Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of Texas was opened with prayer and called to order by Lisa Martin, ECW President at 10:08am. The agenda was followed as presented.

Special Recognitions

Lisa Martin thanked the host church (St. Mark's, Austin) and the host committee – Pat Bullock, chair and the Reverend Elizabeth Turner, rector of St. Mark's for their commitment, enthusiasm and hard work. The priest was presented with a gift of appreciation. Special thanks were expressed to Patricia Swaby (ECW Board Vice-President) for her tireless efforts in coordinating the Retreat with St. Mark's and Camp Allen; to the Camp Allen staff; to board secretary Cathy Capers for putting together the Annual Report and obtaining vendors for the Marketplace; to Jane Brown for managing our finances, updating our financial records and creating the budget; to Ann Seyler for producing the 2015 calendars and keeping the website current; to Pam Holley for her work on the necrology report.

Lisa announced the outreach project for this year is the Trinity Center Shower Ministry that provides showers for homeless women in Austin. She thanked everyone for donations and gift cards for this ministry.

Minutes

Lisa recognized Cathy Capers, secretary to report on the 2014 Annual Retreat minutes and to read the credentials report. The minutes from the 2014 Annual Business Meeting are found on pages 6 – 7 of the Annual Report. They were certified by Ginny Reinhart and Carole Melis and are filed as the official record of that meeting. The report of attendance at the 2015 Annual Retreat stands at 136 attendees. The report was adopted as given. A quorum was established to conduct business.

Standing Rules

Lisa recognized parliamentarian Pam Holley to report on the Standing Rules. The Standing Rules for the 114th Annual Business Meeting are found on page 4 of the Annual Report. The Standing Rules were accepted as printed.

Christy Martin and Julie Greer were appointed to certify the minutes of the 114th Annual Retreat.

Budget

Jane Brown presented the proposed budget for 2016 after review by the Board of Directors of the ECW to be adopted at this assembly. The 2016 proposed budget is on page 10 of the Annual Report. The 2016 budget was adopted as printed. Appreciation was given to all the churches that supported our ministries by paying their fair share assessment this year. More churches paid than in previous years. Those churches are listed on page 20 of the Annual Report.

New Business

- **Proposed Bylaws Changes**

The proposed changes are updates to the Endowment Fund, attendance and delegates to the Province VII and Triennial meetings. The changes were sent to the attendees present in an electronic message for review ahead of time, were posted on the ECW webpage and are available here. The bylaws changes were adopted as presented.

- **Election and Installation of Officers**

- Cathy Capers, chair of the Nominating Committee presented the following names slated for office:

- ♦ Christy Martin, St. James', Austin – Vice President □ Karen Wesley, St. James', Houston – Secretary
- ♦ Ronné Yarmark, St. Luke the Evangelist, Houston – East Harris/Southeast Convocation Coordinator
- ♦ Kathy Waskom, St. Andrew's, Bryan – Northwest/Central Convocation Coordinator (appointed in August by President Martin)
- ♦ Leiselle Sadler, St. Francis', Houston – Outreach/Vera Gang Scott Scholarship Chair

The floor was open to nominations; hearing none, the nominations were closed. Cathy moved that the slate be elected by acclamation. With no oppositions, the chair declared these women duly elected officers of the Episcopal Church Women Diocesan Board of Directors. The officers were installed to the Board by Bishop Fisher.

- **Outgoing Officers**

Lisa recognized the outgoing board members and thanked them for their service. Patricia Swaby, Vice President; Cathy Capers, Secretary; Karen Wesley, East Harris/Southeast Convocation Coordinator; Gloria Schlemmer, Galveston/Southwest Convocation Coordinator; Debbie Johnson, Outreach/Vera Gang Scott Scholarship Chair

- **Invitation to 2016 Annual Retreat**

Anne King from St. James', Houston extended an invitation to attend the next Annual Retreat for Women on October 14 – 16, 2016 at Camp Allen. She remarked that St. James', Houston is excited to host and look forward to the event.

Announcements

1. All are asked to complete the evaluation form found in your registration bag; please be honest; if you are interested in joining the Board, indicate on the form; we are looking for host churches for future retreats; chance to win a wood carving from the Holy Land (C-Stars \$50 value)

2. Workshops throughout the day; stop by the registration table for descriptions and room locations.
3. Dinner location change tonight will be in the main dining room
4. Pat Bullock expressed thanks for the donations to the Shower Ministry; the St. Mark's table in the Marketplace will donate proceeds ½ to the Trinity Center and ½ to Community Center
5. ECW Events around the Diocese
 - a. St. James', Houston – Author Luncheon and Holiday Market on Saturday, December 5th
 - b. St. Andrew's, Bryan – Celebrate with Relish on Saturday, December 5th
 - c. St. Mark's, Austin – DOK Quiet Day on Saturday, December 5th
 - d. St. Dunstan's, Houston – Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 6th

Business meeting concluded and adjourned at 10:38am.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Wesley Secretary

2016 EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN BOARD, DIOCESE OF TEXAS

President

Lisa Martin (2017)

Vice-President

Christy Martin (2018)

Secretary

Karen Wesley (2018)

Treasurer

Jane Brown (2016)

Austin Convocation

Susan Gezana (2017)

East Harris/ Southeast Convocation

Ronne' Yarmark (2015)

Galveston/Southwest Convocation

Trish Johnston (2018)

Northeast Convocation

Susan Brown (2016)

Northwest /Central Convocation

Kathy Waskom (2017)

San Jacinto/West Harris Convocation

Jennifer Chachere (2016)

Outreach/Vera Gang Scott Scholarship

Leiselle Sadler (2018)

United Thank Offering Bishop Kinsolving Memorial/ ECW Endowment Fund

Nancy Dalton (2017)

Communications

Ann Seyler (2017)

Altar Guild Director

Ellen Cook (representative)

Daughters of the King

Renate Walker (representative)

Parliamentarian

Pam Holley (appointed)

Bishop Suffragan

The Rt. Rev. Jeff W. Fisher

Report of the Nominating Committee

The Nomination's Committee Report

Members:

Karen Wesley

Jennifer Chachere

Susan Brown

Jane Brown

Nominations Slate

Treasurer: Rose Ann Jones

Coordinators:

Northwest Convocation: Cyndie Woodbury

San Jacinto/West Harris Convocations: The Rev. Bobbie Knowles

Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of Texas
Proposed Budget – 2017

	Jan - Dec 17
Income	
200 · ECW INCOME	
201 · FAIR SHARE	\$ 31,000.00
202 · INTEREST	\$ 10.00
231 · ANNUAL RETREAT INCOME	
232 · ANNUAL RETREAT-ROOM/BOARD	\$ 16,275.00
233 · ANNUAL RETREAT-VENDORS	\$ 450.00
Total 231 · ANNUAL RETREAT INCOME	\$ 16,725.00
Total 200 · ECW INCOME	\$ 47,735.00
Total Income	\$ 47,735.00
Expense	
300 · EVENT EXPENSE SUMMARY	
330 · ANNUAL RETREAT	
332 · ANNUAL RETREAT SPEAKERS	\$ 3,000.00
333 · ANNUAL RETREAT-OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 2,000.00
334 · ANNUAL RETREAT PRINTING EXPENSE	\$ 1,500.00
335 · ANNUAL RETREAT REGISTRATION EXP	\$ 16,491.00
336 · ANNUAL RETREAT CAMP ALLEN OTHER	\$ 3,000.00
337 · CREDIT CARD EXPENSE	\$ 700.00
Total 330 · ANNUAL RETREAT	\$ 26,691.00
352 · SPIRITUAL GROWTH/CONVOCATION EX	\$ 2,000.00
Total 300 · EVENT EXPENSE SUMMARY	\$ 28,691.00
400 · OUTREACH EXPENSE SUMMARY	
411 · VGS SCHOLARSHIPS	\$ 4,000.00
421 · OUTREACH GRANTS	\$ 5,000.00
430 · ECW NATIONAL - DFMS CONT	\$ 500.00
431 · PROVINCE VII CONTRIBUTION	\$ 500.00
450 · OTHER OUTREACH	\$ 2,000.00
Total 400 · OUTREACH EXPENSE SUMMARY	\$ 12,000.00
500 · DELEGATE EXPENSE SUMMARY	
503 · DIOCESAN COUNCIL EXPENSE	\$ 500.00
Total 500 · DELEGATE EXPENSE SUMMARY	\$ 500.00
600 · ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	
601 · BOARD EXPENDITURE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 1,500.00
602 · BOARD MILEAGE EXPENSE	\$ 2,500.00
603 · BOARD MEETINGS	\$ 3,500.00

611 · CALENDARS	\$ 1,500.00
620 · ACCOUNTNG REVIEW EXPENSE	\$ 500.00
630 · POSTAGE	\$ 700.00
690 · OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE	\$ 500.00
Total 600 · ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	<u>\$ 10,700.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>\$ 51,891.00</u>
Net Income	<u><u>\$ (4,156.00)</u></u>

Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of Texas

2016 Reports of the Board

President, Lisa Martin (2017)

Summary of Activities:

November, 2015

- Sent thank you notes to various persons in regards to the 2015 Annual Retreat
- Updated the DOT ECW bylaws with the newly passed changes
- Registered the DOT ECW as an exhibitor for Council
- Emailed the new Convocation Coordinators with information regarding immediate duties
- Communicated with Alice Kerr regarding new board
- Assigned members to the Outreach/Vera Gang Scott Scholarship Fund, Finance, Nominating, Events, Bylaws and Honored Women 2016 Committees

December, 2015

- Attended St. James', Houston, 17th Annual Author Luncheon and Holiday Market
- Attended St. Michael's, Austin, ECW meeting

January, 2016

- Met with the Diocesan ECW Vice President to review her duties

February, 2016

- Solicited the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, Austin, as the 2017 Annual Retreat host
- Spoke with the National ECW President regarding plans for the 2018 Triennial to be held in Austin
- Provided a written report of activities to the Province VII ECW Board
- Attended the 167th Diocesan Council at the Woodlands
 - Read the Old Testament Reading at Opening Service
 - Managed the ECW exhibit booth
- Visited St. Alban's, Austin

March, 2016

- Visited El Buen Samaritano, Austin
- Met with the ECW Vice President to discuss the Annual Retreat
- Attended St. James, Austin, Lenten Tea/Convocational Gathering where a donation was made to the church to assist Sarah Watkins with expenses to represent the Episcopal Church at the United Nations Conference on Women
- Mailed Fair Share letters to each church/ECW President

April, 2016

- Confirmed that the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection will host the 2017 Annual Retreat.
- Attended the Diocesan Executive Board Meeting at Camp Allen
- Had breakfast with the ECW Board from the Houston area
- Attended the ECW Executive Board Meeting
- Attended the Northwest/Central Convocation Quiet Day in College Station

May, 2016

- Attended Starry Nights at the Seminary of the Southwest benefiting Camp Allen
- Visited Good Shepherd on the Hill, Austin

- Recruited Cyndie Woodbury (lead) and Liz Garrison (assistant) to fill the Northwest Convocation Coordinator position and Rose Ann Jones to fill the Treasurer position
- Provided Nancy Dalton with a letter to archive the Bishop Kinsolving Memorial Book and remove the ECW Endowment Fund Memorial Book from archives
- Met with the Communications Chair to review changes for the 2017 calendar
- Provided a written report of activities to the Province VII ECW Board

June, 2016

- Recruited Rev. Bobbie Knowles as the San Jacinto/West Harris Convocation Coordinator
- Designed the 2016 Annual Retreat trifold
- Updated Constant Contact with the 2016 Annual Retreat information
- Sent out email reminders to churches/ECW contacts that had not yet paid their Fair Share

July, 2016

- Created the Workshop Schedule, Mini-Schedule and Workshop Description documents for the 2016 Annual Retreat
- Attended St. Mark's, Austin, ECW trip to Winedale to see the theatrical performance of Much to Do About Nothing

August, 2016

- Attended the Diocesan ECW sponsored Quiet Day at St. Dunstan's, Houston
- Attended the Diocesan ECW sponsored Quiet Day at St. Alban's, Waco
- Met with the Diocesan ECW Vice President regarding the Annual Retreat

September, 2016

- Attended the Diocesan Executive Board Meeting at Camp Allen

October, 2016

- Attended and chaired the 115th Diocesan ECW Retreat at Camp Allen

Vice-President, Christy Martin (2018)

My first year as Vice President has been focused in learning the position and coordinating with the 2016 host church for the Annual retreat.

- Participated in quarterly board meetings at Camp Allen
- Communicated with the previous VP to learn Constant Contact
- Worked closely with President to learn responsibilities of VP position
- Worked with President to define what is needed for the Annual retreat
- Worked with host church to support them in their vision for the annual retreat
- Ongoing management of Constant Contact
- Worked with President in creating Annual retreat invitation email
- Managing registration for Annual retreat
- Helped facilitate design execution and coordination for Annual retreat

Secretary, Karen Wesley (2018)

As ECW Diocese of Texas Executive Board Secretary, I attended quarterly board meetings and the 2015 Annual Retreat and prepared the minutes for these meetings. Meeting minutes were sent to all board members. Following the recommendation from the board, I set up a board secretary

Gmail account. Another duty as secretary is to secure vendors for the Vendor Marketplace for the Annual Retreat. To date, nine vendors will sell wares at the 2016 Annual Retreat. I serve as chair of the Nominating Committee for the Board.

Treasurer, Jane Brown, (2016)

For the first two years of my term as Treasurer for the Diocese of Texas ECW, my time was spent refining the recordkeeping system and learning the financial history of the organization. Most of the historical information came by word-of-mouth accounts from former Board members and others long-associated with the ECW DOT. I am truly grateful for their help.

The recordkeeping system (QuickBooks for Non-Profits) now seems to satisfy the information and recordkeeping needs of the Board. This year my priorities have been to make a record of the historical information that I received for future Treasurers, to provide a procedure guide for some of the more specific tasks involved in this position, and to clean up some of the very old records that have been traveling with this position for a number of years, using the Diocese of Texas's Record Retention Policy.

Many thanks to everyone who has supported me in this Ministry for the past 3 years!

Communications, Ann Seyler (2017)

As my second year Communication Chair my concentration was focused towards visibility through the EDOT / ECW web page and Facebook.

Highlights of my year:

- Streamlined / restructured Honored Women Program
- Updated Honored Women nomination form
- Redesigned / updated annual ECW calendar
- Provided articles and press releases for EDOT Dialog
- Participated on the Outreach committee
- Designed flyers for quiet days and Spiritual gatherings
- Assisted Events Committee on the 2016 Annual Retreat
- Created and distributed Vera Gang Scott Scholarship Certificates
- Ongoing management of ECW Facebook page
- Ongoing management of ECW google groups to include new and more universal gmail addresses
- Management of EDOT/ECW web page, to include all forms
- Management of on line Diocese calendar
- Attended numerous Quiet days and Spiritual gatherings
- Attended all ECW Board meetings at Camp Allen

Convocation Reports

Austin , Susan Gezana, (2017)

We've had a quiet year in the Austin Convocation.

- In January, I mailed the New Year letter including two calendars to all of the churches in the Convocation.
- I attended the January ECW board meeting at Camp Allen.
- I coordinated the Convocation gathering, The Lenten Tea at St James Austin in March 2016.
- I visited Calvary Church in Bastrop and St Mary's Lampasas to present the Vera Gang Scott Scholarship to young woman. I had a great time meeting new people at Calvary and St Mary's.
- I attended the August ECW board meeting at Camp Allen.
- I established the new email account for this convocation and will continue to set up email address. My goal is to continue to establish and maintain a good email list for all churches and ECW contact people.
- I made contact with parish priest and administrator regarding the 2016 Fair Share.
- I mailed out announcements for the 2016 Annual Retreat to all churches.

Northwest and Central , Kathy Waskom (2018)

At the beginning of the year, I sent out emails wishing everyone a Happy New Year and announced that the 2016 ECW calendars would be forthcoming (and they were sent). I also attended the January diocesan board meeting at Camp Allen.

Throughout the year, I served as President of St. Andrew's ECW. This afforded me the opportunity to include and invite all churches in the Central and Northwest Convocation to our activities. I was contacted by two churches regarding hosting ECW activities. I followed up with phone calls and the mailing of information.

Being at Texas A&M University has also allowed me to meet with Canterbury and interact with young Episcopalian women and encourage their participation in ECW activities in their home churches. I was able to help organize and participate in St. Andrew's Annual Quiet Day. This led to helping organize and participate in the first ever Quiet Day at St. Alban's Waco. The response was great and we had 28 in attendance.

I attended the July Board Meeting. I also contacted churches in my convocation encouraging them to submit their Fair Share. Most recently, I mailed brochures for the 115th Annual ECW Retreat to be held at Camp Allen in October and delivered them to Canterbury and discussed during their Welcome Back meet and greet.

East Harris, Ronne' Yarmark (2018)

Thank you for the opportunity to serve on the Diocesan ECW Board. As a Board member, I serve on the UTO/Bishop Kinsolving/ECW Endowment Fund Committee. We had the honor of working with Nancy Dalton, our Committee Chair, who led the charge in our projects for 2016 which

included replacing the Book of Remembrance for the Bishop Kinsolving Memorial Fund and honoring the Honored Women.

In the past year I attended Council in the Woodlands as a delegate and assisted at the ECW booth. I continued to provide information to Deacon Glenda Hardin as it became available with regard to resources for their outreach project for foster children at St. Stephens in Liberty. I attended the Quiet Day at St. James. I met with Board members for an inspiring and informative breakfast at the Corner Bakery in Houston. I attended a UBE fund raiser at The Ensemble Theatre and their Holy Grill at St. Mark's. I presented the Vera Gang Scott Scholarship Certificate to recipients at St. James. I co-hosted a Convocational Gathering at St. Dunstan's. I sent mass mailouts to churches in my convocation. I attended the Anglican Church Women Retreat hosted by Hope Episcopal. Churches in my convocation were contacted regarding updating information and Fair Share obligation. I contacted leadership at LOTS and other non-profits regarding outreach grant opportunity. I attended ECW meetings at St. Luke and Board meetings at Camp Allen.

I look forward to meeting more of the women in the church and again give thanks for the opportunity to serve.

Galveston and South West, Trish Johnston (2018)

There were several milestones accomplished in 2016 for the Galveston/Southwest Convocation position mostly in the electronic communications of information and working towards establishing a good email data base for this position.

- Attended services at various churches in the convocations to award certificates to Vera Gang Scott Scholarship recipients as well as various events such as installation of a new priest.
- Spearheaded the Spring Convocational Spiritual Growth Luncheon hosted by Good Shepherd, Friendswood with the focus on Bible Art Journaling.
- Received confirmation that the 2017 Galveston/Southwest Convocational Spring Spiritual Growth Luncheon will be hosted by St. Christopher's' ECW, League City. Theme and date still to be determined.
- By invitation, gave a speech focusing on history and importance of ECW at St. John's, La Porte.
- Focused on implementing new email addresses for each of the convocations so that they could remain the same for new coordinators coming on the Board as well as encouraging the process of keeping email addresses for contacts throughout each convocation.
- Emailed and snail-mailed announcements throughout the year about various events including the October 2016 Annual Retreat
- Continuing to work toward sending out mass emails in the convocations as a short "HOT NEWS FLASH" to both church contact emails as well as heads (priests) of each church. Target for the newsletter are at least every other month.
- Continuing to request that the email address for the convocational coordinator be added to the electronic newsletter of each church. Successful this year of obtaining 8 churches.
- Made successful phone calls to each parish priest and/or administrator regarding the 2016 Fair Share that had not yet been paid.

San Jacinto and West Harris, Jennifer Chachere (2016)

In January I designed and printed coordinator business cards. I mailed letters to the leaders of women's ministries in my convocations. The letter informed them of the filing deadlines for Vera Gang Scholarship applications. I also shared filing dates for ECW Outreach Grants. The letter was accompanied by 2016 ECW Calendar. I also attended the diocesan board meeting at Camp Allen.

February was Diocesan Council month. I helped staff the ECW booth on the 12th and 13th at Council in The Woodlands. Later in the month I attended an ECW luncheon sponsored by the ladies of St. Dunstan's Houston. In March I was invited to attend a meeting of the St. Dunstan's ECW Executive Board and shared with them news of ECW events and various application deadlines. In April board members in the Houston area met for brunch at a restaurant in west Houston.

May was Vera Gang Scott Scholarship award month. I mailed a scholarship certificate to Christ the King, Houston to be presented to recipient Hannah Joseph-Alvarado. On Sunday the 15th I attended 10:00 AM service at Epiphany Houston to present a scholarship certificate to Nyanna Arana. On the 22nd I attended the 10:30 service at St. Aidan's Cypress to present a scholarship certificate to Avery Patton.

In July I attended the diocesan ECW board meeting at Camp Allen. In August I co-hosted an ECW Quite Day at St. Dunstan's Houston. Kathleen Phillips led us in a discussion of prayer styles for different personality types. I mailed brochures for the 115th Annual ECW Retreat to be held at Camp Allen in October.

In September I attended a retreat at Hope Episcopal for the Anglican Church Women from the Bahamas. In October I attended the Annual ECW Retreat at Camp Allen.

Northeast, Susan Brown, (2016)

January 2016– Attended ECW Board Meeting at Camp Allen. Sent out holiday greetings and 2016 ECW calendars. February 2016–Sent out information about the Vera Gang Scott Award Scholarship and the dates for the ECW Retreat for October, 2016. March 2016– Prepared for the Spring Spiritual Gathering. April 2016- Had our Spiritual Gathering, at Gilmont Retreat Center in Gilmer, Texas. Our speaker was Cyndie Woodbury from St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Longview, TX. She spoke on "Made in His Creative Image". We had about 17 ladies attend, and it was wonderful and very peaceful out at the camp. August 2016– Attended ECW board meeting. Will send out letters to Churches including the retreat brochures and flyer on Women's Ministries. Will contact Churches about Fair Share Contributions. October 2016 – Will attend ECW retreat. I feel very blessed to turn over the Northeast Convocation position to two wonderful ladies; Cyndie Woodbury of St Michael and All Angels, Longview, and Assistant Liz Garrison, St Paul's, Kilgore.

Outreach/Vera Gang Scott Scholarship Chair, Leiselle Sadler (2018)

Vera Gang Scott Scholarship Fund

- Letters were mailed out in January to Representatives of Young Women's Ministry of the parishes of the Diocese of Texas . Changes were made to the letters as requested and as

approved at a previous meeting of the board. These changes were also made by Ann Seyler to the downloadable application on the Diocese of Texas website located at ECW Funds/Vera Gang Scott Scholarship Fund.

- Convocation coordinators sent emails to their churches and ECW contacts or included the information in the cover letters included with the ECW calendar.
- The budgeted amount for the Vera Gang Scott Scholarships was \$8,000. The outreach committee considered 9 deserving applicants.
- The Executive Board voted on the recommendations at the Executive Board Meeting on April 22, 2016 and selected all 9 presented applicants. The Treasurer distributed the checks to the Universities in August. (One student did not provide any information on her college acceptance. It was decided that the scholarship should not be distributed at this time.)

The scholarship eligibility requirements are:

- **A female communicant in good standing,**
 - **Acceptance or enrolment in an academic institution of college rank,**
 - **Pursuing professional certification or a degree from an accredited institution, and**
 - **Ability to show real financial need.**
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- Donations to this fund are greatly appreciated. If anyone in your parish would like to make a contribution, a check can be made out to Episcopal Church Women—Diocese of Texas with Vera Gang Scott Scholarship on the memo line. All contributions should be mailed directly to Leiselle Sadler at 9594 Doliver Dr., Houston, TX 77063. For more information, please feel free to contact me at 713.898.2014.

Outreach Grant Program

- \$5,000 is available to distribute from the grant program in 2016 from the fair share assessments given by ECW chapters. The website application form was changed to indicate the name and address of the new outreach board member. No grant requests have been received so far in 2016.

The outreach grant guidelines are:

- **Women’s issues with family/children’s needs,**
 - **Documented connection between ministry and Episcopal Church,**
 - **Designated to support new programs or grow existing ministries,**
 - **Designated for Diocese of Texas recipients.**
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- Convocation coordinators are requested to send emails to their churches and ECW contacts notifying them of the available grants.

Designated Outreach Program for the Diocese of Texas

- Days For Girls was selected as the new Outreach ministry by the Board at the April board meeting. It was added to the ECW website and an article was written for the Diocese website.

United Thank Offering/Bishop Kinsolving Memorial/ECW Endowment Fund,

Nancy Dalton (2017)

Below is a list of my activities since the ECW Annual Retreat in October of 2015.

November 2016 – Attend annual ECW Retreat for Women Retreat, *And Who Is My Neighbor?* at Camp Allen. At the retreat, I gave a presentation on the United Thank Offering titled *UTO: Turning Thankfulness into Mission and Ministry*, and I presented the Honored Woman certificates.

November 2015 – January 2016: Immediately after the retreat, one of my first activities was to mail Honored Woman certificates for the honorees who were not present at the annual retreat to the contact persons at their home churches. A letter thanking the church for contributing to the ECW Endowment Fund through participation in the program was sent with each certificate. I continued to receive donations to the Bishop Kingsolving Memorial Fund, which were acknowledged by letter, and when requested, acknowledgments were also sent to family members of the person being honored by the donation. I also received and acknowledged United Thank Offering donations. I also continued to do research on finding a replacement book for the *Book of Remembrance* for the Bishop Kingsolving Memorial Fund.

January 2016 – July 2016: In January I attended the board meeting at Camp Allen. At the meeting, I met with Ronne' Yarmark and Anne Seyler, fellow members of a committee appointed to revamp the Honored Woman presentation. We discussed ideas for improving the presentation of the honorees at the retreat. I also participated in discussions of replacing the *Book of Remembrance* for the Bishop Kingsolving Memorial Fund. At the meeting I sought and received permission from the president to visit the diocesan archives to examine the books that had been placed there in 2015. (The books in the archives can be viewed only with permission from the diocesan ECW President.)

Shortly after the board meeting I attended the Diocesan Council one day to assist with manning the ECW both in the exhibit hall.

I composed and sent an email to all churches in the diocese related to the UTO grant process and the spring in-gathering. Two grant proposals were submitted; therefore, I convened a selection committee to review the applications and determine which best met the current year's criteria and focus. The committee made a selection, and the winning proposal, from St. John's Episcopal Church in Austin, was submitted to the national office of the United Thank Offering. Unfortunately, the proposal was not selected to receive a grant.

I continued to receive contributions to the United Thank Offering and Bishop Kingsolving Memorial Fund and to acknowledge them. I fielded phone and email inquiries and questions related to these funds. In the spring I visited the diocesan archives and viewed the *Book of Remembrance* and the *Friends of the Church* Book and sought advice from the archivist on replacing the *Book of Remembrance*. Following this meeting, I made contact with a bookbindery and made arrangements to have the book made.

Anne Seyler and I revised the Honored Woman form to include a digital photograph so that we can carry out our plan for the presentation at the retreat to include a photo display of the honorees.

I created and sent a letter to every church in the diocese concerning the honored woman program. The letter included one printed copy of the new nomination form.

July 2016 – August/September 2016 – I attended the board meeting at Camp Allen at the end of July.

Since then, I have received Honored Woman nominations, fielded phone calls about the program, and shared pertinent information with Anne Seyler so that we can have a lovely photo display.

Between now and the retreat, I will be preparing the certificates, writing a script for the presentation, and working with a calligrapher to update all of our memorial books.

President, Daughters of the King, Renate Walker,

Summary of Activities:

January 2016

Attended the Diocese of Texas ECW Board Meeting as Daughters of the King Board Member
Visited Junior Daughter *Girls of Grace – Sweet Shepherd’s* Retreat at Camp Allen. Awed by the Vitality, Energy, Love and Vibrancy of 133+ Attendees. Verbal KUDOS to all adult helpers, especially Co-Directresses Brandi Antley and Vicki Terrell.

Attended special Eucharist for/with Glory Bound Singers in Brenham, TX

February, 2016

Installed a JDOK Chapter Directress at St. Thomas the Apostle in Nassau Bay, as well as participated in the Candlelight Service admitting THREE (3) JDOK members present with (TWO) 2 being unable to attend.

Presided over successful DOK Diocesan Spring Assembly in Marshall Texas.

March, 2016

Attended the Diocese of Texas ECW Spring Assembly as Daughters of the King Board Member

April, 2016

Attended Spring Provincial Assembly in Fort Worth, TX, St. Christopher’s Church.

Participated in Daughters Going Deeper Round Table and meetings.

May, 2016

Submitted my Daughters of the King, President’s report to Diocese of Texas ECW for use at Board meeting.

June, 2016

Presided over Full Executive Board and Committee Chairs Retreat – June 24-25 – Brenham, TX. Reports given, ideas brainstormed, needed Bylaw revisions discussed and prepared. Other business as needed.

July, 2016

Finalized KeyNote speaker (Rev. Stacy Stringer) and other workshop speakers for DOK Fall Assembly, theme “*Take Up Your Cross and Follow Me*” - September 9-12, 2016
Camp Allen, Navasota TX

August, 2016

Presented successful DOK workshop “Chapter Enhancement Workshop” in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Collection of Chapter Officer forms began in earnest.

Worked with Fall Assembly Committee to finalize everything between Camp Allen and all other necessary coordination needs.

Travelled to St. Mark’s in Austin, TX with Brandi Antley, JDOK Directress, to install their Chapter Junior Daughter Directress as well as THREE (3) Junior Daughters.

September, 2016

Presided over successful Fall Assembly, September 9 – 10, 2016 – Camp Allen, Navasota, TX. 123 Attendees. Keynote Speaker Rev. Stacy Stringer was excellent. 30

Daughters have expressed interest in attending a Chapter Meeting Workshop Retreat. Training will be provided, along with Spiritual development. Each accepted

Daughter must agree to provide at least TWO (2) workshops in her convocation. Selection process to begin soon. Retreat to be held before end of year. Attend Daughters of the King Provincial Board Meeting in Oklahoma City, OK. September 15 - 18, 2016. Daughters Going Deeper POC will meet during this same time frame.

October, 2016

Attending the Diocese of Texas ECW Fall Assembly at Camp Allen. During same time, attending Board meeting as a representative of Daughters of the King.

Altar Guild Director, Ellen Cook

- Attended gatherings at Trinity in Galveston and Good Shepherd in Friendswood.
- Met with Outreach Committee for breakfast and investigated the possibility of providing beds to foster care children as our project for this year.
- Began planning for workshops in LaPorte and in Waco in October.
- Worked with Camp Allen to set date for 2017 retreat (May 18-20). Still need to sign contract. Spoke to possible presenters.
- Sent orders of pins to requesting churches and replenished our stock.

Thank you to Bishop Jeff Fisher

The Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of Texas, would like to thank our Suffragan Bishop, Jeff Fisher, for being our ECW Representative.

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The ECW of the Diocese of Texas gratefully acknowledges those parishes and missions which support the work of the women of this Diocese.

All Saints', Austin	St. John's, Austin
All Saints', Crockett	St. John's, Center
Calvary, Bastrop	St. John's, Columbus
Christ Church Cathedral, Houston	St. John's, LaPorte
Christ Church, Mexia	St. John's, Silsbee
Christ Church, San Augustine	St. Joseph's, Salado
Christ Church, Temple	St. Luke the Evangelist, Houston
Christ the King (Alief), Houston	St. Luke's, Lindale
Epiphany, Burnet	St. Luke's, Livingston
Epiphany, Calvert	St. Mark's, Austin
Epiphany, Houston	St. Mark's, Bay City
Good Shepherd, Friendswood	St. Mark's, Beaumont
Grace, Galveston	St. Mark's, Richmond
Grace, Georgetown	St. Martin's, Houston
Holy Innocents', Madisonville	St. Matthew's, Austin
Holy Spirit, Waco	St. Matthew's, Henderson
Redeemer, Houston	St. Michael's, Austin
Resurrection, Austin	St. Paul's, Kilgore
St. Alban's, Houston	St. Paul's, Pflugerville
St. Andrew's, Bryan	St. Paul's, Woodville
St. Augustine of Hippo, Galveston	St. Peter's, Lago Vista
St. Bartholomew's, Hempstead	St. Philip's, Hearne
St. Catherine of Sienna, Missouri City	St. Philip's, Palestine
St. Christopher's, Austin	St. Stephen's, Beaumont
St. Christopher's, League City	St. Stephen's, Liberty
St. Dunstan's, Houston	St. Thomas the Apostle, Houston
St. Francis', Houston	St. Thomas', Wharton
St. James', Houston	Trinity, Baytown
St. James', LaGrange	Trinity, Galveston

The ECW Board gives heartfelt THANKS to the host committee of St. James', Houston, for its work on this meeting and their generous gift of time to further the work of the Episcopal Church Women in the Diocese of Texas.

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Anne King – Retreat Chair

Margaret Griggs – Hospitality

Cynthia Wyllie – Registration

Kayla Williams – Decorations

Jamie Watson – Worship

Patricia Burnett – Activities

Kaye Pendarvis – Outreach