

**2017 Annual Report
Episcopal Church Women
Diocese of Texas**



presented at the
116th Annual Retreat for Women

***A Tisket-A Tasket,
God Has Filled My Blessing Basket!***

October 13 – 15, 2017

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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Episcopal Church Women Diocese of Texas

2017 Annual Business Meeting

Standing Rules

- 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.

Business Meeting Agenda

October 14, 2017

10:00 a.m.

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| Call to Order | Lisa Martin, President |
| Minutes | Karen Wesley, Secretary |
| Standing Rules | Pam Holley, Parliamentarian |
| Proposed Budget 2018 | Rose Ann Jones, Treasurer |
| New Business | Lisa Martin |
| By-laws Change | |
| Nominating Committee Report | Ann Seyler, Chair |
| Election of Officers | Lisa Martin |
| Installation of Officers | The Rt. Rev. Jeff Fisher, Bishop Suffragan |
| Invitation to Next Annual Retreat | Colleen James, Good Shepherd (Friendswood) |
| Announcements | Lisa Martin |
| Adjournment | |

**MINUTES OF
THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING 2016
Diocese of Texas Episcopal Church Women
October 15, 2016 10:00 a.m.
Camp Allen**

Call to Order

The 115th 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 10:09am. The agenda was followed as presented.

Special Recognitions

Lisa Martin thanked the host church (St. James', Houston) and the host committee – Anne King, chair and the Reverend Victor Thomas, rector of St. James' for their commitment, enthusiasm and hard work. The chair was presented with a gift of appreciation. Special thanks were expressed to Christy Martin (ECW Board Vice-President) for her tireless efforts in coordinating the Retreat with St. James' and Camp Allen; to the Camp Allen staff; to board secretary Karen Wesley for 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 2017 calendars and for creating the Honored Women boards; to Pam Holley for her work on the necrology report.

Special guests were recognized – Bishop Fisher; JoAnn Rachel, Province VII ECW President; Betty Crawford and Betsy Sullivan, past DOT ECW Board Presidents.

Lisa announced the outreach project for this retreat is the Lords of the Streets Ministry. She thanked everyone for donations and gift cards for this ministry.

Minutes

Lisa recognized Karen Wesley, secretary to report on the 2015 Annual Retreat minutes and to read the credentials report. The minutes from the 2015 Annual Business Meeting are found on pages 6 – 8 of the Annual Report. They were certified by Christy Martin and Julie Greer and are filed as the official record of that meeting. The report of attendance at the 2016 Annual Retreat stands at 115 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 115th Annual Business Meeting are found on page 4 of the Annual Report. The Standing Rules were accepted as printed.

Kathy Waskom and Trish Johnston were appointed to certify the minutes of the 115th Annual Retreat.

Budget

Jane Brown presented the proposed budget for 2017 and after review by the Board of Directors of the ECW to be adopted at this assembly. The 2017 proposed budget is on page 11-12 of the Annual Report. The 2017 budget was adopted as printed. Appreciation was given to all the churches that supported our ministries by paying their fair share assessment this year. Those churches are listed on page 23 of the Annual Report.

Nominating Committee Report Election and Installation of Officers

Karen Wesley, chair of the Nominating Committee presented the following names slated for office:

- ◆ Rose Ann Jones, Treasurer
- ◆ Cyndie Woodbury, Northeast Convocation Coordinator
- ◆ The Rev. Bobbie Knowles, San Jacinto/West Harris Convocation Coordinator

The floor was open to nominations; hearing none, the nominations were closed. Karen 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: Jane Brown, Jennifer Chachere, Susan Brown

Honored Women – 22 ladies will be honored this year; they were nominated by their churches for outstanding service to community and God or for a special occasion. View the display boards in the chapel.

Invitation to 2017 Annual Retreat

An invitation to attend the next Annual Retreat for Women on October 13-15, 2017 at Camp Allen hosted by Resurrection, Austin.

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; drawing for a \$25 gift card to Pine Needles Gift Shop.
2. We are looking for host churches for future retreats.
3. Workshops throughout the day; stop by the registration table for descriptions and room locations. Workshop change: Holy Yoga will be led by Katti Henderson
4. Myra Mitchell of Lord of the Streets is unable to attend the retreat so no closing plenary will be held; feel free to enjoy Camp Allen during that time.
5. Visit the Vendor Marketplace
6. The Outreach Room will be open throughout the retreat; Plarn demonstrations held
7. Photo Booth is in the conference center lobby
8. Pajama party tonight with games and popcorn
9. Prayer cards are in your retreat bags; complete and place in the prayer box; prayers will be read at the healing service.

Business meeting concluded and adjourned at 10:48am.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Wesley
Secretary

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The Nominating Committee Report

Members:

Ann Seyler, chair

Lisa Martin

Nancy Dalton

Susan Gezana

Kathy Waskom

Slate of Nominees

President: Trish Johnston (Good Shepherd, Friendswood)

Communications: Laura Tate (Grace Episcopal Church, Alvin)

UTO: Jamie Watson (St. James', Houston)

Vice-President: Carol Stukenbroeker (Holy Spirit, Waco) – *appointed to fill vacancy*

Convocation Coordinators –

Northwest/Central: Alana Wilkin (St. Philip's, Hearne)

Austin: Patricia Starkie (Church of the Resurrection, Austin)

Northeast: Roxanne Brink - *appointed to fill vacancy*

Galveston/Southwest: Virginia Tippen – *to be appointed to fill vacancy*

ECW Diocese of Texas Proposed Budget 2018

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 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 | <u>\$ 16,725.00</u> |
| Total 200 · ECW INCOME | <u>\$ 47,735.00</u> |
| 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 | <u>\$ 26,691.00</u> |
| 352 · SPIRITUAL GROWTH/CONVOCATION EX | \$ 2,500.00 |
| Total 300 · EVENT EXPENSE SUMMARY | <u>\$ 29,191.00</u> |
| 400 · OUTREACH EXPENSE SUMMARY | |
| 411 · VGS SCHOLARSHIPS | \$ 6,000.00 |
| 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 | <u>\$ 14,000.00</u> |
| 500 · DELEGATE EXPENSE SUMMARY | |
| 501 · TRIENNIAL DELEGATE EXPENSE | \$ 6,000.00 |
| 503 · DIOCESAN COUNCIL EXPENSE | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Total 500 · DELEGATE EXPENSE SUMMARY | <u>\$ 7,000.00</u> |
| 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>\$ 60,891.00</u> |
| Net Income | <u>\$ (13,156.00)</u> |

2018 Proposed Bylaw Change

The below bylaws change is being proposed as the Diocese of Texas has sold the St. James' House in Baytown, Texas. We are replacing the St. James' House with the United Thank Offering as shown below.

BYLAWS EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN, EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF TEXAS

ARTICLE XIII. DISSOLUTION

In the event the Board of Directors should deem it necessary or desirable to dissolve the ECW, it shall adhere to the following specifications:

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY

- A. Prepare a resolution that proposes dissolution and mail a copy to each parish and mission group in good standing requesting their vote on the resolution.
- B. Upon receipt of a two-thirds affirmative vote of the ballots received, the President shall declare the ECW dissolved.

SECTION 2. DISPOSITION OF FUNDS

The Board of Directors shall direct, by majority vote, action to dispose of any existing funds as follows:

- A. Full payment of all indebtedness.
- B. Send all remaining funds belonging to the ECW, with the exception of those in the Vera Gang Scott Scholarship Fund, the Bishop Kinsolving Memorial Fund, and the ECW Endowment Fund to ~~St. James' House, Baytown, Texas~~ **the United Thank Offering.**
- C. Appoint permanent trustees to administer the Vera Gang Scott Scholarship Fund and the Bishop Kinsolving Memorial Fund in order that these funds may continue in the diocese.
- D. Monies held by The Church Corporation in the name of The ECW Endowment Fund shall be sent to the Diocese of Texas General Fund to be used at the discretion of the Bishop of the Diocese of Texas.

2017 Reports

Board of the Episcopal Church Women

Episcopal Diocese of Texas

President, Lisa Martin (2017)

[Hebrews 10:24-25](#)

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

It is by the grace of God that we serve others. It has been humbling to serve as the Diocesan ECW President for the last three years and to bring the word of the Lord to so many Episcopal women. What a blessing to share my faith with others and to watch as God's plan for women's ministries continues to grow in the Diocese of Texas. In the past year the Diocesan ECW board has brought eight one-day spiritual growth programs to the women within our Diocese. Our Convocational Coordinators have thought out of the box and have developed new relationships within the convocations that have fostered spiritual growth and community within the ECWs that they serve.

As in previous years, we have continued to provide a relaxing and engaging retreat each year at Camp Allen. Much of my efforts this year has focused on developing a workshop schedule that would feed our body, souls and minds while keeping the expense of the retreat at a reasonable cost so that as many women as possible may attend. I am excited to have Tasha Morrison address Racial Reconciliation as the Opening Plenary speaker and Mary MacGregor share her thoughts regarding the importance of women's ministries during our Closing Plenary.

I represented the ECW at a Province VII ECW meeting in January, the Diocesan Council in February as an exhibitor, and also assisted in hosting a luncheon for the National ECW board in March. As a result of the connections made with the National ECW board a grant proposal was submitted and our designated outreach, Days for Girls, was awarded a \$1000 grant.

I truly believe that God has called us to be in conversation with each other to strengthen our relationship with Him. Women's ministries are my passion. It is my hope that we will continue to stay engaged and in communion with each other and with God as we celebrate our 116th Annual Retreat.

Blessings and Peace,
Lisa Martin

Secretary, Karen Wesley (2018)

As ECW Diocese of Texas Executive Board Secretary, I attended quarterly board meetings and the 2016 Annual Retreat and prepared the minutes for these meetings. Meeting minutes were sent to all board members.

My home church (St. James', Houston) hosted the 2016 Annual Retreat. It was a pleasure to be a part of the host team and we truly enjoyed the event.

Another duty as secretary is to secure vendors for the Vendor Marketplace for the Annual Retreat. Information has gone out to our vendor database and we will have a variety of vendors for retreat attendees to shop. I prepared the Annual Report Booklet for the 2017 Annual Retreat.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Wesley

Communications, Ann Seyler (2017)

I have enjoyed serving as your Communication Chair for the past 3 years. My job is to maintain communication with the congregations and the Women in the Diocese of Texas.

Highlights of my past year:

- Maintained and familiarized over 500 members on our Facebook page.
- Maintained the EDOT Webpage by updating forms, pictures and current event photos
- Press releases for Enews
- Assisted events committee for 2017 Annual Retreat
- Redesigned Honored Women Program with Photo/Bio Board
- Designed flyers for quiet days and spiritual gatherings
- Participated in outreach committee
- Designing the 2018 ECW Annual Calendar
- Designed Certificated for our Vera Gang Scott Scholarship recipients

I have enjoyed serving as Communication Chair the past 3 years. It has been a rewarding experience to get to know so many wonderful women within our Diocese. I have been blessed by many new friendships and experiences that will be life-long.

Blessings,
Ann Seyler

Outreach/Vera Gang Scott Scholarship, 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.
- 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 \$10,000. The outreach committee presented 11 deserving applicants.
- The Executive Board voted on the recommendations at the Executive Board Meeting on April 28, 2017 and selected all 11 presented applicants. The Treasurer distributed the checks to the Universities in August.

The scholarship eligibility requirements are:

- **A female communicant in good standing,**
- **Acceptance or enrollment in an academic institution of college rank,**
- **Pursuing professional certification or a degree from an accredited institution, and**
- **Ability to show real financial need.**

- 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 to the ECW Treasurer, Rose Ann Jones, 1109 Elm Street, Calvert, TX 77837. For additional information, please feel free to contact me at 713.898.2014.

Outreach Grant Program

- In 2017, \$5,000 was available to distribute from the fair share assessments given by ECW chapters for the Outreach Grants program. Grants were given to two deserving outreach ministries; Magdalene House in Austin, a ministry for women who have been victims of sex trafficking and Blessings of Grace, a food pantry in Jefferson.

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.**
- Convocation coordinators are requested to send emails to their churches and ECW contacts notifying them of the available grants each year.

Designated Outreach Program for the Diocese of Texas

- Days For Girls continues to be the Outreach ministry of the ECW.

Respectfully submitted,
Leiselle Sadler...Outreach Chair

United Thank Offering/Bishop Kinsolving Memorial/ECW Endowment Fund Nancy Dalton (2017)

Below is a brief summary of my activities since the ECW Retreat in October 2016.

After the 2016 Retreat, I packaged and mailed Honored Women certificates to the contact persons and included a letter thanking parishes for their participation. I also continued receiving and acknowledging contributions to the United Thank Offering and Bishop Kinsolving Memorial Funds.

Emailed information regarding the focus and criteria for the 2017 UTO grants to all the parishes in the diocese and forwarded the “January UTO Newsletter” from the national UTO office.

Attended the January Board Meeting.

Attended the 168th Diocesan Council meeting of the Diocese of Texas held at the Galveston Island Convention Center on February 9 and 10 to assist with hosting the Episcopal Church Women's booth in the exhibits area. While there, shared information about United Thank Offering ingathering dates and grant application procedures and deadlines.

Continued receiving and acknowledging contributions to the United Thank Offering and Bishop Kinsolving Memorial, and ECW Endowment funds. Deposited UTO funds received after the January board meeting into the ECW checking account and corresponded with treasurer Rose Ann Jones concerning the same.

Received UTO grant proposals in February; convened a panel to evaluate the proposals and determine which was to be sent on to the Bishop and to the national UTO board for consideration.

Emailed all churches in the diocese with information concerning the spring 2017 United Thank Offering ingathering scheduled for May 28. The email included an article previously submitted to *The Diolog* for consideration which contained a quote from Bishop Fisher urging participation in the UTO as a way in increasing a culture of thankfulness.

Received and acknowledged contributions to the United Thank Offering and Bishop Kinsolving Memorial, and ECW Endowment funds. Deposited UTO funds into the ECW checking account and corresponded with treasurer Rose Ann Jones concerning the same.

Revised/updated and sent letter to parishes concerning the Honored Woman program for 2017.

Attended the August Board Meeting

Began receiving nominations for the 2017 Honored Women, and began preparations for the 2017 retreat.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Dalton

Convocation Reports

Austin Convocation, Susan Gezana, (2017)

Since the retreat, I made contact with Pat Starkie from ECW to arrange a date for the spring gathering. The date was set as Feb 11, 2017. I contacted Kathy H Culmer who agreed to be part of our spring gathering. I am in the process of organizing the gathering. I developed two flyers for the gathering and set it out to all churches in the Convocation. I attended the Christmas / December meeting at Episcopal Church of the Resurrection. I completed a New Year letters and mailed it with two calendars to all churches in the convocation. I continued to contact as many churches by phone in this Convocation to follow up on my invitation and re invite as many women as I could to the Spring gathering. On Feb 11, I had the Austin Convocation Gathering at The Episcopal Church of the Resurrection. Kathy Culmer was the key speaker. 6 churches were represented. Rose Ann was able to attend. Kathy Culmer gave the opening presentation followed by a tiny lunch and a discussion on ways to improve women activities and involvement in our communities. On March 26, St James Austin had their annual Lenten Tea which continues to recognize the ECW. I was part of the program and told the crowd how both The ECW organization and St James Austin were recreated out of exclusion. ECW was formed to give women a chance to serve the church and St James was formed to give African Americans a place to serve. Today they continue to be open to all. ECW includes all women of the church and St James Austin accepts all who walk through their doors In May, I spoke with Rev Terry Pierce with St James Taylor to coordinate a visit to her church to bestow her Vera Gang Scott Scholarship. We agreed for a visit for June 18 when Rev Terry returned from her trip to the Holy Land. In June, I visited St James Taylor and presented Rev Terry her Vera Gang Scott Certificate.

In July, I arranged and met with Rev Beth Magill to present her with an ECW Outreach Grant for the Magdalene House of Austin. I also spoke with Tricia Mosier, president of ECW of St Richards Round Rock on ways to reenergize her ECW. We had a delightful conversation. Historically St Richards Round Rock has had their own women's retreat in February. Tricia is unsure if they will continue to have the woman power to complete this retreat next year. I suggested offering the diocese retreat

as an option. In August, I attend the board meeting at Camp Allen. I mailed the Retreat brochures with a letter to all the churches in the Austin Convocation. I spoke with Pat Starkie about the preparations for the retreat.

In Peace
Susan Gezana

Northwest/Central Convocation, Kathy Waskom (2018)

I continued the tradition of sending out a Happy New Year email to those in the Northwest and Central Convocation. In the email, I reminded the groups to check out the EDOT's ECW website and to follow us on Facebook. Due to a family emergency, I was not able to attend the January diocesan board meeting at Camp Allen.

During the spring, I reached out to many potential replacements for my vacating position. Ms. Alana Wilkins of St. Philips in Hearne, Texas agreed to serve and represent the Northwest/Central Convocation. During the month of February and March, I spoke with an ECW president on several occasions via phone and email regarding a sensitive issue within their church.

My involvement with my home church's ECW has afforded me the opportunity to include and invite all churches in the Central and Northwest Convocation to our activities. I was able to help organize and participate in the Northwest/Central Convocation Spring Gathering that was held on June 3 at St. Francis Assisi Episcopal Church, Prairie View. We had a full-house and made great connections.

During June and July I was able to meet with two Vera Gang Scott scholarship recipients and attend their church services. I also attended our board meeting in July at Camp Allen.

East Harris/Southeast Convocations, Ronné Yarmark (2018)

Listed below are my activities for 2017.

- Attend ECW Board meetings at Camp Allen
- Mailed out calendars to churches in convocation
- Attend ECW meetings at St. Luke the Evangelist
- Attend volunteer appreciation at St. Luke the Evangelist
- Sent out Vera Gang Scott Scholarship information to convocation
- Attend Bread of Life services geared toward U of H and TSU students
- Visited Karen Wesley regarding Plarn Gathering and to deliver Vera Gang Scott Scholarship certificates
- Visited Palmer to provide Vera Gang Scott Scholarship certificate and obtain information
- Telephone conferences with Karen Wesley, Erica Callison and the Rev. Bobbie Knowles to coordinate gathering
- Telephone conferences with Lisa Martin regarding flyer for gatherings
- Co-hosted gatherings at St. Luke and Hope
- Contacted churches in underserved area in an attempt to schedule gatherings
- Followed up with St. Luke the Evangelist regarding payment of Fair Share
- Visited St. Stephens, Liberty; St. Bartholomew, Hempstead

I appreciate the opportunity to be of service.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronne' A. Yarmark

Galveston/Southwest Convocations, Trish Johnston (2018)

Recap of 2017 Galveston & Southwest Convocational Coordinator

- December, 2016 sent out Christmas/New Year's greetings to all contact for both convocations.
- Sent out news flashes approximately every 3 months to convocational emails as well as to the parish leads/rectors/priests.
- Worked at keeping contact information current
- Continue to request contact email addresses for all women in each convocation and encourage all outgoing messages from coordinator to be shared with all the ministries
- Worked with the ECW from St. Christopher's, League City to host the Spring Convocational Spiritual Growth Luncheon. The Reverend Liz Parker was the guest speaker on the topic of Health and Wellness in the Episcopal Church
- Sent out information from other gatherings such as the Plarn Parties and Days for Girls Sew-a-thons
- Met with the women at St. Augustin of Hippo on May 7 to discuss them restarting an ECW at their church. Left the startup packet with them and answered any questions they had.
- Attended all board meetings held at Camp Allen in 2017
- Worked on ECW Board finance committee and budget for 2018

Northeast, Cyndie Woodbury and Rosanne Brink (2019)

January: Cyndie Woodbury attended board meeting at Camp Allen. Promoted Women's Retreat at Camp Gilmont with local churches through Facebook Group (100 members) and email contact list (185). Also followed up by phone with churches after the cookie exchange in December. About a dozen of the 19 churches participated. Contacted Dean of Convocation, Mitch Tollett.

February: Cyndie attended DOK Annual gathering in Tyler as a way to connect with women in person. Began promoting the annual spring gathering. We chose not to bring in a speaker and made preparations for a workshop called Personality Cafe. Announced the need for churches to volunteer to host it, specifically asking for smaller churches to do it. We used Facebook group to make the request. Two small churches volunteered almost immediately, Lindale and Carthage. Promoted a Taipei training event at Camp Gilmont for worship teams and choirs and women from 2 churches attended. We are focused on making Gilmont a comfortable local alternative to Camp Allen and will be promoting any events we think will be of value or interest in building our ECW community. Sent out Vera Gang Scott Scholarship and Outreach Grant letters.

March, April, May and June were in the previous newsletter that was sent out before the board meeting.

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| All Saints', Austin | Resurrection, Austin | St. Luke's, Lindale |
| All Saints', Cameron | San Mateo, Bellaire | St. Luke's, Livingston |
| All Saints', Crockett | San Pablo/St. Paul's, Houston | St. Mark's, Austin |
| All Saints', Hitchcock | St. Alban's, Houston | St. Mark's, Beaumont |
| Calvary, Bastrop | St. Alban's, Waco | St. Mark's, Richmond |
| Calvary, Richmond | St. Bartholomew's, Hempstead | St. Martin's, Houston |
| Christ Church Cathedral, Houston | St. Catherine of Sienna, Missouri City | St. Mary's, Lampasas |
| Christ Church, Jefferson | St. Christopher's, Austin | St. Matthew's, Austin |
| Christ Church, Tyler | St. Christopher's, League City | St. Paul's, Freeport |
| Epiphany, Burnet | St. Dunstan's, Houston | St. Paul's, Woodville |
| Epiphany, Calvert | St. George's, Texas City | St. Peter's, Lago Vista |
| Good Shepherd, Friendswood | St. James', LaGrange | St. Philip's, Palestine |
| Grace, Galveston | St. James', Taylor | St. Richard's, Round Rock |
| Grace, Georgetown | St. John the Divine, Houston | St. Stephen's, Liberty |
| Holy Innocents', Madisonville | St. John's, Carthage (St Anne's Guild) | St. Thomas the Apostle, Houston |
| Holy Spirit, Waco | St. John's, LaPorte | Trinity, Baytown |
| Holy Trinity, Dickinson | St. John's, Silsbee | Trinity, Galveston |
| Lord of the Streets, Houston | St. Joseph's, Salado | |
| Palmer Memorial, Houston | St. Luke the Evangelist, Houston | |

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Thank you to Bishop Jeff Fisher

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

The ECW Board gives heartfelt THANKS to the host committee from the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, Austin for its work on this meeting and retreat; and their generous gift of time to further the work of the Episcopal Church Women in the Diocese of Texas.

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“Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise; be thankful unto Him, and bless His name”
- Psalm 100:4