

Go Tell It On The Mountains



The Newsletter of the Episcopal Church Women - Diocese of Western North Carolina

www.episcopalchurchwomen-wnc.org

April 2011

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Come Join Us

For Our Spring Fling & Fundraiser

Thursday, May 12, 2011

10 am. - 5 pm

At the Historic 1927 Lake Lure Inn & Spa

2771 Memorial Hwy., Lake Lure NC 28746

Ladies Luncheon

Ticket Price: \$35

11 am - 1 pm

plus Silent Auction & Raffle

Additional events:

Music Box & Antique Tour

Boat Tour; Spa Services and more...



Spring Fling

Come join for a day of fellowship and fun, renewing old friendships and gaining new ones plus help us raise funds to benefit our mission and ministry in our diocese.

Contact Information: Mary Ann Ransom, President 828.625.8338 mransom1@bellsouth.net

Food, Friends, Fun, & Support a Worthy Cause

Registration Open until April 30th

Download registration form at www.episcopalchurchwomen-wnc.org



Mary Ann Ransom President
Episcopal Church Women

One Hour - a poem written by me as I thought about Christ and Good Friday while sitting underneath Sisters' tree!

I walk to the Garden of Eden today
To climb the Tree of Life.
I climb to the highest branch
To spend time in silence
To give Jesus one hour
Out of my life.

In my mind's eye
I find myself
In the Garden of Gethsemane.
I see Jesus.
"Could ye not watch with me one hour?"

He asked.
To block out his words and
My sense of doom
I close my eyes and fall asleep.

I see Roman soldiers come
To take him away
Whispering plans for his Crucifixion Day.
I dream he takes my hand in his
With words of kindness
Blesses me
Calls me by name.

I find myself back on that little branch
Once again, to give Jesus his one hour.
I think I hear the wind
Or maybe it's The Spirit
Whisper in my ear
"Jesus died on the cross today
He forgives you for all your sins!"

Now my one hour is over
- Christ, Savior, Redeemer
Of all humankind
Gently pulls down my evening shade
To change my one hour into His eternity!

President's Message...

Dear Episcopal Church Women of Western North Carolina,

This year our Spring Gathering (Spring Fling & Fundraiser) will be held on May 12th in Lake Lure NC, my hometown community.

Your Episcopal Church Women Board has spent several months planning this exciting event. We look forward to seeing you there.

If you choose to come in the night before please mention you are with Episcopal Church Women and you will get a discount rate.

Episcopal Church Women from my church, Transfiguration are looking forward to being with you.

Local artist and Episcopal Church Woman Veryl Lynn Cox has graciously offered to give a tour of her home art studio and a tour of our historic church and talk about the Icon she wrote for

our church's 100th anniversary to those who might be interested in doing this.

We invite all women from the 65 churches in the Diocese of Western North Carolina to come to the May 12th event. We are all Episcopal Church Women and belong to one Church, one Body and are baptized in the Spirit of Christ!

So, ladies, mark your calendars and plan come May 12th for a Fun Day and a Worthy Cause.

Now on a business note...your Board recently met with the Episcopal Church Women Boards from East Carolina and North Carolina to discuss how we can be better leaders and with your help move organization forward into the 21st Century. Mary M. MacGregor gave us a presentation and the opportunity to re-think what we could and would look like in the 21st century.

As Episcopal

Church Women we are to be open to possibilities and new growth.

Ladies it is going to take all of us (young and older women) to define what we want Episcopal Church Women groups to look like and become in the future for women.

Inside this newsletter is a short form to gather your thoughts and ideas. Please fill out and bring with you on May 12th or mail to me at your convenience.

Please mark your calendars and plan to come to the Annual Meeting on October 20, 2011 at St. John's, Asheville.

Blessings to you!
Mary Ann



Love One
Another

Role of Remembrance Book

This year we will produce a **Role of Remembrance Book** for our Episcopal Church Women.

We intend to have this book ready to give out at the Annual Meeting on October 20th at St. John's Asheville.

If you do not mind, will you please go back through your past records and send me the names of the women who have died in your parish? I do have this information scattered throughout the annual meeting notes from the past, however,

it would help me to verify this information if you could mail to me if you still have those records. This will allow me to have a more accurate record

Once the Book is produced this year, every year after 2011, inserts will be given out at each Annual Meeting to go into your copy of the book.

There is a **In Remembrance Form** in your 2011 handbook on page 31 to copy to use. I ask you to please send any names of women who have died this year in 2011 on this

form and use this if you will throughout the year .

Names submitted this year as of October 1, 2011 will be in 2011 **Roll of Remembrance Book** and names after October 1, 2011 will be in 2012 book.

Also, if there is anyone who wishes to work with me on this project, please let me know.

Thanks for your help!

Mary Ann

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Episcopal Church Women History Project

I am creating an Episcopal Church Women Diocese of Western North Carolina History Committee. If you are willing to come to Lake Lure and help me one day each week to go through boxes/ files until project is updated , please let me know. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Goal is to have

this project ready for publication and presented at October 20th Annual Meeting at St. John's Asheville.

Please email me or call me if you will join me. I am looking for 4 women and would like to start project after our Spring Event on May 12th.

We have records going back to 1890's

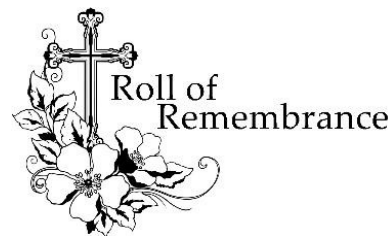
and if you have anything from your own parish you would like to have included in history of Episcopal Church Women WNC please let me know.

Thanks so much!

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*Help with producing
Episcopal Church Women
Diocese of Western North
Carolina's first Role of
Remembrance Book 2011...*



GOOD FRIDAY

**Episcopal Church Women
Diocese Western North Carolina**



Province IV Women's Conference...



**Believe in a Miracle:
Telling Your Story
June 6-8, 2011
Optional Networking
Day: June 5**

Co-sponsored by Kanuga and the Province IV Episcopal Church Women (ECW), this conference is **open to all women**, not just ECW members.

Participants are invited to learn new methods of sharing their faith during this annual event. The week will be a time for **celebrating faith and friendship** while being encouraged to share the powerful spiritual message of fellowship

exemplified by ECW.

Workshops will teach women how to use play and skit writing, photography, scrapbooking, journaling, liturgical dance and prayer as expressions of faith.

There will also be a **special performance** of "Yet We Persist," an original play by keynote speaker Katerina Whitley that chronicles the history of the Episcopal Church Women.

"This event will encourage our attendees to go back to their dioceses and tell

others about wonderful tools for evangelism," said coordinator and Province IV Episcopal Church Women President Jackie Robe.

Early arrivals on Sunday, June 5, may use their time to network with members from other dioceses. There will be an optional meeting at 2 p.m. on June 6 for diocesan presidents, church periodical club leaders and those involved in the United Thank Offering to exchange ideas to present at officer workshops on Wednesday, June 8.

(This information about Province IV Conference and photos was taken from Kanuga's website for our newsletter.)

A message to Episcopal Church Women Diocese of Western North Carolina...

(From Mary Ann Ransom)

Ladies, I hope you will come out and join the other Episcopal Church Women from Province IV during June. Even if you can't stay the entire time, please plan to come during one of the days and share lunch and/or dinner with the women.

Check out the information on

www.kanuga.org
for details and schedule.

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Province IV Women’s Conference.....

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This is a wonderful way to meet other women throughout the Province and learn about how they are doing their Episcopal Church Women activities and growing their groups and engaging younger women and using the gifts and talents of the older women.

As you all know, this annual conference is held in our own Diocesan Backyard in Hendersonville - Western North Carolina and it would be great if some of our women in the diocese would be willing to come and share stories with these women.

Also, again this year, it would be a nice gesture for us to do “goody bags”

for the women attending the conference. We had done this in the past and the women enjoyed receiving items for our diocesan women. If you are interested in working with me on getting “goody bags” together for the Province IV event, please let me know. Right now I do not know how many bags we will need. Will let you know once I hear back regarding number of women who have registered.

Thank you for considering this project!

The Province IV ECW is an organization of Episcopal women dedicated to sharing the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ by engaging in worship, prayer, study and service.

Province IV Women’s Conference....

About the keynoter

Katerina Whitley is a native of Thessaloniki, Greece, who immigrated to the United States at age 16 to study music and literature. She later used her second language to share the glory of God as the editor of *Cross Current* for the Diocese of East Carolina and more than a decade of work for the Episcopal Church’s offices in New York. In addition to the play “Yet We Persist,” her books include *Light to the Darkness: Lessons and Carols, Public and Private, Speaking for Ourselves: Voices of Biblical Women* and *Seeing for Ourselves: Women Who Met Jesus*. She resides in Valle Crucis, N.C.



About the conference staff

COORDINATOR: Jackie Robe of Hudson, Fla., is president of the Province IV ECW. Previously she served as the chair of mission for Province IV ECW for the past six years. She also served as the diocesan president of ECW in Southwest Florida.



CHAPLAIN: The Rev. Gigi Conner is vicar of St. Gregory’s Church in Woodstock, N.Y. Previously, she was the canon evangelist for St. Peter’s Cathedral in St. Petersburg, Fla., and the Diocese of Southwest Florida from 1999 to 2009. While in Florida, she led three outreach efforts to rebuild badly damaged areas of New Orleans and was the chief storyteller for women’s ministries in her diocese.

MUSICIANS: Jim Wanker has served as minister of music at St. Martin’s Episcopal Church in Hudson, Fla., since 1995 where his wife **Patty Wanker** is a member of the praise team. Jim also serves as the music director for the area’s Community Church Choir Festival, which includes more than 150 singers who share their love of the Lord through music.

We would like to have your stories, events, photos and anything else you would like to share with other women in our diocese about what your Episcopal Church Women are doing. We have six deaneries, would like to feature deaneries in the following upcoming issues. Send articles and photos to me at Mary Ann Ransom, 170 Ransom Road., Lake Lure NC 28746 or by email to mransom1@bellsouth.net



Articles and photos will be featured in our newsletter and also on website. Please note we will soon have Episcopal Church Women news on Face book and you will be able to follow each other on twitter as well. Will have all our Social Media marketing completed sometime in May.

Next Issue - June 2011 - Deanery featured - Foothills Episcopal Church Women - Deadline for articles etc - May 15th

Next Issue - July 2011 - Deanery featured - Western Episcopal Church Women - Deadline for articles etc. - June 15th

Next Issue - August 2011 - Deanery featured - Henderson Episcopal Church Women - Deadline for article etc. - July 15th

Next Issue - September 2011 - Deanery featured - Piedmont Episcopal Church women - Deadline for articles etc. - August 15th

Next Issue - October 2011 - Deanery featured - Mountain Episcopal Church Women - Deadline for articles etc. - September 15th

Next Issue - November 2011 - Deanery featured - Asheville Episcopal Church Women - Deadline for articles etc. - October 15th



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Please share your newsletter with your women. Copies can also be read online at our website. Thank you all for the wonderful support you give each other, your parish , your community and especially to me as your President!

We're on the web

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