Episcopal Church Women

OF THE DIOCESE OF NORTHERN INDIANA

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The Diocesan ECW Board has been in reflection during the past year, reflection as to how it can implement the purpose of the organization which is.

"to assist the women of the Episcopal Church to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world and to take their place in the life, governance and worship of the church"

The Board meets a minimum of three times a year and a maximum of four, thus our reflection continues as we enter the last quarter of the year. It is our goal to define a major focus in addition to those programs that are traditional. (United Thank Offering, Church Periodical Club, Memorial Scholarships and the Bishop's Emergency Discretionary Fund). The reflection has caused the Board to initiate planning for a speaker's forum in the fall of 2003. Speakers have been contacted and, hopefully, in early 2003 we will be advised as to the availability of the proposed speaker.

Activities within specific programs include:

Memorial Scholarships (Assist women within the Diocese in furthering their education in areas that will serve as a ministry such as nursing, teaching, etc.)

Two (2) scholarships of $400.00 each were awarded to: Jennifer Claypool St. Frances (Chesterton); Elizabeth Kay Piercy Trinity (Fort Wayne).

Church Periodical Club (Assist seminarians with textbooks) Four (4) seminarians attending Seabury Western awarded $300.00 each (Dr. Rebecca Crise, David Heady, Jane Schmoetzer and Jeff Wilhelm)

Bishop's Emergency Discretionary Fund (self-explanatory) Solicitation for this fund is in progress as this report is being written. The contribution will be presented at the Annual Convention (October 26, 2002)

The United Thank Offering has long been an on-going project in this Diocese and is coordinated by Gwen Black, UTO chairman. Efforts will be made to increase our UTO giving. The diocese has been awarded grants throughout recent years and this year St Margaret's House was awarded a $40,000 grant.

The National ECW Board has initiated a "CALL TO ACTION" program which is three-fold: Promoting literacy, non-violence and leadership training. The program is designed to provide opportunities for all levels of involvement by the women of the church. This program also is phase of future planning.

The need to fill vacancies on the Board and especially in key areas was a primary focus of the board president. Thanks be to God the position of Episcopal Relief and Development Fund has been filled as well as the position of Wabash Deanery president. This focus and emphasis will continue so that a full or near full board complement can be accomplished in 2003. Officers and members of the Diocesan ECW Board are:

Charlotte A. Strowhom President St. Augustine's (Gary)

June Morgan Vice President St. Timothy (Griffith)

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Dolores Bada Memorial Fund, Chairman Grace (Fort Wayne)

Linda Beidelman Episcopal Relief & Dev., Coordinator Holy Trinity (Logansport)

The Rev'd Tina Velthuizen, Chaplain Holy Trinity (South Bend)

Faithfully and respectfully submitted,

Charlotte A. Strowhorn, President

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