

## **2006 ANNUAL REPORT EPISCOPAL**

### **CHURCH WOMEN (ECW)**

The ECW Board is and has been and continues to be in reflection relative to recruitment to the board itself in addition to active participation by parish ECWs. Notwithstanding these two negatives, we continue to fulfill our national and diocesan responsibilities and they are:

#### **Memorial Fund**

Scholarships are awarded from this fund to Episcopal women in the diocese who are in need of financial assistance in order to study toward a Christian lay ministry vocation. Scholarships originate from the earnings generated by the Memorial Fund in addition to parish ECW contributions. There were no scholarship applications in 2006. Delores De Bada chairs the Memorial Fund.

#### **Church Periodical Club (CPC)**

This year three (3) seminarians received \$250.00 each for the express purpose of assisting in the purchase of textbooks. The expense of books is, perhaps, the highest cost for seminarians. Additionally, we have made contributions to several national CPC funds. Jane Paull chairs the Church Periodical Club (CPC).

#### **United Thank Offering (UTO)**

Parishes continue to submit proposals for grants. This year (2006) Trinity (Michigan City) was awarded a grant. A timeline for the submission of grant proposals has been developed. Parishes thinking of submitting a grant proposal should request a copy of the timeline.

Gwen Black is the UTO Coordinator.

#### **Emergency Relief and Development (ER&D)**

This very vital program is **without** a coordinator. This year the Diocesan ECW Board sponsored a series of three lenten retreats held on successive Saturdays in April in South Bend (Trinity), Gary (St. Augustines) and Grace (Fort Wayne). The conductor was Kitty Clark. Considering content and attendance, the program was deemed a success. We are grateful for the support of the people of the Diocese.

Respectfully submitted,

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