

Report of the Episcopal Church Women to the 128th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Colorado—October 103, 2015

Mission Statement: Episcopal Church Women are empowered by grace to serve our Lord through prayer, action, study, and fellowship.

Purpose: The purpose of Episcopal Church Women is to encourage, support, and share opportunities for women to participate in the life of the Church offering their gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

Membership: All women who are Episcopalians are considered to be an Episcopal Church Woman. However, many congregations no longer have formal or organized ECW groups. Some have changed the names to be more responsive to the concerns, passions, and interests of women living in the twenty-first century.

Summary of 2015: ECW-Colorado participated in Triennial which was held at the same time as General Convention this summer in Salt Lake City. Samar Fay, Ascension Church, Salida; Irene Korenelly, St. Raphael's Church, Colorado Springs; and The Rev. Twyla Zittle, St. Raphael's Church, Colorado Springs, CO, represented Colorado at the Triennial.

Approximately 300 women participated in this event. Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori presented crosses with the Triennial logo to each participant and Presiding Bishop elect, Michael Curry spoke at the UTO dinner and made a surprise visit to Triennial to greet the entire delegation. He was delightful and expressed his great appreciation for all women do to make a difference.

Lelanda Lee graciously represented Colorado in participating in the United Thank Offering presented during the ECW UTO Eucharist. Nel Benton-Hough is the United Thank Offering representative for Colorado.

Meg Stern was honored as the Distinguished Woman from Colorado at a luncheon sponsored by ECW and held to recognize women who have made significant contributions in the Episcopal Church. Meg was able to join us for Sunday worship prior to the luncheon. Bishop Rob and Ginger O'Neill, Irene Kornelly, Robin Sumners, and The Rev. Twyla Zittle were also in attendance.

The time has come for a transition in leadership for ECW-CO. Invitations have been offered in a variety of venues for participation in women's ministries in our diocese with little success. Women are involved in ministry across this diocese and perhaps it is time for a season of discernment as to what God might be calling us to do.