



Province I Episcopal Church Women President's Annual Report 2020

Well, 2020 was quite the year and everyone will have their own unique story to tell!

As for Province 1 ECW, the executive committee had already been meeting by Zoom when the world "locked down", so we continued meeting monthly by Zoom exploring different ways of being the Episcopal Church Women of Province 1 without going out to meet people in person. What follows is a list of what we did to stay connected with the women in Province 1.

- We sent periodic Newsletters.
- We organized a day long Virtual Annual Meeting in August.
 - Keynote was "Confronting the Legacy of Slavery." Julia Renaud, Center For Reconciliation in Providence RI.
 - "Spotlight" speakers
 - AMAZING GRACE: The Rev. Stephanie Shoemaker, RI.
 - ProGente Connections: Lori Mills-Curran, Executive Director, MA.
 - Dinner for a Dollar: Allison Batson, CT.
 - All talks and other information can be found here:
<https://province1episcopalchurchwomen.wordpress.com/officers/reports/virtual-annual-meeting-2020/>
- We said good-bye to Diane Nichols, Program Chair, who lost her battle with kidney cancer in October.
- In December we started work on a major project *All about Deacons*, and thanks to the work of The Rev. Valerie Bailey Fischer a series of recorded interviews were done with Province 1 Deacons and can be heard here:
<https://www.province1ecw.org/deacons/>
- Some of our work continued in early 2021:
 - Jane Jellison retired as UTO Representative and the executive committee appointed Rowan Larson to complete her term. Rowan will stand for election for the 2021-2024 term.
 - Lois Frankforter joined the officers as Vice President until the Spring 2022 elections.
 - The Rev. Liz Habecker joined the executive committee as chaplain.
 - We amended the bylaws to allow for electronic meetings. The revised bylaws can be found here:
<https://province1episcopalchurchwomen.files.wordpress.com/2021/03/province-1-episcopal-church-women-bylaws-2021.pdf>
 - We organized the 2021 Annual Meeting

We will be looking ahead at 2021-2022 to see what changes may need to be made for the future; a website re-design is in the works. It is our hope to be able to meet in person for our 2022 Annual Meeting. Elections for all officers and the ECW Representative to the National ECW Board will take place at the 2022 Spring Annual Meeting....don't be shy if you think you are being called to a leadership position.

In closing, I would like to thank our "team": Roberta Stocksdale, secretary extraordinaire, who will be retiring and moving to Florida after the 2021 Annual Meeting; Phyllis Larson, treasurer; Lois Frankforter, Vice President and Girls' Friendly liaison; Margaret Noel, ECW Representative to the NECW; Rev. Liz Habecker, chaplain; and Rowan Larson, Province 1 UTO Representative.

Blessings,
Susan Howland, President
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