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## Province I Episcopal Church Women

### Province 1 ECW 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes

Saturday, June 4, 2022 9:00 am

Due to the rise in COVID cases we decided to hold the annual meeting virtual only.

The Province 1 ECW 2022 Annual Meeting Zoom room opened at 8:45 am where we gathered and provided Zoom "housekeeping". The meeting was recorded for sharing Rev. Margaret's presentation and to write up the minutes.

At 9:30 a.m. Susan Howland, president, opened the meeting, and welcomed participants.

The Rev. Liz Habecker, Province 1 ECW chaplain opened us with prayer.

**The Roll Call** was taken and a quorum was established. Present: **CT:** Sylvia Corrigan (voting), Lois Frankforter. **MA:** The Rev. Rowan Larson (voting), **RI:** Margaret Noel (voting), Pat Nolan, Joan Schofield, Olive Swinski, Marguerite Heenehan, The Rev. Liz Habecker. **WMA:** Phyllis Larson (voting), The Rev. Judith Lee, The Rev. Margaret Bullitt-Jonas, Susan Howland. Guest: Karen Patterson, NECW president, Diocese of SW Florida . 4 dioceses and 14 members present. Deb Baker, NH joined after the business meeting.

#### **Business portion of the meeting**

**Reports** were sent by email. There were no questions and no discussion. Reports were accepted into the record and are posted on the website.

- 2021 Annual Meeting minutes that were approved by email in 2021
- Province 1 ECW Representative to the National ECW Board Report
- President's Report
- Two finance reports for 2021

#### **Elections**

There will be no elections. With the cancelation of the 2022 Triennial Meeting the National ECW board has decided to stay in place for the next 2 years. As we had no nominations for Province 1 ECW officers, the executive committee will meet in June, some of us will continue, and others will be appointed.

**Bylaw amendment:** to remove the Church Periodical Club representative as an elected position.

Rationale:

The Church Periodical Club is a separate 501c3 organization. Province 1 ECW has been responsible for electing a Province 1 representative to the CPC but the reality is this has been primarily an appointment. It would be best to shift this appointment to CPC, an ECW "affiliated agency", and have the person part of the Province 1 ECW Board like other affiliated agencies. This does not conflict with the current CPC bylaws.

**MOTION:** to remove the Church Periodical Club representative as an elected position and amend all sections of the bylaws pertaining to the Church Periodical Club.

**There was no discussion Rowan Larson seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.**

#### **Guests**

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*Karen Patterson*, NECW President, brought greetings from the National ECW Board. Karen updated us on canceling the 2022 Triennial Meeting in Baltimore. Much time has been spent communicating with all the participants and speakers, and getting refunds for registrations and reservations. Distinguished Women's booklet and pins will be mailed out and the booklet will be on the NECW Website. The Triennial crosses will be mailed to all who registered. Because the Baltimore community will be impacted due to changes in General Convention. Karen suggests dioceses send a contribution to the two community outreach organizations identified in Baltimore: Sutton Scholars: <https://ecwnational.org/triennial-meetings/2018-2022/sutton-scholars/> Paul's Place: <https://ecwnational.org/triennial-meetings/2018-2022/pauls-place/> Karen invites people to email or call her with questions; the phone number is on the website. The 150th Anniversary History is in production, as well as a history of the NECW quilt, and will be ready this fall. Triennial speakers will be invited to give their presentation by Zoom. More information will be forthcoming. In the meantime, Karen had a 3-hour meeting in Tampa with the Women's issue chair for the Anglican Diocese of Pakistan. Next issue of Communique is in production; sign up on the NECW Website. All input is welcome. <https://ecwnational.org/>

*Olive Swinski*, Vice President of the Province 1 Synod, brought greeting from Province 1. Olive highlighted the Province 1 website, which is being revised, and the ministry networks. She talked about the Province 1 "Sewing Seeds" grants that Province 1 ECW might be eligible for. <https://www.province1.org/>

### Keynote

We welcomed our Keynote speaker, The Rev. Dr. Margaret Bullitt-Jonas who's topic was; ***The joy in climate justice: How we pray, learn, act, and advocate for God's creation.***

Rev. Margaret's video presentation is now available here: <https://youtu.be/q3RLR4Ts5Ng>

Margaret shared these websites for further study and information:

- [https://www.diocesewma.org/mission\\_ministry/creation-care/](https://www.diocesewma.org/mission_ministry/creation-care/)
- <https://thirdact.org/what-we-do/banking-on-our-future/>
- <https://www.diomass.org/creation-care>
- <https://www.episcopalct.org/creation-care-ministry-network/>
- <https://episcopalmaine.org/ministries/social-justice-outreach/creation-care/>
- <https://www.nhepiscopal.org/earth-care>
- <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/creation-care/>
- <https://revivingcreation.org/newsletter/>

Deb Baker from the diocese of NH said, "If you're working with Sustaining Earth, Our Island Home, or are interested, I send out a monthly email supporting congregations in this work in NH and a few other Province 1 folks. Email me if you'd like it — [deborahba@yahoo.com](mailto:deborahba@yahoo.com)"

### Closing Worship

Rev. Liz led us in closing worship, with Marguerite Heenehan providing the music.

Transcribed from the recording

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