



Province I Episcopal Church Women
Annual Meeting 2023
June 17, 2023
9:00 am-12:00 noon
Minutes

The Zoom room opened at 8:30 am with people arriving until 9:05 am. A roll call was taken. There were 15 people present from 5 dioceses.

Susan Howland, president, opened the Annual Meeting, and all were welcomed. We sang our gathering hymn, *Morning Has Broken* verse 1, led by Marguerite Hennehan, followed by Rev. Liz Habecker, chaplain opening us in prayer.

Emily Keniston, our keynote speaker, was introduced. Her topic was ***IT'S ALL ABOUT GOOD NEWS: Teaching it, Preaching it, Using it. Being the church we love for love.***

Following Emily's talk there was a time for questions and discussion. The recording will be available at a future date.

We continued our worship service at 10:40

Mira Washington, Church Women United president, brought greetings. There are 26 denominations that she connects with and would like to network with us.

Karen Patterson, National ECW president, brought greetings and gave a summary of how they worked through COVID, responded to the cancelled 2022 Triennial Meeting and are now preparing for the 2024 Triennial Meeting. Karen also recommended the *Sacred Ground* program; the National Board is attending sessions.

Business Report:

All reports were emailed to those registering; they will be emailed again with the meeting follow-up and posted on the Province 1 ECW website. The approved 2022 Annual Meeting minutes, 2022 financial reports, President's report, Province 1 ECW Representative report, UTO report and information were all presented. Hearing no questions or discussion the reports were received into the record.

A few highlights:

Our next annual meeting will take place in the spring prior to the June 23 – 28, 2024 Triennial Meeting/General Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. **If we are to honor our bylaws all officer positions will need fresh leadership: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. We will also elect the Province 1 Representative to the National ECW Board, and the Province 1 Representative to the United Thank Offering Board.** More details to come in future e-Newsletters.

The meeting closed with prayer at 11:40 am.

Transcribed from the meeting recording.
Susan Howland, president
July 3, 2023