



Province I Episcopal Church Women President's Annual Report 2023-2024

We held our fourth virtual Annual Meeting on June 17, 2023. Our guest speaker was Emily Keniston, Director of Faith Formation for the Episcopal Diocese of Maine. Her keynote topic was, *"IT'S ALL ABOUT GOOD NEWS: Teaching it, Preaching it, Using it. Being the church we love for love"*. The group had some interesting discussion after the talk and the recording was shared in a podcast. Emily's honorarium of \$300 was sent to **ProGente Connections**, who do work with immigration in Framingham, MA and who gave a "spotlight" talk at a prior annual meeting.

The remainder of 2023-24 was a year to revision and refresh. After holding steady with our executive committee, we decided to take a sabbatical from October 2023 until Easter 2024. We communicated with the Province through our website, Facebook Page, E-News and the Province 1 Newsletter, and waited to see if a new leadership team would surface.

As of our May 2024 planning meeting we had received no nominations for any officer positions. Lois Frankforter submitted a nomination form for Province 1 Representative to the National ECW Board and the United Thank Offering Board appointed a Province 1UTO Representative.

In an effort to remain stable after the Triennial Meeting, the four of us, Susan Howland, Lois Frankforter, Rev. Liz Habecker and Margaret Noel, agreed to take officer positions to be a Bridge for the coming triennium.

General Convention and the Triennial Meeting will meet June 23 - 28, 2024 in Louisville, Kentucky. All four of us will attend and advocate for visioning a way forward for Province 1 ECW.

In closing, I would like to thank our 2023-24 team: Treasurer, Lois Frankforter, Rev. Liz Habecker, Secretary and Chaplain, Margaret Noel, Representative to the National ECW Board, and Martha Gardner (liaison for MA) for their help, guidance, and support.

Blessings,

Susan

Susan Howland, President
May 10, 2024

