

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN
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While the ECW does not receive funds from the Diocesan Budget we feel a commitment to bring the women of the diocese together to share and learn from each other the projects their church guilds are doing to spread the gifts of God's kingdom through service to the church and outreach. The women of ECW today are able to fill all leadership rolls as well as voluntary support for parish services, events and fundraisers.

Our year of events started with the 2010 ECW Annual Fall Conference held at St. Paul's Church in Kansas City with guest speaker The Rev. Barbara C. Crafton, who led us through an inspirational use of the Prayer of St. Francis as applied to our everyday lives. Bishop Howe's commit to me following the conference was, 'The Holy Spirit truly speaks through her'.

We selected Mrs. Mary Howe as our Honored Woman for 2010.

We awarded \$ 2,850.00 for Continuing Education Scholarships to eight women in the diocese.

The ECW Annual Celebration breakfasts were continued. St. Jame's in Springfield hosted the complimentary breakfast for the south part of the diocese and Founders Hall was the location for the Kansas City area. Approximately 75 women were served.

New board members are Elizabeth Fuemmeler, from St. Andrew's, Kansas City, and Barbara Mountjoy from Grace Church, Carthage.

We had two representatives attend the Province VII meeting last month in San Antonio.

To assist with the work of the diocese to build a transitional house for the Lafayette House in Joplin, the ECW Board created "Gracious Giving of God's Gifts". Barbara Mountjoy and Marnell Sparks will co-chair this project to coordinate gifting from the women of the diocese to furnish the house with soft items and small appliances.

The ECW Board and many others are most excited about the project for Lafayette House and look forward to the next few months as we again accept the challenge to serve where needed.

Gratefully submitted with God's Grace
Judy Turner, President