

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN ANNUAL REPORT

A busy year for the ECW started with the Annual Fall Conference at St. Paul's Church in Clinton. The program featured the Rev. Dr. Susan Smith and a slide presentation by Bishop Howe, Mary Howe and Melissa Bolden on their trips to our companion Diocese of Botswana and plans to help build an orphanage in Palapye.

Pat McCoy of St. Alban's in Bolivar was recipient of the Honored Woman award for her participation in the development of Hope's Bridge in the Springfield area.

Nine women of the diocese were honored with Continuing Education Scholarships totaling \$3,750.00.

Pat Rudy, Diocese UTO Chairwoman, announced that a \$ 40,000 grant was awarded to All Saint's Church in West Plains for work with Missouri State University to establish a single parent educational resource center.

In June the ECW Board again hosted the Second Annual Celebration Breakfasts. The complimentary breakfasts were held in Kansas City and Springfield. The Rev. Dr. Susan Smith and Alexandra Connor were guest speakers along with Melissa Bolden who gave a slide update on the progress of the diocese campaign to build the orphanage in Palapye.

In February the board decided to hold the Annual Fall Conference in Kansas City and to secure a noted guest speaker in honor of Bishop Barry and Mary Howe. Barbara Crafton was contacted and is scheduled to be at St. Paul's Church, Kansas City this October 1 and 2.

The Episcopal Church Women and Board would like to thank our Bishop Barry and his wife Mary for all their help in promoting, supporting and participating with us in our projects.

We would also like to thank Angela Crawford for all her help and the sharing of her knowledge and many talents.

Respectfully
Judy Turner, President