

Episcopal Church Women of Province VIII  
2020 Annual Meeting  
On- Line Zoom Meeting  
August 8, 2020

**9:00 AM: The attendees were welcomed and the business meeting was opened by Province VIII ECW President, Evita Krislock.**

Evita thanked and acknowledged the work and contribution of Christine Budzowski to enable the Province VIII Episcopal Church Women Annual Meeting to be held via Zoom during this time when travel is not possible. She thanked the women of the Diocese of Hawaii for their willingness to bring the Spirit of Aloha to us even though we could not join them on the islands.

A video presenting the story and history of the Episcopal Church in Hawaii was shown.

**10:00 President Evita Krislock called to order the 2020 Episcopal Church Women of Province VIII Annual Meeting.** She opened the meeting with a greeting to all in attendance. She welcomed the National Episcopal Church Women's President, Karen O. Patterson; the Province VIII Episcopal Church President, Warren Wong; and our guest, Lisa Portner from the Diocese of Texas.

Evita offered the opening prayer.

Following the prayer, the president's address was given by Evita Krislock.

Roll Call was taken by Martha Estes, Prov 8 ECW Vice-President. It was announced that a quorum was present. Dioceses in attendance and representation were as listed below.

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| Alaska         | 0 | Utah         | 2         |
| Arizona        | 4 | Texas        | 1         |
| Eastern Oregon | 0 | S.W. Florida | 1         |
| El Camino Real | 6 | Nebraska     | 1         |
| Hawaii         | 6 | Rhode Island | 1         |
| Idaho          | 0 | Pennsylvania | 1         |
| Los Angeles    | 8 |              |           |
| Navajoland     | 6 | <b>Total</b> | <b>57</b> |
| Nevada         | 1 |              |           |
| N. California  | 2 |              |           |
| Olympia        | 5 |              |           |
| Oregon         | 5 |              |           |
| San Diego      | 7 |              |           |
| San Joaquin    | 0 |              |           |
| Spokane        | 5 |              |           |

**Minutes from the 2019 Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona were presented by Linda Garner, Sec/Treas.** A motion was made and approved to accept the corrected minutes. A vote was taken and the corrected minutes were approved.

The financial report was presented by Linda Garner. A motion was made by Kathy Lennox to accept the Treasure's report. The motion was seconded by Jan Simone. A vote was taken and the report was accepted and approved.

The 2020 Fair Share contributions to Province 8 ECW were thankfully recognized and certificates will be mailed to the participating Dioceses.

**Martha Estes, Province VIII ECW Vice President** welcomed all that were in attendance. She announced the consecration of 3 new Bishops in our Province VIII, Bishop Susan Snook of the Dioceses of San Diego, Bishop Megan M. Traquair of the Diocese of Northern California, and Bishop Lucinda Ashby of the Diocese of El Camino Real. Martha attended San Diego and N. California Consecrations with Christine Budzowski. Both were spectacular! She was invited to the El Camino Real Consecration but was unable to attend with apologies.

Martha also announced that Episcopal Church Women within the Diocese of Navajoland has been organized. The women elected their officers: Genevieve White, President; Elsie Slim, V.P., and Paula Elmore, Secretary/Treasurer. The installation was Sunday March 1, 2020 at Good Shepherd Mission in Ft. Defiance, Az. Unfortunately, many of Martha's scheduled events to attend for 2020 as guest speaker have been canceled due to the Covid-19 virus

Martha recognized that Province VIII ECW had been blessed with Christine Budzowski. Her technical knowledge and willingness to serve the women of Province VIII helped us to continue to function as a Board and hold this meeting virtually in these difficult times.

Martha announced that the second National ECW Board meeting had been held to work on the 2021 Triennial.

Martha recognized the 150 year Anniversary of the Episcopal Church Women. At the time of it's formation, the ECW women met in private homes as they were not allowed to meet in their churches. "Look Where We Are Today!"

Martha announced that the National Episcopal Church Women's Board is working to organize the Triennial tentatively to be held in Baltimore, Maryland. The theme will be Remember – Serve – Imagine. Martha stated that she has been blessed to be a part of the National ECW Board.

**Kate Mietus, the Prov VIII UTO Representative** was presented. Kate reported on the status of the United Thank Offering (UTO) and the Province VIII UTO Grant that had been awarded. She announced that in 2021, the UTO Board will have two grant cycles, both with the same focus, criteria, and application: Recovering with Love and Gratitude: An Episcopal Response to the Covid-19 Pandemic in Local Context.

Kate highlighted the Book of Prayers published by UTO each year and requested that individuals submit original prayers by September 1<sup>st</sup> to be considered for inclusion in the publication. Kate directed participants to visit the UTO web site, <https://episcopalchurch.org/united-thank-offering>, for information about the Prayer Book.

Kate offered the suggestion to each of us to use a "Mite Box" for gratitude during this difficult time of Covid-19. Look for the little blessings that God is doing in your life and utilize the Mite Box for your blessings. Write notes of thanksgiving and place them in your Mite Box or think of something for which

you are thankful for each letter of the alphabet. Take out your notes and read when you need them. They will help to remember the gratitude in your life.

Kate reminded us that 100% of all coins lovingly placed in a UTO box as a gift of gratitude are applied to Grants that meet the needs of our communities.

**Province VIII CPC Representative, Louise Aloy** introduced herself. She reported that CPC was founded in 1888 by Mary Ann Fargo and that Miles of Pennies was established in 1989. The first Miles of Pennies grant was awarded in 1991. A mile of pennies equal \$844.80. As such, this is the dollar value of each grant awarded. Miles of Pennies supports children K-12<sup>th</sup> grade. This year, Miles of Pennies awarded a grant to an Arcadia pre-school to be used for books and videos for their program.

**Barbara Shreve, Prov VIII DOK (Daughters of the King)** representative, addressed the group. She informed the group that Daughters of the King had been founded 135 years ago and is now an international order. It is a religious order of women communicants. She presented a brief history of the organization and explained their purpose and their works to serve Christ. Daughters of the King currently has 2025 members.

**Margaret Nolde addressed the attendees about the Girl's Friendly Society.** The organization is both National and Worldwide. The Branches are organized at the parish level. The program is open to girls from 5 years old to high school. Currently there are 10 branches in Province VIII, all in Los Angeles. The organization is working to expand the program to other areas and to do so is offering support and scholarship resources. She reported that the Covid-19 epidemic has postponed many of the scheduled activities, but they are offering on-line activities to keep the program active. The on-line activities are addressing self-care. The program stresses physical, social, and mental health. The Girls Friendly Society will be holding a virtual coloring party. In September, a speaker from the Antidefamation League will address the girls, helping them to understand bias issues. If interested in learning more about the program, you may visit the web site at [gfscalifornia.org](http://gfscalifornia.org) or email to [gfscalifornia@gmail.com](mailto:gfscalifornia@gmail.com).

**President, Evita Krislock** presented the proposed budget to the Annual Meeting participants.

Time was turned over to Christine Budzowski who presented the nominees for Province VIII ECW Officers. These officers will take office during the 2021 Triennial. Each of these women has agreed to serve. The slate presented as follows: President, Martha Estes; Vice President, Madeline Sampson who will also serve as the Prov VIII representative to the National ECW Board; Secretary/Treasurer, Winifred Follet; UTO Representative, Kate Mietus; and CPC Representative, Louis Aloy. There was a call for nominations from the floor. No other nominations were made. Evita Krislock requested a motion to accept the slate as presented. The motion was made by Diane Lovelace, it was seconded by Linda Garner. A vote was taken and the slate of officers was unanimously accepted.

After the election, a discussion was held about the National Episcopal Church Women (NECW) name. It was mentioned by Florence of Olympia that The Episcopal Church, does not use the word National. The Episcopal Church, as well as NECW, includes all churches in the United States, but also includes churches in Africa, Central America, South America, and Asia. A suggested name for NECW was Episcopal Church Women of the Episcopal Church. A discussion followed about the existing charter of the group which states the name as the National Episcopal Church Women. So, there would need to be an investigation into what would be needed to rename the organization.

A discussion of the Prov VIII Bylaws was held. The current by-laws were approved in 2003. Much has changed over 17 years and therefore the Bylaws require an update. The proposed updated Prov VIII Episcopal Church Bylaws were presented and changes and corrections discussed. Linda Garner, Utah, made a motion to accept the updated Bylaws as corrected. Debbie Vincent, San Diego, seconded the motion. A vote was held. The By-laws were accepted as amended.

The participants enjoyed Hulaerobics, learning traditional hula steps from a Hula instructor from the Kaanapali Resort in Maui. The hula lessons were set against traditional Hawaiian music and the meaning behind each motion was explained.

Music with accompanied slide shows was provided by Daryl Story throughout the meeting.

The meeting reconvened with acknowledgement of the Dioceses that had participated in the 2020 Fair Share. Certificates acknowledging Fair Share participation will be mailed to the Dioceses of Arizona, Hawaii, El Camino Real, Utah, and Los Angeles. Martha suggested that a second request be sent to those that have yet to participate. It was largely felt that the participation level was most likely impacted by the Covid-19 crisis currently experienced by the nation.

Time was turned over to Pastor Mary Janda who presented: "FORGIVENESS" In the Spirit of Aloha. (Forgiveness Workshop | Ho'oponopono by Mary Janda+).

After Rev. Mary's presentation, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

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Secretary/Treasurer