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## FIRST PLACE WINNER!

**ECW WORKS**, the newsletter of the Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of North Carolina took first place from entries of more than 93 dioceses represented at the Triennial Meeting.

### Judges' Comments included:

- ♥ This is an exceptional newsletter.
- ♥ The content is engaging and inspiring.
- ♥ The organization of the content helps call attention to Episcopal Church Women's program of works and its successes.
- ♥ The use of photos, color and white space make it pleasant to read.
- ♥ Good headline writing helps the reader to catch the main concept of each story, even if one were inclined to skim.
- ♥ A very fine example of print communication that's right on target for the intended audience.



Having our newsletter win first place at Triennial was the fulfillment of a dream! Despite the joy I experienced, I am mindful of the help of others who submit items and the generous assistance with editing provided by our President, Lisa Towle. Without that help, there would be no newsletter!

At Triennial, each delegate chose to attend the workshops of their choice. As one would expect, my selection included those workshops designed to help improve communication skills. It was a joy to assist with the instruction, and share my own skills with participants.

Print media remains a powerful and important means of communication. The hourly production of newsletters, updates, reports etc. were very helpful as it was impossible to attend every event or to come away with an accurate understanding of what happened.

While we are limited in photos and content for this newsletter, please visit the ECW website [www.ecw-nc.org](http://www.ecw-nc.org) and read the daily blogs by Lisa. You will also see many, more images during the ECW Annual Meeting at St. Stephens Church November 10-11.



Our delegation at the UTO Dinner

## ECW WORKS AROUND THE DIOCESE



Please remember that all 2006 pledge monies are due to the Diocesan Treasurer by **November 1**. As we approach the 2006 Annual Meeting, it is important to remember that our Constitution Bylaws state that in order to have voting privileges at the Annual Meeting, a branch must have paid a pledge to the Diocesan ECW's budget for the current year.

In addition, 2007 Pledge Forms are due by **October 1**. The 2007 budget is presented and approved at the Annual Meeting and the 2007 Pledge Forms are vital in preparing our budget. Without an approved budget, our work on behalf of the mission and ministry of the church cannot move forward. Please give consideration to increasing your chapter pledge for the next year. All of our operating income, including all of our outreach grants, comes from pledge income. (Pledge forms can be found in the handbook.)

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions ([treasurer@ecw-nc.org](mailto:treasurer@ecw-nc.org) or 704-366-2164). All pledge forms and checks should be sent to:

**Jeanne Kutrow, ECW Diocesan Treasurer, 1305 Kingscross Drive, Charlotte, NC 28211**

# Women of the Charlotte Convocation Moving Forward

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All 24 churches from the nine cities and towns of the Charlotte Convocation were contacted in order to notify the women of the ECW spring gathering, which was held last May 6. The women of St. Alban's in Davidson hosted the meeting in their beautiful new church building. All in attendance expressed pleasure at having been called together as convocation and the desire to meet again to share ideas and friendship.



During the gathering we had Morning Prayer together, were greeted by St. Alban's rector, the Rev. Mark Bourlakas, and were addressed by our Diocesan ECW President, Lisa Towle. Our hosts prepared lovely morning treats as well as luncheon snacks.

In keeping with the season, the theme was celebrating the gifts of life and service. Before lunch, we shared the ways the women in our convocation live into mission and ministry. Among other things, we heard about:

- ☪ Work to increase preschool literacy
- ☪ Commitment to daily prayer and action through chapters of Daughters of the King

- ☪ Programs for families with new babies and families preparing for baptisms and First Communion
- ☪ Book Clubs emphasizing books and actions enriching faith and spiritual journeys
- ☪ Contributions to seminarians, the National Book Fund and Mile of Pennies through Church Periodical Club
- ☪ Work with church youth groups as well as scouting programs
- ☪ Prayer shawl ministries
- ☪ Support for abuse victims, the sick and bereaved
- ☪ Involvement in Stephen Ministry care giving
- ☪ United Thank Offering fund-raising so grants can be made to worthy projects around the world and at home
- ☪ A variety of teaching and recovery work missions

Some of these activities already address the **Millennium Development Goals**, which will be a key part of the ECW in North Carolina's call to action over the next three years. By working to be a healing, teaching, reconciling and enabling presence we, the women of the church, can continue to demonstrate that the opportunities to grow and share in Christ's love are real and present and greater than the potential for division.

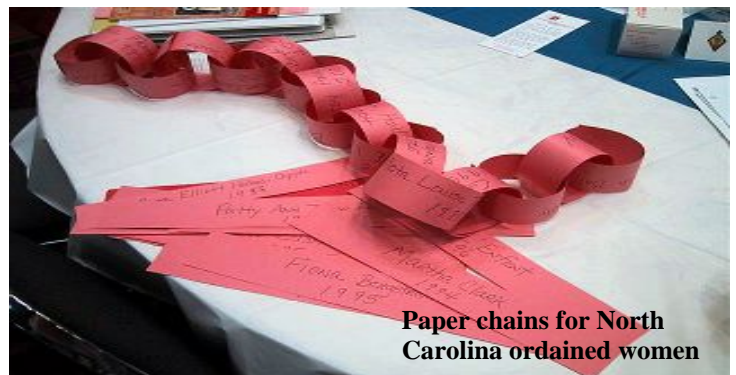
After lunch, the beauty of God's creation was on display. We were first treated to a container gardening presentation by Master Gardener Florence Trevor, a member of our convocation. Following that was salsa dancing demonstrations and instruction by a striking and award-winning dance pair. Video from this part of the spring meeting can be found on the Diocesan ECW's website ([www.ecw-nc.org](http://www.ecw-nc.org)).

## Service marks 30th anniversary of ordained women

*Excerpted from Communique, Summer 06.  
 Article by Eva Guillot, Diocese of Western Louisiana*

A joyous celebration and reaffirmation of the vital role women have in the church took place as part of Triennial Meeting 2006 with "Walking in Their Light: A celebration of the 30th Anniversary of Women's Ordination."

Organized by the Rev. Bindy Wright Snyder, chaplain and dean of Chapel at Memphis Theological Seminary and priest to Calvary Episcopal Church in Osceola, Ark., the



**Paper chains for North Carolina ordained women**