

ceremony featured song, dance, prayer, presentation and reflection.

“It’s been wondrous hearing from so many of the dioceses - old friends and new,” Snyder said. And she had the pictures to prove it:

Projected on a screen at the back of the stage throughout the celebration were images of ordained women collected as part of the program. Snyder, immediate past president of the Episcopal Women’s History Project, said the project originated with that group.

Dr. Deborah Harmon Hines, vocal soloist, and Dr. Horace Boyer, Triennial Meeting musician combined their talents for the event. Three reflections on the past, present and future of women clergy were presented by the Rev. Dr. Peggy Bosmyer-Campbell, the Rev. Dr. Thea Joy Browne and the Rev. Dr. Fran Toy. A prayer quilt was presented to the Rev. Barbara Schlacter during the ceremony honoring Schlacter’s ordination in January 1977. The Rev. Margaret Rose, director of women’s ministries for the Episcopal Church, introduced the Rev. Dr. Cao Sheng-jie, president of China Christian Communion.

At the end of the program, pink and red paper chains were made by each diocese with each slip of the chain



containing the name of an ordained woman from that diocese. When finished, the individual chains were linked together and, in the end, the chain circled the entire room. Participants held the chain in the air and sang “Lift High the Cross” to end the program.

Lisa Towle, Diocesan ECW President, prepares chain containing names of ordained women from North Carolina.



St Michael’s-Raleigh Evening in Parish: Successful Fundraiser



Event organizers L-R: Ann Catalano, Barbara McInnis (Auction chairs), Allison Reed and Lyne Dempster

Over 200 people turned out for St. Michael’s “An Evening in Parish” on April 29, to feast on cruise food and drink, and to support seven faith-based organizations that provide services in Wake County, Peru, and the parish mission trip efforts on the Gulf Coast.

The Parish Hall was dressed to the nines with grass-skirted tables sporting such delicacies as calypso style pork loin, Confetti Shrimp, Beef Empanadas, jerk chicken wings with Peach Salsa and a fountain overflowing with chocolate fondue. Birds of Paradise, hanging ferns and bamboo lanterns added a tropical touch to the festive evening.

Beneficiaries of the over \$28,600 raised are Oak Ranch, a residential community for at risk children; Emmaus House, a residency program for men in drug recovery; Amigos del Peru, the ministry of former parishioners Rachel and Alan Hill; St. Michael’s Katrina Relief Mission Team; and the Brooks Avenue Church of Christ Food Pantry.

Parishioners and guests had a chance to bid among 187 auction items which included a signed framed print of “Amen Corner” at Augusta National, a beautiful stone sculpture of a family made in Zimbabwe, getaways from the mountains to the beach and a raffle for a laptop computer.

Over 75 volunteers helped orchestrate this annual event, which is hosted by the Episcopal Church Women of St. Michael’s.

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