



# The Dogwood Diary

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Diocese of Atlanta

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## Personal Observations on the Spring Retreat

by: Dr. Ruby P. Jackson, ECW Board, Member-at-Large

If you were not at Camp Mikell from Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> of this year, you missed a most exciting weekend of fellowship! Approximately 75 Episcopal women from throughout the Diocese enjoyed the cold and rain with a warm, enthusiastic spirit.

Friday began with registration and getting settled and ended with the fun filled Sip & Share welcoming get together. Throughout, vendors sold beautifully crafted handbags, silver ECW crosses, books, hand-made soap, and t-shirts.

Saturday, the most active day, began with the ringing of the bells calling all to breakfast at 8:00 AM. Needless to say, the food was scrumptious and plentiful. The homemade bread was out of this world!

Following breakfast, Fr. Ben Day, Christ Church, Kennesaw, Retreat Chaplain and husband of one of our newest Board members, Amanda Day, led us in prayers. The music was enjoyable, as we sang our hearts out with familiar songs. The main speaker and facilitator was April Love Fordham who so thoroughly and passionately presided over the next few general sessions. In her own way, she mesmerized us with the Songs of Solomon and kept us on the edge of our seats.

Those present couldn't stop talking about how great the 4 small group sessions were in the afternoon. They included yoga, arts & crafts, meditation, and that challenging walk up the mountain to the cross. With all of the activities, there was still time to tour the kitchen and see the new stove contributed to Camp Mikell by our very own ECW, Diocese of Atlanta, as well as the brand new cabin – Harrison.

Late Saturday was a time of free choice. Among other things, some chose to dance away the stresses of the world much of the night at what has become a tradition, the St. Clement's Party in their dorm "up the hill". Still others elected to meditate all night in complete silence with no TV, no telephone, no music, nobody.

The beautiful and much welcomed sunshine greeted us Sunday morning. After another wonderful breakfast, our spiritually uplifting Ecumenical service prepared us to leave and return to the real world.

Overall, it was a great weekend! Episcopal women came together happy, smiling, praying, praising, and singing. We truly received our share of fellowship and well being. However, the most popular person there was 2-year old Marshall, son of Father and Amanda Day. He was a joy to watch as he outlasted all of us running and exploring.

Next year we look forward to seeing all of you at the Spring Retreat planned for all of us!

## Save The Date

MAY 4 – 6, 2018

# An Update from Laura Masterson

Laura Masterson is the 2017 Rosa Woodbury Scholarship Recipient. She is currently at seminary in Texas.

Things here are really quite magical and wonderful.

I am especially enjoying my liturgy class, where my professor unpacks the liturgy in a way that is so compelling and beautiful. I think if parishioners heard it presented in the same way, they would come to church even more! It would be quite a tool for mission and stewardship, too. Dr. Nathan Jennings has just come out with his second book on the ritual mysteries of liturgy. He's just incredible.

I am working hard at every moment and being challenged all day every day. History would be the class in which I work the hardest, and have just completed all of the papers and the midterm for that class.

My work/study keeps me busy and although I do not enjoy devoting so much time to it (it is a necessity because of my financial aid), I have felt that it is a very monastic experience; My day is regimented with class, worship, and work. Biblical Studies is another favorite. I think I'm doing well because I am being so enlightened by the content and the formation. God is good. Even when it doesn't seem like it, God is good.

I am interested in how the ECW is continuing its deep contribution to the church as of late. I feel a bit out of touch, having to study in all my spare moments, and still balance my motherhood. The kids are doing well. I'm proud of how they're adjusting.

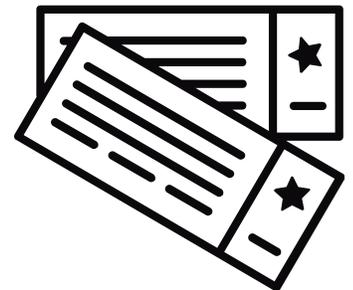
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## CPC Quilt Raffle

The Church Periodical club raises money for books and other types of media for those who need them. The Diocese of Atlanta has received Prayer Books, Bibles and books for children's summer reading programs from CPC. Now you can help and also have a chance to win two beautiful handmade quilts: a queen size {80 X100} and crib size.

Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The drawing will be July 11, 2018 at the upcoming Triennial Meeting, but you do not have to be present to win. Tickets will be available from all Diocese ECW Board members and at the Annual Council meeting in November.

Learn more about the CPC at our web site or **contact Cathy Hutcherson** at [cathy.hutcherson@gmail.com](mailto:cathy.hutcherson@gmail.com) or 770.451.0907.



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## 2018 Province IV ECW Meeting Dates Announced

Kanuga Conference Center / Hendersonville, NC / June 4-6, 2018

The Province IV ECW has changed the name of their annual meeting from "The Province IV Women's Conference" to "The Province IV Women's Retreat". This decision was approved during the annual meeting early last summer.

Registration information and other details will be available on the Kanuga Conference Center website early next year.

# ECW Diocesan Board Membership

by: Joy Boyden, Board Secretary

Hello ECW Members. We the ECW Diocesan Board are preparing for the Annual Meeting. We hope that you will be able to join us for a time of fellowship, inspiration, and information.

At this meeting, we will be installing our ECW Diocesan Board members for 2018-2019.

The board consists of officers, members-at-large, and convocation representatives. In our diocese, we have 10 convocations and we can have two representatives from each. We would love to have at least one representative from each convocation on our board, ensuring we are able to represent each area of the diocese.



## In order to be a member of the ECW Diocesan Board a women must:

- Be a confirmed Episcopalian woman of good character and a communicant in good standing in any Parish in the Diocese.
- Be willing to work in any capacity or learn any new position that is open.
- Attend at least one of our three (3) mandatory events:  
Board Yearly Planning Retreat (January or February; 2 nights), Spring Retreat (first weekend in May; 2 nights), Annual Meeting (usually on a Saturday in October or November).

All Board members are responsible for paying their own way to these three (3) events. The costs vary year to year; however, the Spring Retreat is \$110 - \$180, depending on the type of accommodations chosen at Camp Mikell. The Annual Meeting cost is usually \$15 to \$20 at the most. If unable to attend any, there should be a good reason.

- Regularly attend monthly Board meetings  
10:30 am, second Monday of the month at the Cathedral of St. Philip
- Attend the ECW Diocesan Board Christmas luncheon (at her own expense) held at a restaurant on the 2nd Monday in December.
- Other expenses incurred as a Board member include: a \$10 donation to help fund the Sip & Share at the Spring Retreat, purchase small items to be donated to a designated diocesan ministry at Christmas, and other small things that may be voted on by the Board during the year.
- Be familiar with the By-Laws, which can be found at [www.atlantaecw.org](http://www.atlantaecw.org).

You will be assigned a current Board member as a mentor to assist you.

In order to be an officer of the ECW Diocesan Board a woman must have been an active member of the board for two years. She will serve on the board as President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, UTO Coordinator or CPC Coordinator.

If you are interested in serving on the Board, please contact one of the current officers, listed online at [AtlantaECW.org](http://AtlantaECW.org) OR submit the accompanying Nomination Form.

# Episcopal Church Women - Diocese of Atlanta

## 2017 Board Member Nomination Form

*Please select only one.*

- Nomination for:
- Member-at-Large, ECW Diocesan Board (2 year term) (3 openings)
  - Delegate to the 2018 Triennial Meeting of the National Episcopal Church Women in Austin, Texas (Nominations for this office cannot be made from the floor at the meeting.)
  - Convocation Representative

NAME OF NOMINEE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PRIMARY PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

PARISH \_\_\_\_\_

CONSENT TO SERVE (SIGNATURE) \_\_\_\_\_

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION: (If needed, attach a separate sheet.)

**Please return completed form by November 20th to Joy Boyden, Secretary, 8 Winberly Court, Decatur, GA 30030 OR by email: [jjboyden45@gmail.com](mailto:jjboyden45@gmail.com) . Phone (678) 515-3329**

While nominations for Member-at-Large and Convocation Rep may be made from the floor the day of the Annual Meeting, it is helpful to also have these forms in advance, so that we can make copies for each person attending the Annual Meeting.

## Fruitcake Fundraiser Returns

The sale of fruitcakes from the Monastery of the Holy Spirit in Conyers was such a success last year that we have brought them back “by popular demand”. The cakes will be available at the Annual Meeting, at the ECW table at Diocesan Council, or from any Board member. Cash or checks will be accepted.

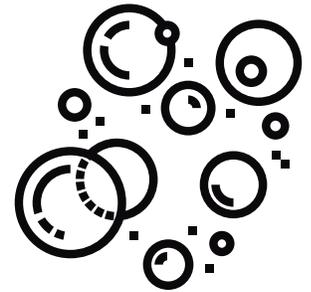
The price is \$20/each (the same as last year). We will have more stock this year, but get your’s early because we still may sell out. They are delicious and make wonderful gifts!

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## Shima Soap Fundraiser

We will be selling Shima soap at The Diocesan Council Meeting. Shima is our Mother, the Earth created in Beauty. Cynthia Hizer was a priest at Epiphany. Cynthia is now a Canon and in charge of the mission at Navajoland at Fort Defiance, Arizona. Cynthia has received a UTO grant for working with the women to grow Blue Corn. The corn and other herbs they grow are used to make soap which they sell as Shima.

We have acquired four kinds of the soap: Blue Corn, Grandmother Mountain, Navaho Tea and Mint Clan. Like chefs they take a few exceptional ingredients and let them shine.



The soaps are handmade, in the 7200 foot high Colorado Plateau of northern Arizona, between the four sacred mountains in the heart of Navajoland. Like their ancestors, they gather local plants – corn, sage, cedar, Navajo tea and infuse their Shima vitality to nurture your skin.

We plan to use the funds raised from selling the soap to help fund the 2018 ECW Diocesan Board Events and Scholarships.

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## 2018 Rosa Woodbury Memorial Scholarship Available

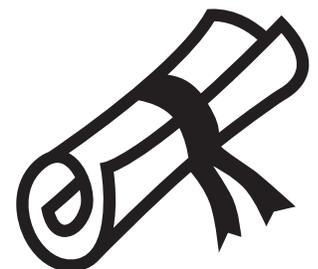
The Rosa Woodbury Memorial Scholarship Fund is administered by the Diocesan ECW Board for the purpose of Christian Education of women in the Diocese of Atlanta who have positions of responsibility, or who are training for said positions, on either the parish or diocesan level. This scholarship is to aid with tuition, books, and needs other than room and board.

The amount is usually \$600 and is awarded on a yearly basis in early summer. Over the years this scholarship has helped many women studying to be Christian Ed Directors, Youth Directors, Priests, and Deacons as well as lay leaders on many levels within our Diocese.

To apply for the scholarship, please submit a letter stating the purpose and type of study you are pursuing no later than April 1, 2018 to:

Joy Boyden, ECW Secretary  
8 Wimberly Court  
Decatur, GA 30030  
[jjboyden45@gmail.com](mailto:jjboyden45@gmail.com)

For more information, please contact a Board member.



# ECW Diocese of Atlanta: 110<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

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**Saturday, December 2, 2017**  
**9:30am – 12:00pm**

**CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PHILIP**

Gould Room  
2744 Peachtree Road NW  
Atlanta, GA 30305

**We ask that you bring a \$5.00 donation for Outreach.**

**Mail registration form to:**

Joy Boyden  
8 Wimberly Court  
Decatur, GA 30030  
678-515-3315

You may send an e-mail with the registration information to [jjboyden45@gmail.com](mailto:jjboyden45@gmail.com)

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## 110<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Registration Form

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First + Last Name

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Parish

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Street Address

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City + State

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Zip Code

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Primary Phone

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Email Address

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Special Dietary Needs

**Mail registration form to:** Joy Boyden 8 Wimberly Court Decatur, GA 30030 or email info to [jjboyden45@gmail.com](mailto:jjboyden45@gmail.com)

# Episcopal Church Women - Diocese of Atlanta

## Annual Pledge + Contribution Form

For use by Parish Episcopal Church Women Please use this form for all contributions to the Diocesan ECW Board and NOT for the United Thank Offering or Church Periodical Club. Feel free to make as many copies of this form as you need.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Donor/Organization

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address

### Contribution to be designated as:

[  ] Annual Pledge: Amount \_\_\_\_\_

[  ] **Rosa Woodbury Scholarship Fund:** Amount \_\_\_\_\_  
Awarded annually to a woman studying for the ministry or Christian service

[  ] **Alice Sylvia Child Scholarship Fund:** Amount \_\_\_\_\_  
Funds scholarships to the Spring ECW Retreat at Camp Mikell

[  ] **Triennial Unified Gift:** Amount \_\_\_\_\_  
Recipient chosen by National ECW Board for each Triennial Meeting

[  ] **Triennial Meeting Fund:** Amount \_\_\_\_\_  
Pays expenses of 4 delegates representing Diocese of Atlanta to ECW Triennial Meeting

[  ] **Miscellaneous:** Please specify purpose \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount \_\_\_\_\_

#### Make checks payable to:

ECW, Diocese of Atlanta

#### Mail payments to:

Alsie Churchman, ECW Treasurer  
6360 Station Mill Drive  
Atlanta, GA 30092

#### Questions or Concerns?

Alsie Churchman  
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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS, YA'LL!**  
Annual Meeting - Saturday, December 2  
Spring Retreat - May 4 - 6  
Province IV ECW Retreat - June 4-6  
(more information inside)