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When I answered the phone this morning I heard the voice of a dear friend who lives almost a thousand miles from me. She and I have served together in ECW for more years than I can remember. That call reminded me that one of my favorite things about being an Episcopal Church Woman is the dear friends I have whom I would never have met had I not been active in ECW.

I first became involved with ECW because I was asked to serve. In my opinion there is no substitute for a personal invitation. I had no idea then that almost thirty years later I would still be active in the Episcopal Church Women

I love working and praying and playing with the women of the Church. It has been a learning experience all the way. I have learned much at workshops, presentations, programs, including Women of Vision. I have learned leadership skills that have enabled me to serve as Senior Warden of my parish, to preside at the diocesan level, the province level and to eventually serve at the national level on the UTO Committee.

Names may change, organizational structure may change. We have more mixed gender work now, but nonetheless, when things need to be done, just ask anyone, it's the women of the Church who make things happen. We are needed. We need one another.

You ask why I am involved with ECW. Because we are a vital part of God's work in our Church. Because we have one of the finest communication networks in the Church. Because everyone knows if you want something done, ask the ECW to help or to lead. Because of the friends I meet along the way. I love being part of all of that.