

ECW Women's stories from Province II – Submitted by Nancy J. Gorman, Province Representative

Florence Thompson, Christ Church, Riverton, New Jersey

Florence, a retired paralegal, did not get involved with the ECW as we know it today until she moved from New Jersey to Anderson, Indiana, after her marriage. She first became active in St. Anne's Church in Anderson as a member of the Altar Guild. She then was asked to take over as Treasurer of their ECW. After her husband's death she returned to New Jersey and Christ Church, Riverton in 1978. She then became Treasurer of the ECW at Christ Church and has served in that position ever since. She is also active in the Burlington District, serving as Prayer and Worship Chair. As to what she liked best about the ECW, she said meeting different people from neighboring parishes. Asked what she hoped for the future of the ECW, Florence said she wishes we could have more women become active.

Donna McCamy, Christ Church, Riverton, New Jersey

Donna said she first attended ECW breakfasts with her sister and mother as a young girl, and still attends our twice-yearly breakfasts. Donna is a teacher in the Palmyra School District, and is our parish chair of college relations, assisting our young people to apply for Student Service Awards provided by our Diocesan ECW. When asked what she liked best about the ECW, Donna said she likes the way they contribute to all the ECW programs, such as UTO and, of course, the Student Service Awards, and other outreach programs.

Charlotte Baker, St. Stephen's Church, Riverside, New Jersey

Charlotte said she did not really get involved in ECW work until she retired as a teacher. Her mother had been active in District meetings, so it seemed natural for Charlotte to follow in her footsteps. She originally grew up in Trinity Church, Delran, and was their ECW treasurer. In the Burlington District she was the Corresponding secretary and when it was decided to merge the job of corresponding secretary with the recording secretary, Charlotte became "The Secretary." She provided transportation for many of our older members of the District for many years. Regarding what she likes the most about ECW is the outreach we do. She serves as our District representative to The Evergreens, the Diocesan Home for the Elderly in Moorestown. She enjoys meeting new people and the universality of the Episcopal Church, no matter where you travel.

Nancy Gorman, Christ Church, Riverton, New Jersey

When I was still working full time as an executive secretary in Philadelphia, I first became involved in the ECW when we formed an evening group at Christ Church known as St. Martha's Guild and was president for quite awhile. We initiated a number of successful fund raising projects, such as a Strawberry Festival, an annual Geranium sale, and work on our triennial Holiday Bazaar. One of the outstanding "fun" things I arranged were bus trips: first to the National Cathedral in Washington, day trips to New York City, then long weekend trips to Boston, Washington, DC, and then to Charleston and Savannah. Eventually, I became president of the Burlington District, a member of the Diocesan Board, and then attended Province II meetings. Last spring I was elected the Province II Representative to the National Board, and voila!! – Here I am!