

MINUTES
NATIONAL BOARD EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN
Cathedral College, Washington, DC
September 16-23, 2006

Board Members Present: President Kay Meyer, VP Program Donna Keller, VP Information Liz Habecker, Secretary Barb McKee, Treasurer Elizabeth Campbell, Member-at-Large Social Justice Deborah Anderson, Member-at-Large Multi-Media Mary Ann Ransom, Province I Marilyn Rishkofski, Province II Nancy Gorman, Province III Pat Haldeman, Province IV Marcie Cherau, Province V Nancy Sherwin, Province VI Mary K. Whisler, Province VII Sandra Powers, Province III Cordelia Burt.

Absent: Coromoto de Salazar, Province IX Representative

The Executive Committee arrived on September 15th to prepare for the meeting of the full Board.

Saturday, September 16th

Dinner at 6:00 PM – Grace led by Elizabeth

President, Kay Meyer and the Executive Committee welcomed the new full Board.

7:00 PM – Getting Acquainted Welcome

9:00 PM – Compline led by Liz+

Sunday, September 17th

8:00 AM Breakfast – Grace led by Barb

11:00 AM Eucharist National Cathedral – Minnesota Day

Lunch 12:00 – Grace led by Donna

1:00 PM Marcia White...Gathering & Welcome
Overview, Servant Leadership, Finding the Servant Within

5:15 PM Social Time

Dinner 6:00 PM - Grace led by Deborah

7:00 PM – Marcia White...Coming Together in Community

8:30 PM Evening Worship led by Kay

Monday, September 18th

8:00 AM Breakfast – Grace led by Mary Ann

8:45 AM Morning Prayer and Bible Study led by Liz+,
Donna, Elizabeth and Barb

10:00 AM – Marcia White...Forward in Community

Lunch 12:00 – Grace led by Marilyn

1:30 PM – Marcia White...Moving Toward Action

5:30 PM Social Time

Dinner 6:00 PM – Grace led by Nancy G.

7:00 PM Marcia White...Carrying Forward

8:00 PM Evening Worship led by Barb

Tuesday, September 19th

8:00 AM Breakfast – Grace led by Pat

8:45 AM Morning Prayer and Bible Study led by
Donna, Elizabeth and Barb

10:00 AM – 11:45 AM...Guest, Michael Kinman+, Email address: mkinman@gmail.com.
Michael+ described the Millennium Development Goals...eight goals
for reducing human suffering through development by 2015. Is 0.7% enough?

Lunch 12:00 – Grace was led by Barb

3:15-4:45 PM – Committee Selections led by Kay. Donna and Liz+ scribed

4:45-5:15 PM – Finance Discussion led by Elizabeth

Dinner 6:00 PM – Grace led by Marcie

7:00 PM – Committee Selections were actually firmed up led by Kay.

COMMITTEES

GROUP A

COMMUNICATION

Liz Habecker+ - Chair
Mary Ann Ransom (1)
Marilyn Rishkofski (3)
Marcie Cherau (3)
Pat Haldeman (3)
Nancy Gorman (3)

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Deborah Anderson – Chair
Nancy Sherwin (1)
Cordelia Burt (1)
Marilyn Rishkofski (2)
Donna Keller (2)
Sandra Powers (3)

GROUP B

WORSHIP

Marcie Cherau – Chair
Marilyn Rishkofski (1)
Nancy Gorman (1)
Deborah Anderson (2)
Pat Haldeman (2)
Cordelia Burt (3)

FINANCE

Elizabeth Campbell - Chair
Nancy Sherwin (2)
Sandra Powers (2)
Mary K. Whisler (2)

GROUP C

WOMEN OF VISION

Co-Chairs
Liz Habecker+
Barb McKee

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Donna Keller - Chair
Elizabeth Campbell
Sandra Powers (1)
Pat Haldeman (1)
Barb McKee (2)
Cordelia Burt (2)
Marcie Cherau (1)
Mary K. Whisler (1)
Nancy Gorman (2)

7:45 PM – Liz+ and Barb – Women of Vision Presenters. Module Two: Differences do Count. The goal is: To identify and increase awareness of differences.

8:45 PM Evening Worship led by Donna

Wednesday, September 20th

8:00 AM Breakfast – Grace led by Nancy Sherwin

8:45 AM Bible Study led by Donna, Elizabeth, Barb

10:00-11:45 AM Business Meeting
(10:12 AM Business Meeting and Recessed 11:54 AM)

Kay verbalized her President's Report – Written one attached
Treasurer's Report led by Elizabeth
Barb: Presentation of Meetings Calendar – Schedule attached

Lunch 12:00 – Grace led by Mary K.

1:00 – 2:30 PM Committee Group A Meeting
Social Justice and Communications

2:45 PM – 4:15 PM Committee Group B Report
WOV, Worship & Finance

4:30 – 5:30 PM Committees A & B Report

5:30 PM Social Time

Dinner 6:00 PM – Grace led by Sandra

7:00 PM Free Time for Night Tour

Thursday, September 21st

8:00 AM Breakfast – Grace led by Cordelia

8:45 AM Bible Study led by Donna, Elizabeth, Barb

10:00 – 11:30 AM Committee Meeting Group C
Triennial Meeting Team & Finance

11:45 AM – 12:00 PM Greet our Guests from Province III

Lunch 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM – Grace led by Marilyn

1:00 – 3:00 PM – Visit with our Guests

3:15 – 4:45 PM – TM Review 2006 & Dream 2009 led by Donna

5:00 PM Social Time

Dinner 6:00 PM – Grace led by Elizabeth

7:00 PM Group C Committee Report

8:00 PM – Evening Worship led by Kay

Friday, September 22nd

8:00 AM – Breakfast – Grace led by Barb

8:45 AM – Bible Study led by Donna, Elizabeth, Barb

10:00 AM – Business Session

September 20, 2006

The Finance Committee recommends the adoption of the Proposed 2007 Budget in the amount of \$152,800. Motion carried.

The Finance Committee recommends the disbursal of the Unified Gift 2006 in the amount of \$3,723.60 to Little Roses. Motion carried.

The Finance Committee recommends the disbursal of the gifts totaling \$150.00 to the Livingston School in Columbus, OH. The money was received for the Community Connection gift. Motion carried.

The Finance Committee recommends a contribution of \$50.00 to the Bishops Fund for Katrina Relief...”Darkness to Day”. The money was contributed in Maggie Williams’ name. Motion carried.

The Executive Committee recommends that we adopt a new contract agreement with the current Editor of the Communiqué, Maggie Williams and that she be compensated at a rate of \$2,500 per issue for nine issues. Motion carried.

Moved by Marcia Chéreau and seconded by Liz Habecker+ that we reconnect with the EDEIO to have a liaison on their board and adjust our budget accordingly, with a budget allowance of up to \$3,000.00. Motion carried.

The Social Justice Committee recommends that the 2006-2009 Board explore the development of a Women to Women USA project. Motion carried.

Guest, Howard Anderson, Warden of the Cathedral College of Washington National Cathedral. He welcomed us and explained the 5 centers...Center for Theological Initiatives, Center for Global Justice and Reconciliation, Center for Christian Formation, Center for Spirituality and Mission and the Cathedral College of Preachers.

September 22, 2006

Elizabeth Campbell: I move that a memorial gift be given for Mary Jane Hollopeter, National Altar Guild Director, in the amount of \$100.00 to a fund designated by the Altar Guild Association. Motion carried.

Elizabeth Campbell: The Finance Committee recommends that the amount of the disbursement be raised to \$4800.00 to include recent gifts for the Unified Gift 2006. Motion carried.

12:00 Lunch – Grace led by Donna

2:00 – 4:00 PM Province Reps Meeting led by Liz

6:00 PM – Grace led by Deborah

7:00 PM Closing Eucharist Service – Liz+

8:00 PM – Goodbye Social Time

Saturday, September 23rd

8:00 AM Breakfast – Grace led by Kay

9:00 AM – Airport Departures Begin

ACTIONS

Mary Ann Ransom will be custodian of the Triennial Quilt for the triennium.

Marilyn Rishkofski agreed to create the Christmas card, and the Communication Committee agreed to print the ECW National Board Christmas Cards.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara McKee, Secretary
October 15, 2006

*President's Report
Episcopal Church Women National Board
Cathedral College, September 16 – 23, 2006*

It has been an absolutely incredible time in my life since the very moments of the election in Columbus. The "transition" seemed to happen instantaneously, much to my surprise with decisions and letters and shipping responsibilities all happening before we left for home. I was unprepared for this, and also for the way the dynamics of the Board would change.

Consequently, I shall start recording various things that my successor could anticipate and that perhaps might even make it an easier transition. My desire is that each of you will do the same and journal your thoughts for anything that would make coming into your positions easier for your successor as well.

Please understand no concerns expressed or suggestions for the future are in any way intended as criticism of the past. As you know we are standing on a strong foundation delivered to us from those who have come before us. All is rather intended to be as the beginnings of the building blocks you and I as members of this board now have the privilege and responsibility of laying down.

The receiving of the materials shipped to me required sorting, inventorying and storing. The e-mail volume, most requiring decisions and/or responses, increased incredibly and instantly. There was also much regular correspondence to be done and many wonderful and encouraging notes, letters and e-mails received.

Plans were coordinated with Harriett Neer for the Transition Meeting in New York four weeks after the Triennial Meeting. Also, plans were coordinated with Phoebe Griswold in accepting her kind invitation to have the retiring and new boards for lunch at the Penthouse while at the Church Center for our Meeting. Letters were received from and written to her, to the Presiding Bishop Elect, Katherine Jefferts-Schori and to Bonnie Anderson, newly elected President of the House of Deputies.

While we were in New York at the Transition Meeting, Harriett Neer realized the previous board had stayed one day longer than had been arranged for us. We were able to get our work done in the time given us, but this fact should be a consideration for future planning. Harriett and I used early arrivals and as much time as possible while there for reviewing her files and educating me to various challenges and opportunities ahead in this position.

Much time was spent with Barb McKee in learning the "how to" of bookings, contracts, when, where, coordinating Board Member schedules, UTO schedule, etc. All this was in regard to setting the calendar, which had been determined by the Executive Committee while we were in New York. Donna Keller, former Secretary aided with this. Various ones of you offered welcomed suggestions and assistance.

I mailed out crosses to about 100 women who had to leave the Triennial Meeting prior to the presentation of the crosses. Barb prepared the list for labels for this, which was a big help. Negotiations were made with Barbi and Jim Tinder for the production of the CD's of the Triennial Meeting. Then I distributed about 100 of them after purchasing boxes and preparing the mailing list, writing letters, etc.

Arrangements were made and lists sent for ECW invitations to the Investiture of the Presiding Bishop to be held November 4 at the National Cathedral. There were requests from others seeking tickets that had to be answered.

I assisted Liz Habecker+ in working with Maggie Williams and proofing a Summer issue of Communique, an immediate follow up to the Triennial Meeting. We believe this can be better planned for and easier delivered from the work done on Triennial Today and will aim for that in the future. I also prepared an article for Communique and the web site. I assisted Mary Ann Ransom as much as possible in transitioning the Multi-Media position, which required some immediate things to be done. Much of this we believe can be better facilitated in the future, a goal we will work toward.

I issued an invitation to Bishop Chane, Diocese of Washington to join us. His regrets and prayers were appreciated and responded to. Invitations were issued to the Province III President and all Diocesan Presidents and coordinated through the Province III Rep Pat Haldeman who is also currently the Province III President. It shall be my pleasure and plan to invite the Diocesan Bishop and the Episcopal Church Women of the Province to join us everywhere we meet.

I worked with Bishop Alvarez of Puerto Rico on possibilities of having our Province IX meeting in his diocese. He put me in touch with one of the Canons on his staff. I connected her with Barb. Now they are coordinating our plans. I have been working with the UTO office in planning the dates for our Joint Meeting in 2008.

Barb McKee and I have joined efforts in the plans for our meeting here at the Cathedral College, though she has done the most of the details for sure. Donna Keller made the initial booking. The Executive Committee helped set and approved the agenda. The agenda for the next meeting should not be as difficult and will be sent out to you earlier.

I spent a considerable amount of time interviewing and reviewing at length consultant possibilities and then working with Marcia White, the Consultant who was selected with the Executive Committee's approval. Plans were made with Mike Kinman+, Executive Director of Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation, to make a presentation on the Millenium Development Goals to the National ECW Board at our first meeting of this Triennium.

Conversations were held as well as correspondence with the President of EDEIO, Art Geissler, and various other members of the Executive Committee of EDEIO regarding the ECW withdrawal of the liaison relationship with them. They wish us to reconsider our position.

Letters and phone calls were written and made to the Mothers' Union in the USA regretting not being able to attend their New York meeting immediately prior to this one. Also, I had correspondence with Mother's Union leaders Sue Wilson of England and Kathleen Snow of Canada, both of whom had attended our Triennial Meeting in Columbus.

I transferred the 800# to a line at our business and began taking those calls. This is a temporary arrangement used to relieve Shirley White of the responsibility and is another area we believe can use more advance decision making. One call in particular required follow up for an Economic Justice concern. It led to a meeting Donna and Liz+ were planning in the Diocese of LA. Liz+ was familiar with the organization, CLUE, making the call and kindly handled it.

I attended the ECW Diocesan Board Meeting in my diocese, Atlanta. Board Members assisted this board by putting the new board members' names on brochures for immediate use until new ones can be printed. They helped me formulate revisions to the Profile Sheets that I sent to and received from all of you. I also sent out and received the Committee Selection information. All of this was compiled and printed.

I had phone conversations with Maggie Williams and Dianne Burlew in regard to the continuance of their providing their services to this Board as the Editor of Communique and as Assistant to the Treasurer respectively. Many letters and calls were made to Province IX, Bishop Guerrero of the Diocese of Venezuela, the American Embassy, and Coromoto de Salazar to gain her attendance at this meeting.

The notebooks you have were assembled, name tags partially prepared, other things readied for distribution. The crosses we have left were completed with a message Harriett Neer did to identify them as having been blessed by Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold and being from TM06. Unfortunately we didn't have them prior to the 100 being mail out, but now they have been placed in the protective bags with the 300 or so crosses we have left.

I have brought with me copies of all the correspondence I have done. You are welcome to read it, and we can make you a copy of any of them you wish. Much prayer has been prayed during this time. My report would not be complete without mention of that and of my prayerful wishes for our time together both in Washington and throughout the next three years.

Kay H. Meyer, President

MEETING SITES AND DATES 2006-2009

- 2006
September 16-23 Province III
Cathedral College of Preachers-Contract
3510 Woodley Road, NW
Washington DC 20016
(202) 537-6383, FAX (202) 537-5650
- 2007
March 11-17 Province VII
Mustang Island Conference Center-Contract
P.O. Box 130
Port Aransas, TX 78373
(361) 749-1800, FAX (361) 749-1802
- June 18-24 Province VI
The Franciscan Retreat Center at Mt. St. Francis-Contract
7740 Deer Hill Grove
Colorado Springs, CO 80919
(719) 995-7025, FAX (719) 260-8044
- October 14-20 Province II
The Crowne Plaza-UN and Episcopal Church Center-Contract coming
304 E. 42nd Street
New York, NY 10017-5905
- 2008
January 21-28 Province IX
Puerto Rico
Contact: Canon Emily Morales
- April 27-May 3 (ECW and UTO Meetings) -- waiting for 2008 numbers
The Mary & Joseph Retreat Center
5300 Crest Road
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275-5004
- October 24-October 30 Province I
Trinity Conference Center-Contract
79 Lower River Road
West Cornwall, CT 06796
- 2009
March 1-7 Province IV
Solomon Episcopal Conference Center-Contract
54296 Hwy. 445
Loranger, LA 70446
- May 3-9 Province V
Lake Doniphan Conference & Retreat Center-Contract
12856 Doniphan Lake Road
Excelsior Springs, MO 64024