

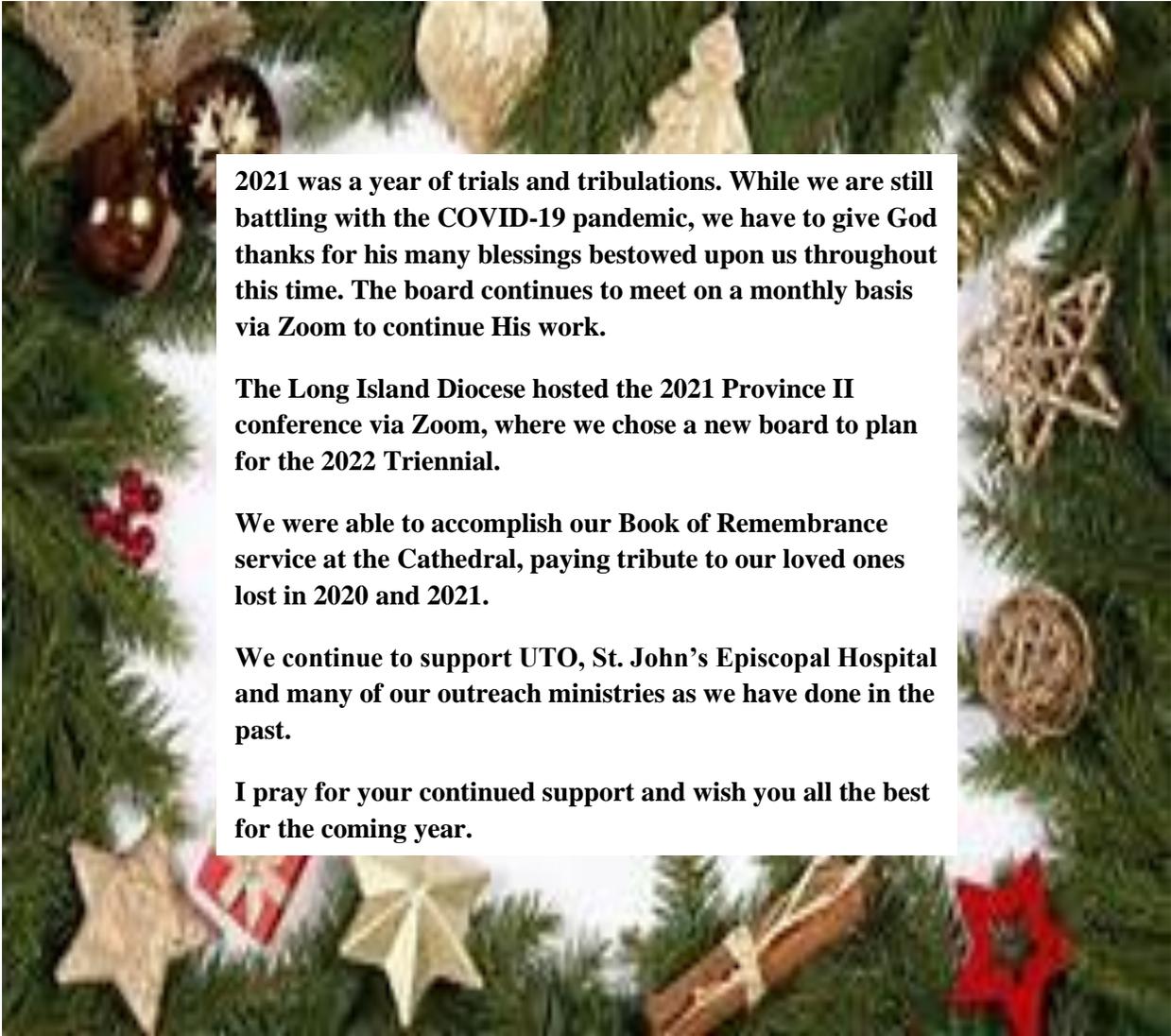


VOICES OF WOMEN

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN OF THE DIOCESE OF LONG ISLAND
Winter 2021

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Episcopal Church Women & Friends,



2021 was a year of trials and tribulations. While we are still battling with the COVID-19 pandemic, we have to give God thanks for his many blessings bestowed upon us throughout this time. The board continues to meet on a monthly basis via Zoom to continue His work.

The Long Island Diocese hosted the 2021 Province II conference via Zoom, where we chose a new board to plan for the 2022 Triennial.

We were able to accomplish our Book of Remembrance service at the Cathedral, paying tribute to our loved ones lost in 2020 and 2021.

We continue to support UTO, St. John's Episcopal Hospital and many of our outreach ministries as we have done in the past.

I pray for your continued support and wish you all the best for the coming year.

Yours in Christ,
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Chaplain's corner

My Dear Sisters in Christ,

After our last meeting, I pray that God will guide me to show you, that it important to let peace reign as we carry out His ministry for the Church at Large.

This prayer came to me and I decided this was what we needed. We need to empty ourselves in order that God will fill us with His Holy Spirit.

A Franciscan Benediction

May God bless you with discomfort
At easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships,
So that we may live deep within our hearts.

May God bless you with anger
At injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people,
So that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears
To shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger and war,
So that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and to
turn their pain into joy.

And may God bless you with enough foolishness
To believe that you can make a difference in this world
By loving your brothers and sisters,
So that you can do what others claim cannot be done.
To bring justice, kindness to all our children and the poor. *Amen*

May Peace and joy visit your household, that it may be one filled with love and prayers

Rev. Marjorie Boyden-Edmonds
Chaplain



Bible Word Search



11. Love Is

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*Submitted by
Barbara Taylor*

ECW OF BROOKLYN

St. Paul's Church in the Village of Flatbush, Brooklyn has a feeding program sponsored by the ECW, every Wednesday evening at around 6pm at Parkside and Ocean Avenue near the Train Station.

These pictures are from the feeding program on August 25, 2021. This is the second year in succession that the Rector, Fr. Hamblin and members of St. Paul's Church in the Village of Flatbush, Brooklyn prepared and fed about three hundred persons near the train station at Parkside and Ocean Avenue.



***Submitted by
Ancilla Friday***



May the Spirit of the Holiday Season, light your life with joy and peace!

MORE FROM THE ECW OF BROOKLYN

Giving is joy at Epiphany and Saint Simon. Adopt-A-Family is one of our favorite activities. Every holiday season we wait with excitement until a family is selected for us. We love adding our adopted family to our shopping list.



*Submitted by
Joycelyn Nedd*



ECW OF NASSAU

Church of the Transfiguration ECW, Dec. 2021



MORE FROM THE ECW OF NASSAU

*All Saints Church, Baldwin, welcomed the installation of their
5th Rector on October 13, 2021*



Season's Greetings

Thelma Clarke-Johnson
President

ECW OF QUEENS

St. John's Flushing had gathered Christmas gift bags for the women's shelter for victims of domestic violence. There was a total of 26 bags, and Father Palasi offered a blessing for the bags, the recipients and the donors of the bags.



Stay safe and well during the upcoming holiday season!

Best wishes,

Jean Ryan
President

ECW OF SUFFOLK

The ***Nourish Babylon feeding ministry*** at Christ Episcopal Church in Babylon Village has, over the past 6 years, met resistance from the community and a pandemic, but has not wavered in its mission to provide both food and socialization for people in need.

Every Monday evening, guests are offered an evening prayer service at 4:30 pm and then from 5-7 pm are invited to a sit-down dinner with wait service at a table adorned with a tablecloth, China, flowers, and a greeting from their server. Guests are served a four-course meal, with many ingredients coming directly from the church's garden, as the ministry's goal is not only to provide meals to those who hunger but also nutritious ones at that.

When the Covid-19 pandemic hit and indoor dining was no longer an option, ***Nourish Babylon*** adapted, and meals were boxed and served from outside the church with some meals also delivered to those who were homebound. In response to other local meal programs suspending operations, ***Nourish Babylon*** doubled its efforts and starting serving dinners twice a week during 4 months of the lockdown.

Although now a fixture within the community, the meal program had a rough start. In 2015, residents living near the church, which is located in a residential neighborhood, feared that it would bring "undesirables" into the area and disrupt their quality of life. In the time since, the controversy has subsided, and ***Nourish Babylon*** has been a success with some even saying that it has strengthened the bond between members of the community.

The introduction of an additional day of meals and take out service during the pandemic is just one way the ministry has evolved over the years. Layers of social services have been added as needs have been identified. A part-time social worker was hired to assist guests. Access to hot showers and an American Sign Language interpreter have been made available. Toiletries and clothing are stored and distributed as needed, and a PB&J (peanut butter, and jelly) sandwich ministry developed to send guests home with extra food.

Nourish Babylon has gained recognition throughout the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island and was celebrated and honored for extraordinary leadership by Episcopal Ministries of Long Island.



Submitted by Diane Gaidon
Nourish Babylon

MORE FROM THE ECW OF SUFFOLK



Donations of toys and handmade knitted items. Toys are from Christ Church Babylon and St Boniface Lindenhurst. The knitted items are from St John's in the Hamptons and St Ann's, Sayville. The handmade knitted items included hats, scarves, lap robes and gloves.



UTO NEWS

Dear UTO family:

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Thank you for your United Thank Offerings!

God Bless,

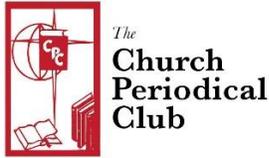
Faithfully yours
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*SEAMEN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE (SCI)**Christmas at Sea***A Season for giving THANKS**

Thank you for your support of Christmas at Sea (CAS). The success and longevity of CAS is the result of caring volunteers, like you, who so faithfully knit, crochet, and sew for mariners, year after year. The donations you send to Port Newark display your deep understanding and appreciation for the important work. There would be no Christmas at Sea without your handmade garments and ditty bags. CAS is one of SCI's many vital programs benefiting mariners.

*Happy holidays and a Happy New Year
from
the Staff and Board of Trustees at SCI.*

Angie Morris
SCI Liaison
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The Church Periodical Club (CPC) has been an outreach ministry since 1888, created by the Women's Auxiliary, now known as the ECW. The CPC is the ministry under which outreach programs are carried out; e.g., the National Book Fund (NBF), the Miles of Pennies (MOP), the collection of used stamps and the collection of labels from certain Campbell's products.

The **National Book Fund**, upon grant requests, supplies prayer books, educational materials, medical text books, religious and secular materials to churches, seminarians, Alpha programs, Sunday school literature and other allied programs. Grant requests are due in April 2015 for consideration in June 2015.

The **Miles of Pennies** is for children, Pre-school through High School. Grant requests must not exceed \$844.80, which represents a mile of pennies. Grant requests are considered throughout the year.

Used stamps are sent to St. Mary's Convent in Greenwich, NY, where they are sold. The money is sent to Malawi, Africa to support the missionary work there.

The **Campbell's labels** are sent to St. Jude's Ranch for Children in Boulder City, Nevada, and are used for educational purposes.

CPC relies on contributions from individuals, churches, and ECW to carry out its ministry. Please visit us at www.churchperiodicalclub.org for further information.

Our Prayer

Bless O Lord, The Church Periodical Club, that it may be an instrument for the spread of your Word throughout the world. Grant to its officers, wisdom and patience, to its members perseverance and the spirit of sharing that asks no return. Bring more to take part in its mission and ministry. Bless our gifts and those who receive them, to the enrichment of individual lives, that we all may be servants of the risen Lord. **Amen.**

Thanks to all those who have supported our ministry over the past years. We are looking forward to 100% participation over the next year in spite of the COVID-19 pandemic.

GOD's Blessings throughout the season



Thelma Clarke-Johnson
CPC Chair

MINISTRY IN ACTION



Hospital Auxiliary Volunteer Spotlight:

Maria Finley (left) is a part of our Adopt-a-Family Steering Committee and she helps us to match donors with families in need around the holidays. She also volunteers month-to-month with us to make St. John's baby bags for new moms at our hospital.

Thank you, Maria, we couldn't possibly do it without you!



*Submitted by
Sharon Tucker*



The new St. John's Episcopal Hospital Benevolent Program
*The primary focus of this program is to subsidize lifesaving medications
For patients who cannot afford them.*

Since COVID-19, there has been an increase in patients at St. John's who are using the hospital's pharmacy upon discharge. Many of these patients cannot afford their medications for diabetes, high-blood pressure and/or other chronic illnesses. Even though St. John's hospital pharmacy participates in a special 403 b program, which greatly reduces the cost of medications, many patients are on Medicaid/Medicare or have no insurance at all, and still need help covering multiple \$6-\$8 co-pays for prescriptions. Currently, the pharmacy needs approximately \$1,000 a month to cover prescriptions for patients who cannot afford them. The new Benevolent Program will help to subsidize these lifesaving medications. St. John's doctors, pharmacists and social workers vet patients prior to using these designated funds.

To date, \$1,000 was raised to help pay the copays of patients in need of lifesaving medications. In addition, a generous \$3,000 grant was recently awarded by the Memorial Trust Fund of the ECW Diocese of Long Island for which St. John's is most grateful.

In the future, St. John's hopes to help more patients who cannot afford their lifesaving medications and also expand the Benevolent Program to purchase clothing and food for patients in need upon discharge from the hospital.



*Submitted by
Ancilla Friday*



From your newsletter team!

This newsletter will be published once every quarter for distribution in the months of April, July, October, and January. We welcome any questions regarding the role of the Episcopal Church Women in the Church. In order to research and answer your questions in a timely manner, questions must be received by the **15th day** of the month after publications. We will certainly do our best to address all questions received. You may also send us suggestions on things you would like to see or comments on the helpfulness of this newsletter. We certainly hope you have enjoyed reading the newsletter, and may God bless you as you continue your ministry in the world.

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