



# The Dogwood Diary

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## President's Report

by: Dr. Phyllis Smith , Diocesan President

2016 was a great year!

A wonderful Spring Retreat was attended by many ECW ladies and provided fun activities with old and new acquaintances and of course good food!



The Province IV Women's Conference at Kanuga was very informative and provided us with great ideas to help with our parish ECW groups. We learned that many groups had whimsical yet meaningful names for their ECWs. Several Dioceses presented presentations with great visuals, educational materials, and contacts for more information.

The Annual Meeting: Fantastic!!!! Diocese of Atlanta Board members worked diligently to ensure that the meeting was a success. The meeting was to be held at St. Timothy's Church but due to unfinished construction at the church (St. Timothy's), the meeting had to be relocated to Holy Trinity Parish in Decatur. It was a huge success thanks in part to Father Dice and the wonderful people of St Timothy's who prepared the food and brought it to Holy Trinity. Mrs. Gwendolyn Hyman did a fantastic job with the program. If you have ever been to Carnegie Hall you would have thought you were there with St. Timothy's dynamic choir.

2017 promises to be an Outstanding Year

The Diocesan ECW Board members are doing GREAT THINGS!!!! Our 2016 fruitcake and stove fundraisers were a success and will be ongoing for the benefit of Camp Mikell. Come to the retreat in May and you will see the many changes that have taken place.

For the future we have educational theology scholarships available. If there are any ladies looking to further their education in theology for the benefit of their parish, contact me at [president.phyllis@gmail.com](mailto:president.phyllis@gmail.com) or [teachbio65@gmail.com](mailto:teachbio65@gmail.com).

The Diocesan Board has recently welcomed two (2) new members: Attorney Amanda Day is a member of Christ Church in Kennesaw where her husband, Ben, is the rector. She will be serving as Board Parliamentarian. Ms. Victoria Wells, also a member of Christ Church, is serving as a Convocation Representative.

Some ECW women joined many other women who marched in numbers in Washington D.C. on Friday, January 27, 2017. Sue Davy (from the Bookstore) and I were there and we had a grand time!!! The theme for 2018 Triennial is "Rise UP", and the women in Washington "Rose to the occasion" in numbers.

# Check out the Diocesan ECW Website

## [www.AtlantaECW.org](http://www.AtlantaECW.org)

Officers names & contact info; 2017 Spring Retreat information & registration form; 2017 Province IV Women's Conference information & registration form; and much more.

## Province IV Women's Conference Being Held for the First Time in Alabama

The Province IV Women's Conference will be held this year June 5-7 at Camp McDowell about an hour west of Birmingham, AL. Camp McDowell is the Diocese of Alabama's Camp and Conference Center at Nauvoo, AL. The three year theme for the Conference is "Building Bridges of Peace and Reconciliation". This is Year Two and the focus is: In Our Parishes and Communities.

For more information and a registration form, go to our Diocesan ECW web site: [www.atlantaecw.org](http://www.atlantaecw.org)

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## 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 to ECW President, **Dr. Phyllis Smith**, 1111 Strawberry Lane, Ellenwood, GA 30294. For more information contact any Board member.

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## United Thank Offering (UTO)

Does your Church participate in the United Thank Offering program? If not, let us get you onboard.

This is a wonderful program participated in by Episcopal Churches all over the United States. The Diocese of Atlanta has received many grants from this program that have helped many of our people. The last grant we received was for \$75,000 and went to Rainbow Village for their child development program.

We want to help you be part of this program so for more information, e-mail **Diane Burrows** your Diocesan UTO Representative at [dburrows187@windstream.net](mailto:dburrows187@windstream.net).

# Three-Year Fund Raising Project Being Planned

Your Diocesan ECW Board is currently planning a project using the ECW Quilt made up of squares crafted by each parish several years ago. We are going to produce a calendar using a picture of each square for each month. It will take several years to include all of the parishes.

Look for the first calendar to be available this coming Fall.

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## Rainbow Village

Rainbow Village is a successful program located in Duluth, GA helping homeless families get back on their feet. At the present time the program serves thirty families, and if they complete the 2-yr program, it has an 85% success rate. As you might guess, they are in constant need of help, both volunteers and donations.

To find out how you can help, e-mail [dburrows187@windstream.net](mailto:dburrows187@windstream.net)

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## Mikell's Getting Better and Better

by: Margaret Jackson, ECW representative to the Mikell Board of Governors

Camp Mikell holds a special place in the hearts of the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Atlanta. Improvements and upgrades can be seen all over the camp grounds.

Latest on the list are the newly painted rooms at Retreat Village (neutral colors), the new stove and shelving in the kitchen, the new sneeze guard on the salad bar and new padded chairs in the dining room. The kitchen and dining room items were purchased through diocesan and parish ECW donations.

Mikell director, the **Reverend Ken Struble**, has encouraged ECW members to tour what our efforts in time and money have provided.

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## CPC: ECW's Ministry of the Printed Word

by: Cathy Hutcheson, Diocesan CPC Representative

Church Periodical Club is about placing a spark in the hand of a child or an adult.

Episcopal Church Women have a ministry of education by giving books, magazines, videos and computer programs, etc. FREE to those who cannot otherwise obtain them. Today they have divided the program into two divisions: The National Book Fund supplies adults and Miles of Pennies gives books to children.

The Diocese of Atlanta has received Prayer Books and Bibles for mission churches, Rainbow Village, and children's summer reading programs.

For more information about this Ministry of the Printed Word or how to apply for a grant contact the CPC website at [www.churchperiodical.com](http://www.churchperiodical.com) or Diocesan CPC Coordinator **Cathy Hutcheson** at 770-451-0907.

# 2017 ECW Annual Spring Retreat at Camp Mikell

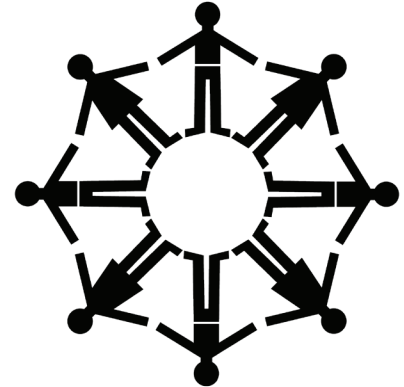
## Friday, May 05 - Sunday, May 07, 2017

### Uplifting the Spirit

Retreat Leaders:

**Yet to be firmed up -**

**Check ECW Website for updated information**



**This is one retreat that you don't want to miss!**

There will be 4 workshops/activities on Saturday:

- **Walk to the Cross** (for hardy souls!) There will be a leader..
- **Crafts** – Everyone loves Diane Burrows' crafts!
- **Yoga** – Led by Karen Thomson; bring a yoga mat or large towel.
- **Meditation** – Ida Tate will lead meditation in the chapel.

Other things to look for:

- Friday Sip N Share (always popular!) This year's theme: Cinco de Mayo. Friday is T-Shirt day for our afternoon "Sip N Share." Proudly sport your Parish or ECW Shirt.
- The Cathedral Book Store –We can't leave out the Cathedral Book Store (gotta get the knowledge).
- ECW T-shirts, Dogwood crosses and other items for sale from some of our ECWs.

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## 2017 ECW Annual Spring Retreat

### Registration Information

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 15, 2017.**

Day Rate includes sessions and lunch on Saturday ONLY. Session starts at 9:00 am. Full weekend Rates include all meals - Friday dinner through Sunday lunch and two nights lodging.

**Bed linens, towels and toiletries are not furnished in dormitory accommodations.** You must bring your own.

Rates for us from Camp Mikell have gone up, so we must raise ours. Groups wishing to room together are encouraged to mail in registrations together.

Questions? Contact: Gwen Hyman, HM 404-361-8607 / C 404-790-5613 or [ghyman@bellsouth.net](mailto:ghyman@bellsouth.net)

Very limited scholarship assistance is available, for further information contact Gwen Hyman.

**Directions:** [www.campmikell.com](http://www.campmikell.com)

**ECW website:** [www.atlantaecw.org](http://www.atlantaecw.org)

# 2017 ECW Annual Spring Retreat at Camp Mikell

## Registration Form

Please only register one person per form. Feel free to make as many copies of this form as needed.

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First + Last Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parish

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City + State

\_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Primary Phone

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

### I WILL ATTEND:

**Full Weekend**

Rates: Dormitory (\$110) Cabin: (\$180) Retreat Village (\$180)

Lodging Preference:

1st Choice \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Private room: (\$55.00) extra \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday ONLY** (sessions and lunch - \$35.00)

Please list any special housing, dietary or medical needs:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Roommate or group preferences: \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Checks payable to** ECW, Diocese of Atlanta

**Mail registration to:**

Gwen Hyman, 1728 Jajef Avenue Conley, GA 30288

The Alice Sylvia Child Memorial Scholarship Fund funds scholarships to the ECW Spring Retreat at Camp Mikell. Please consider an optional donation to this fund:  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Check payable to** ECW, Diocese of Atlanta and note that it is for the scholarship fund. **Mail your check to:** Alsie Churchman (Treasurer), 6360 Station Mill Drive, Atlanta, GA 30092

### Concurrent Sessions

For planning purposes we need to know how many will be attending each session.

**PLEASE CHOOSE NO MORE THAN 2.**

Walk to Cross  Yoga

Crafts  Meditation

Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of Atlanta  
6360 Station Mill Drive  
Atlanta, GA 30092

**If undeliverable, return to sender**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS, Y'ALL!**

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