



The Dogwood Diary

President's Musings

By: Diane Burrows

To begin this article, I am going to tell you about something that happened to me this past year. I had to go to the hospital for a few days and while I was there many people would come into my room and chat a little but one day a young girl came into the room and she would not talk, so I wondered what was going on.

In boldness I asked where she came from and she replied the Congo. I then told her that the Episcopal Church had missionaries in Africa. When she heard that, she began to tell me how grateful the people were in her country because the missionaries taught and helped them so much. She then told me that she and her husband had come to America and how they were so grateful to be here. How often do we hear the word "grateful"?

Yes, we do have a lot to be grateful for!

The ECW Board has decided to have something different for the Spring Retreat this year. We are going to have a Mini Ministry Fair. We are grateful for all that the ECW women do in our Diocese. At this year's Spring Retreat we will be sharing some of the new projects and some old ones.

Saturday, one of the speakers will be coming from El Refugio in South Georgia. They had a booth at the Diocesan Council meeting last fall and they have a lot to share. I invite you to check out their website for a sneak preview of their program and purpose. Please sign up and come join us for the 2020 Spring Retreat. I for one can tell you that I am GRATEFUL for all of the time I have spent with all of you. Blessings and see you at Camp Mikell for this year's Spring Retreat.

United Thank Offering

By: Joy Boyden, United Thank Offering Diocesan Representative, Diocese of Atlanta

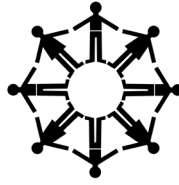
Ladies, we will have UTO items available at the Spring Retreat in May. These items include blue boxes, Prayer books and other small items.

I will also have informational posters and a handout containing ideas and information on the steps in the UTO annual cycle. If you have questions about doing a UTO Annual In-gathering or where to send the money, please contact me.

I am also available to visit your church and speak to your group about UTO.

Have questions? Contact Joy Boyden jjboyden45@gmail.com.





2020 ECW Annual Spring Retreat at Camp Mikell

Friday, May 01 - Sunday, May 03, 2020

This year's retreat will feature a Mini Ministry Fair. Join us and learn about some new and exciting opportunities for service within our Diocese. There will be lots in interesting and informative handouts. You will learn of opportunities to minister to not only those within our Diocese but those in the world around us.

If You Missed Last Year's Retreat, Please Don't Miss This One!

There will be 4 workshops/activities on Saturday:

- **Walk to the Cross** (for hardy souls!) There will be a leader. (weather permitting)
- **Crafts** – A surprise this year!
- **Yoga** – Good for the body, good for the soul! Bring a yoga mat or large towel.
- **Meditation** – With leader in the chapel (also good for the soul).

Other things to look forward to:

- Join us for the always popular Friday Sip 'N' Share – 4:30pm until dinner time. There will be lots of yummy snacks, wine, soft drinks and of course, conversation! Catch up with old friends and make new ones.
- Friday is T-Shirt day for our afternoon "Sip 'N' Share." Proudly show off your Parish or ECW Shirt.
- ECW Market Place is back featuring ECW T-shirts, Dogwood crosses and items from our ECW groups. *Please bring cash or check, as credit card payments can't be accepted.*
- The Cathedral Bookstore will be there with their usual assortment of books and gift items.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registrations must be received by April 15, 2020.

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

PLEASE BRING AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Kroger Gift Card, food or toiletry items for Mimi's Pantry
- Camp Mikell Wish List items from their website

Bed linens, towels and toiletries are not furnished in dormitory accommodations. Please make plans to provide your own. Groups wishing to room together are encouraged to mail in registrations together.

Questions? Contact: Barbara Richards 678-787-8005 2barbie@bellsouth.net

Directions: www.campmikell.com

ECW website: www.atlantaecw.org

2020 ECW Annual Spring Retreat Registration Form

Please only register one person per form. Feel free to make as many copies of this form as needed.
Groups wishing to room together are encouraged to mail in registrations together.

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)

Is this your first year attending the ECW Spring Retreat?

YES NO

Lodging Preference:

1st Choice _____

2nd Choice _____

Private room: (add \$55.00 to above pricing) _____

Saturday ONLY (sessions start at 9am and includes lunch) \$35.00

Bed linens, towels and toiletries are not furnished in dormitory accommodations. Please make plans to provide your own.

Please list any special housing, dietary or medical needs:

Roommate or group preferences: _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Checks payable to ECW, Diocese of Atlanta

DON'T FORGET YOUR DONATIONS FOR MIMI'S PANTRY OR FROM CAMP MIKELL'S WISH LIST.

Mail registration to: Barbara Richards
3176 Kings Glen Trail, Decatur, GA 30034

The Alice Sylvia Child Memorial Scholarship Fund funds scholarships to the ECW Spring Retreat at Camp Mikell. Optional donations to this fund are much appreciated. Please consider donating: \$ _____

Make check payable to ECW, Diocese of Atlanta and **note that it is for the scholarship fund.** Mail your check with your registration form.

Saturday Sessions

You may attend any two of the 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



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Friday, May 01 - Sunday, May 03, 2020
Find the registration form inside.
Province IV Women's Retreat
Monday, June 1 - Wednesday, June 3, 2020
Kannuga located in Hendersonville, NC

Save the Date

