



Province I Episcopal Church Women President's Annual Report 2022

2022 continued to be unpredictable for meeting in person, but the executive committee continued their practice of meeting monthly by Zoom.

We held our third virtual Annual Meeting on June 4, 2022. Our guest speaker was the Rev. Margaret Bullitt-Jonas, who gave a wonderful presentation on Creation Care. Her topic was; The **joy in climate justice: How we pray, learn, act, and advocate for God's creation**. Rev. Margaret's video presentation is available here: <https://youtu.be/q3RLR4Ts5Ng>

With the cancelation of the 2022 Triennial Meeting the National ECW board decided to stay in place for the next 2 years, and Margaret Noel continued as Province 1 ECW Representative. We had no nominations for Province 1 ECW officers, and there were no elections held. The executive committee met in June to discuss the leadership. The following people were appointed until after Triennial Meeting 2024: Susan Howland, president, Lois Frankforter, treasurer and Rev. Elizabeth Habecker, secretary.

For the rest of 2022 and into 2023 we brainstormed about many possible ways of "being" Province 1 ECW. After a lot of wrestling, it was determined that there are many opportunities being offered in Province 1 and our purpose is networking, not programming. In addition to watching for and promoting Province 1 offerings we would also highlight the many and varied ministries of women in Province 1. This has started through our eNews, Website and Facebook page and a presence on the Province 1 Newsletter.

Our next annual meeting will take place prior to June 2024. **If we are to honor our bylaws all officer positions will need fresh leadership: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. We will also elect the Province 1 Representative to the National ECW Board, and the Province 1 Representative to the United Thank Offering Board.** Here is what will happen if we don't have nominations:

- The National ECW will likely appoint a Representative.
- The UTO Board will reach out to the Province 1 Synod for a Representative and/or will appoint a Representative.
- Province 1 ECW will need to revisit the leadership structure and model to assess how to best continue in the future.

General Convention and the Triennial Meeting will meet June 23 - 28, 2024 in Louisville, Kentucky. All elected positions are installed at that time.

In closing, I would like to thank our 2022 team for their help, guidance and support: Rev. Liz Habecker, secretary and chaplain; Phyllis Larson,; Lois Frankforter, treasurer and Girls' Friendly liaison; Margaret Noel, ECW Representative to the NECW; and Rowan Larson, Province 1 UTO Representative and Martha Gardner, liaison from Massachusetts.

Blessings,
Susan Howland, President
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