

Program Booklet



Province 1 Episcopal Church Women Virtual Annual Meeting by Zoom



Saturday, August 22, 2020 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5086123198>

Meeting ID: 508 612 3198

8:30 - 9:00 am Zoom room opens, equipment testing.

9:00 - 9:45 Welcome from the President: Bring your coffee/tea/breakfast

- Opening Prayer: Delores Alleyne
- Announcements, & Virtual Logistics.
- Schedule of the day, Zoom meeting link and ID and how to "come and go".
- Questions

Karen Patterson, NECW President brings greetings

9:45 - 10:00 Business Meeting: Minutes, 2019 Annual Meeting and Financial Reports accepted into the record

10:00 - 10:15 *Laughter Yoga with Robert Rivest*: sit, stand, relax and enjoy this unique Yoga with Robert.



Robert Rivest is an internationally admired performer and teacher. In addition to being a renowned comic mime artist, he is also an accomplished health, literacy and stress relief educator, a gifted mindfulness teacher, a certified laughter yoga master trainer and an engaging public speaker.

10:15 - 10:30 Break Live Harp Music: Susan Howland



Lev Tahor (Clean Heart) Psalm 51:10
Nightingale

Jewish Traditional
Lisa Lynne

Susan began playing the harp at the age of nine and is a 1975 graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music. After graduating from NEC, Susan enrolled in nursing school earning her RN in 1981 and in 2010 she became a Certified Music Practitioner through the Music for Healing and Transition Program and plays music for the ill and dying. Susan teaches harp at the Pakachoag Music School in Worcester, MA.

10:30 - 11:30 Keynote “The Center for Reconciliation: Confronting the Legacy of Slavery.”
Speaker: Julia Renaud (*Julia will take questions through the Zoom chat, and if time at the conclusion of her talk.*)

The Center for Reconciliation is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization based in Providence, R.I. Founded in 2015 as an initiative of the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island, the Center for Reconciliation offers a wide range of public programs, events, and exhibitions about the history and legacy of slavery, the slave trade, and the construction of race and racial identities in America so that together we can build a more just and equitable future.

The Center for Reconciliation focuses its work around three primary activities:

Educating people about the history of slavery, the slave trade, racism, systemic injustice, and their current implications;

Equipping people to process and constructively discuss racial and other prejudicial topics; and

Engaging in the practice of racial reconciliation and building a more just society.

In undertaking the work of racial justice and reconciliation, the Center seeks to be a catalyst, collaborator and convener of churches, schools, nonprofits and other partner organizations within our community. The Center for Reconciliation is located inside the historic Cathedral of St. John on North Main St. in Providence, currently under renovation to become a safe space where people can engage in dialogue about race-related issues and the history of race and slavery in Rhode Island.

About our speaker Julia Renaud



Julia Renaud is a public historian and curator with a focus on the history of slavery and race in America. She received her Master’s degree in 2019 from Brown’s Public Humanities program, where she focused on collaboratively researching, interpreting and amplifying under-represented and contested histories. Julia served as the Graduate Public Programs and Exhibitions Fellow at the Center for Reconciliation during Summer 2018. She previously worked as an archivist at the Calder Foundation in New York and also spent time at American Repertory Theater, Whitney Museum of American Art, and D. E. Shaw Research. Julia holds an A.B., summa cum laude, in American History and Literature with a minor in History of Art and Architecture from Harvard University.

11:30 - 11:45 Break, Recorded Harp Music, Prepare lunch

11:45 - 12:00 Noon Prayer: Rev. Liz Habecker, officiant

Noontime Worship

The Book of Common Prayer P. 138

From Psalm 113

Give praise, you servants of the Lord; *

praise the Name of the Lord.

Let the Name of the Lord be blessed, *

from this time forth for evermore.

From the rising of the sun to its going down *

let the Name of the Lord be praised.

The Lord is high above all nations, *

A Reading

O God, you will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are fixed on you; for in returning and rest we shall be saved; in quietness and trust shall be our strength. *Isaiah 26:3; 30:15*

The Word of the Lord

Prayers for ourselves and others. (All will be unmuted to add prayers)

The Lord's Prayer

The Collects

Blessed Savior, at this hour you hung upon the cross,
stretching out your loving arms: Grant that all the peoples of
the earth may look to you and be saved; for your mercies'
sake. *Amen.*

additional collects may be added

Gracious God we ask that you bless this time of fellowship and refreshment We ask that you bless our food
and conversation that we may be nourished and strengthened for our ministries in your church.
We pray this in Jesus name. *Amen.*

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch breakout rooms: bring your lunch and chat with friends, old and new.

1:00 - 2:00 Spotlight Stories from around the Province: honoring the lives touched by our ministries.

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## **Amazing Grace: Adult Correctional Institution Ministry: Rev. Stephanie Shoemaker**

### **ABOUT AMAZING GRACE**

Amazing Grace was started by a former Episcopal Chaplain at our RI Adult Correctional Institution (ACI). When the position was defunded by the diocese, Joyce Penfield continued to serve in a volunteer capacity, holding weekly services and teaching classes in "Houses of Healing," and "Boundaries for Healthy Relationships" for the emotional and spiritual growth and maturity of inmates. The program has grown to service in three areas of the prison, Women's, Minimum Security and High Security. Our volunteer "staff" is comprised of three clergy and three lay volunteers at present. There is growing interest in volunteering for our work, but Covid has put recruitment on hold for the foreseeable future. It is a ripe field for diaconal ministry and I hope that deacons will join our ranks. Amazing Grace now a special mission of the Diocese of Rhode Island, and I have taken over as coordinator since Joyce's retirement, building on the strengths and wisdom she modeled and established in this ministry.

Ours is a ministry of presence for both prison staff and inmates, which has made the lock down difficult for all of us. There is a sense of deep joy in what we do along with the considerable challenges and pain we witness. It is a setting with immense potential for healing in a climate of fear, anger, despair and grief. Helping the incarcerated to find personal freedom, integrity, self-respect, respect for others and renewed confidence in the context of faith is what we strive to do. Participation in our program has provided many, many experiences of God's Amazing Grace both for the prisoners and for us. The program's name says it all.

### **About our speaker, Rev. Stephanie Shoemaker**



"Having grown up as the daughter of an Episcopal priest in the days when ordination was not an option for women who felt called to priesthood, I gravitated to other areas of service. Formative among them was a college summer job as a volunteer worker at St. Christopher's Chapel on Henry Street on the Lower East Side of NYC, a part of Trinity Church, Wall Street's citywide missionary network. The issues then, as now, were racism, immigration, poverty and drugs. In 1960, we had the largest Spanish speaking congregation in the city of New York. I loved working with the families, children and teens in a close community of love where struggles were embraced and

shared and the dignity of each governed every interaction and program. The joy of this experience has remained and influenced my life in subsequent years. Having raised a family, I felt I could revisit the call

which never disappeared, and was now possible to pursue. I was ordained deacon in the Diocese of Rhode Island in 1991 and engaged in a ministry to connect the Church with service to abused and battered women. It was a tough sell. Years later the OJ Simpson episode seems to have opened public consciousness to this real and present danger. Meanwhile, I felt that my vocation was in the priesthood, and after seminary at EDS, I was ordained priest in 1996. Several parish ministries followed as curate, rector and priest-in-charge. I loved this work, but when I retired, I felt a bit adrift. When a young priest invited me to join him in his ministry at our state prison, I accepted and have been working in a volunteer capacity for nearly four years. The pandemic has curtailed volunteer visits to the prison, but I hope to return as soon as the safety of all permits.”

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Dinner for A Dollar: Community Suppers: Allison Batson

ABOUT DINNER FOR A DOLLAR

Dinner for a Dollar is a weekly communal supper that takes place at Grace and St. Peter’s Church in Hamden, CT, every Friday between 6:00- 7:00 pm, where all are welcome to come and eat. The suggested donation is \$1.00 with a maximum of \$5 for families. The meals are hot homemade and cooked by volunteers in the kitchen at Grace and St. Peter’s Church.

Dinner for a Dollar was started 9 years ago by Allison Batson, and energetic, compassionate woman who is a longtime parishioner and a lifelong Episcopalian. The country was in an economic downturn and families in the greater Hamden community were struggling financially. Allison had conversations with the Rector and members of the parish to gain support and guidance. With the support of the Grace and St. Peter’s community Dinner for a Dollar was launched in June of 2011.

Allison and Rev. Bob Bergner, Priest in Charge at Grace and St. Peter’s, have been collaborating with the United Way of Greater New Haven and the Hamden Hunger Task Force to expand the Dinner for a Dollar ministry. They opened a second location on the opposite end of Hamden that takes place every Saturday at Hamden Plains United Methodist Church. The plans are in the works to open a third location to better serve the needs of the Greater Hamden community.

What makes the Dinner for a Dollar ministry special is the community that has formed between the volunteers and the guests. People that come for the first time feel as welcome as the long-time guests. A diverse group of people come for a variety of reasons: some come for the food, some for the company, and some come as a social outlet. We have special dinners on the Friday after Thanksgiving, Christmas, St. Patrick’s Day, and Good Friday.

Because of the COVID pandemic we had to switch to take out. Our guests drive through or walk up to receive their meal in a takeout container that is bagged with flatware and dessert. We still have our community and miss sitting down with each other, talking, and laughing, but we know sooner or later, we will all be together again.

About our speaker, Allison Batson



Allison is an energetic, compassionate woman who is a longtime Episcopalian and parishioner at Grace and St. Peter’s Church in Hamden, CT. With support of her rector and parish Allison started Dinner for a Dollar in 2011 when the country was in an economic downturn and families in the greater Hamden community were struggling financially. She has future plans to open a third Dinner for a Dollar location.

Allison is equally passionate about early childhood education; her “day job” is teaching pre-school. Allison has one adult daughter, Whitney.



ProGente Connections: Lori Mills-Curran, Executive Director

ABOUT PROGENTE CONNECTIONS (PGC)

ProGente Connections (PGC) is the Metrowest mission hub of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts. It is a coalition of Episcopal, Lutheran and Presbyterian Church of America churches founded with one purpose: crossing boundaries of race, culture and economics in a region populated one-third by Brazilian immigrants. PGC supports the socially and linguistically isolated Brazilian community with volunteer-staffed English and Orientation to American Culture classes, children's Portuguese classes, coaching for teacher credentialing, college access coaching and immigrant advocacy work. Much of our programming was underwritten by a 2019 UTO grant. Executive Director Deacon Lori Mills-Curran will share how PGC most recently has become a clearinghouse for pandemic resources as its immigrant population weathers "a perfect storm" of illness, unemployment and fear.

About our speaker, Lori Mills-Curran



Lori serves as the founding Executive Director of ProGente Connections (PGC), the Metrowest Mission Hub of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts. PGC is an ecumenical and cross-cultural partnership, which serves the area's large Brazilian immigrant population through English instruction for adults, Portuguese as a heritage language instruction for children, college and career coaching, citizenship assistance, rights workshops and COVID-19 relief. Lori has extensive experience in faith-based community organizing, and PGC coaches' parishes desiring to initiate their own immigrant ministries.

Lori served two terms on The Episcopal Church's Standing Commission for Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations. She currently serves on the bilateral Covenant Committee with the *Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil* (the Brazilian Episcopal Church).

In the past, Lori worked as an attorney for the Small Business Administration and for the Rhode Island Disability Law Center. She has earned a Master's of Divinity from Weston Jesuit School of Theology and a Juris Doctor from UCLA School of Law. She has been a deacon for 33 years in four dioceses, and is the Executive Director of the Association for Episcopal Deacons.

2:00 - 2:30 Break with opportunity for informal conversation.

2:30 - 3:00 Closing remarks and looking forward to 2021

Closing Prayer: Diane Nichols

ECW Prayer

Almighty God, we pray that You will bless our work in mission and ministry in the world.

Help us to pray fervently, labor diligently and give liberally to make known the power of your love given through your son Jesus Christ.

Let us not forget the lessons from the past nor fear the challenges of the future. Anoint us with your grace and shine in our hearts as we reflect your light throughout the world. *Amen.*

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord!

A view from the 2019 Annual Meeting



EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN OF PROVINCE I ANNUAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON Minutes

August 17, 2019

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Londonderry, NH

The day began at 10:00 a.m. with the Holy Eucharist celebrated by the Reverend Colin Chapman. In his homily Fr. Colin spoke about the work of the women in the church as inspirational even as the grit of everyday life wears us down. The loose plate offerings were given to St. Peter's Church in thanksgiving for use of their beautiful space.

Marjorie Burke spoke next on her and her husband's journey through Alzheimer's Disease. Her husband, Donald, knew of his descent into this place of no return and described it as standing on melting ice. To shifting sand became what Marjorie likened her place. Marjorie has written two books about their journey, and has two more books in the offing about her life after Donald's death. She later signed copies of her books in the narthex.

Luncheon followed in the hospitality room across the narthex from the sanctuary.

After lunch Susan Howland, President, called the business meeting to order in the hospitality room. Guests were introduced - Karen Patterson, National Episcopal Church Women President; Margaret Noel, Province I Representative to the National Episcopal Church Women Board; Sherri Dietrich, United Thank Offering President; and Lois Frankforter, National President of the Girls' Friendly Society. It was announced that all seven Diocese were present at the meeting. Marjorie Burke was presented a plant and thank you note from the Province. Introductions of all attending were given by each woman, with a statement as to why we were there.

The guests each presented why they were there and what they do in their roles as officers. Margaret Noel encouraged people to go to Triennial if possible. Rhode Island is having a Quiet Day Knitting Retreat on

October 19, 2019, at St. Barnabas Church in Warwick. She encouraged us to go to CT's Annual Meeting in May. Karen Patterson came from Dade County, Florida, to be with us! She encouraged us to consider attending the United Nations' Women of Vision gathering; and encouraged us to read the Social Justice Facebook page done by Ema Rosero-Nordalm. She spoke of the webpage, and of the problem of sex trafficking. Sherri Dietrich encouraged us to live lives of gratitude and use the little blue boxes of United Thank Offering. She announced that Province I received 3 grants last year of 30 that were given away. We were advised of the webpage and Facebook page for United Thank Offering. UTO has partnerships with other organizations such as Navajo Land Diocese. UTO is hosting a pilgrimage to Spain. Lois Frankforter reminded us that Girls' Friendly Society is multi-generational, as support is life-long through worship, faith, study, community service, and fun. The importance of connecting to women and strengthening ties to all women of faith's groups was stressed. It only takes 3 people to start a group! The Daughters of the King encouraged us to do the discernment for 12 months.

Karen Patterson brought ECW give-aways, which went home with many an Episcopal Church Woman. Susan Howland had the gathering close with the ECW prayer.

The Reverend Liz Habacker gave the blessing, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Stocksdale, Secretary

Keep reading for the:

- 2019 Financial Reports
- Presidents Annual Report
- 2020 Financial Reports will be sent in January 2021

An ECW friend from Province 6, Sandra Squires, sent me an E-Card with this recipe while we were preparing for this meeting so I thought I would share it with all.

» Broyé du Poitou «

1 egg
250g / 8 oz plain flour
125g / 4 oz sugar
125g / 4 oz butter, softened
A pinch of salt
A tablespoon of cognac (optional)
Flaked almonds
An egg yolk, for glazing

Mix the egg with the sugar and salt, and optionally add cognac. Gradually add the butter, cut into small pieces. Add the sieved flour and mix to form a ball. Try not to over-work the mixture.

Wrap the ball of pastry in clingfilm and put in the fridge for an hour. Meanwhile, heat the oven to 180°C / 350°F / gas mark 4.

Roll the pastry into a large circle about 1cm (½") thick, and place on a baking tray. Form a petal pattern around the edge by pinching with your fingers, then glaze the biscuit with egg yolk. Finally, make a decorative grid across the biscuit with a fork, and scatter flaked almonds on top.

Cook the biscuit in the oven for about 25 minutes, until golden brown, and then leave it on the baking sheet to cool for about 5 minutes.

When cold, bring the biscuit to the table and invite an honoured guest to break it into pieces by thumping it in the middle with their fist.

"Our animated recipe will of course turn out perfectly every time you play it. But in fact the animation takes a few liberties with the recipe, so to be sure of success in real life, please follow the written recipe!"



PROVINCE 1 - EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN 2019 Budget vs Actual 2019

January through December 2019

	Jan - Dec 19	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Annual Meeting Income	410.00	0.00	410.00
41500 · Diocesan Dues			
Diocese of Connecticut	250.00	250.00	0.00
Diocese of Maine	0.00	0.00	0.00
Diocese of Massachusetts	250.00	250.00	0.00
Diocese of New Hampshire	100.00	100.00	0.00
Diocese of Rhode Island	250.00	250.00	0.00
Diocese of Vermont	0.00	250.00	-250.00
Diocese of W. Massachusetts	250.00	250.00	0.00
Total 41500 · Diocesan Dues	1,100.00	1,350.00	-250.00
Total Income	1,510.00	1,350.00	160.00
Expense			
Annual Meeting	354.20	50.00	304.20
Office Expense			
64900 · Office Supplies	75.09	25.00	50.09
66500 · Postage and Printing	4.92	25.00	-20.08
Total Office Expense	80.01	50.00	30.01
Officer's Expense			
President's Meeting Expense	75.00	75.00	0.00
Secretary's Meeting Expense	0.00	75.00	-75.00
Treasurer's Meeting Expense	0.00	75.00	-75.00
Vice President's Meeting Expense	0.00	75.00	-75.00
Total Officer's Expense	75.00	300.00	-225.00
Total Expense	509.21	1,350.00	109.21
Triennial Meeting Reserve	950.00	950.00	0.00
Net Ordinary Income Available for 2020	50.79	0.00	50.79
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
Restricted Income			
Alice Whelan Fund Income			
Alice Whelan Interest	85.52	0.00	85.52
Scholarship Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Alice Whelan Fund Income	85.52	0.00	85.52
Mile of Pennies			
Maine Miles of Pennies	40.37	0.00	40.37
Rhode Island Miles of Pennies	45.50	0.00	45.50
Mile of Pennies - Other	5.00		
Total Mile of Pennies	90.87	0.00	90.87
UTO	65.80	0.00	65.80
46100 · Mission Offerings	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Restricted Income	242.19	0.00	242.19
Triennial Account Interest	1.30	0.00	1.30
Total Other Income	243.49	0.00	243.49
Other Expense			
Restricted Expense			
Alice Whelan Fund Scholarships	0.00	50.00	-50.00
Church Periodical Club - MOP	85.87	0.00	85.87
UTO	50.80	0.00	50.80
Total Restricted Expense	136.67	50.00	86.67
Total Other Expense	136.67	50.00	86.67

PROVINCE 1 - EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN 2019 Statement of Financial Position

As of December 31, 2019

	<u>Dec 31, 19</u>
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Alice Whelan Fund CD (Restricted)	3,584.96
Westfield Bank Checking	
Available AWF Scholarship	53.35
General Checking Account	2,077.58
Mile of Pennies	5.00
United Thank Offering (UTO)	<u>15.00</u>
Total Westfield Bank Checking	2,150.93
Westfield Bank Triennial Saving	<u>1,766.30</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>7,502.19</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>7,502.19</u>
Total Assets	7,502.19
Liabilities	
Mile of Pennies	5.00
United Thank Offering (UTO)	<u>15.00</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>20.00</u>
	<u><u>7,502.19</u></u>

Phyllis M. Larson, Treasurer

12.31.2019

Presidents Annual Report

In 2019 we hosted 4 "Road Shows" in as many dioceses and we were planning another two for 2020. But 2020 did not turn out to be the year we were planning in January.

Since November 2018, the executive committee had been meeting monthly by Zoom, so we were well accustomed to meeting virtually. By May we were certain that an in-person annual meeting was not going to be a reality and we made the decision to meet virtually. We decided that we could expand our monthly meeting to include all who wished to join in for a virtual annual meeting. We went into planning mode, reached out to women and leaders in the province and designed a day of R&R: rest and reconciliation.

To organize the meeting we worked as a team: Roberta, secretary extraordinaire, Phyllis, diligent treasurer, and co-host for the virtual annual meeting, Margaret Noel, our rep to the NECW always alert to new ideas, and Diane Nichols, program chair whose hard work on an annual meeting retreat was abruptly halted. Lois Frankforter, the Girls Friendly liaison to the executive committee was always available to help when needed.

We welcome all to the inaugural 2020 Virtual Annual Meeting by Zoom!

We may be in the midst of a pandemic, but that will not stop our ability to explore different ways of being the Episcopal Church Women of Province 1. Join us as we chart a course into new waters.

Blessings,
Susan

LET YOURSELF REST

If you're exhausted, rest.

If you don't feel like starting a new project, don't.

If you don't feel the urge to make something new,
just rest in the beauty of the old, the familiar, the known.

If you don't feel like talking, stay silent.

If you're fed up with the news, turn it off.

If you want to postpone something until tomorrow, do it.

If you want to do nothing, let yourself do nothing today.

Feel the fullness of the emptiness, the vastness of the
silence, the sheer life in your unproductive moments.

Time does not always need to be filled.

You are enough, simply in your being.

Jeff Foster

