



The Dogwood Diary

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ECW CHOOSES CAMP MIKELL AS CENTENNIAL \$\$ RECEIPT



Alsie Churchman

Camp Mikell, our Diocesan camp and conference center, and the site of our ECW Annual Spring Retreat for almost 50 years is in need of our help with capital improvements. Several of the cabins had to be demolished in the last few years and necessary repair and replacement to the infrastructure is obvious.

This was our thought process when the ECW Diocesan Board chose Camp Mikell to receive monies raised by ECW during the Centennial Year of the Diocese of Atlanta.

YOU CAN HELP CAMP MIKELL IN TWO WAYS:

- 1) **Read the letter and order form in this newsletter** (pages 3 and 4). **Call your ECW Convocation Representative (or any ECW Diocesan Board member) and schedule us to come do a sale of our special Episcopal merchandise at your monthly ECW meeting or on a Sunday at your parish.** We have a variety of gift items perfect for all ages such as flip flops, tote bags, tee shirts, dog collars, belts, etc.
- 2) **Select your own local fundraising project** (an ongoing event such as a bazaar or luncheon or something new as your own parish ECW project) and earmark the \$\$ raised for Camp Mikell.

Let us know what your plans are- we will be contacting you soon. (It is not necessary to have an organized ECW at your parish to participate in this fundraising drive.) You can also go to our web site:

ecw.episcopalatlanta.org/index.html for order information.

We CAN make a difference for Camp Mikell by the end of the Centennial Year!!

Bishop Frank Allan To Lead ECW Spring Retreat- May 4-6, 2007

The Right Reverend Frank Allan, Eighth Bishop of Atlanta and the founder of The Work of Our Hands will be the leader for the Annual Diocesan ECW Spring Retreat Weekend at Camp Mikell, May 4-6. The meeting will focus on the relationship between our personal creativity and the image of God the Creator who dwells in each of us and is the source of our imagination.

Ample time will be given to focus on development/renewal of creative gifts at Mikell's new St. Joseph's Craft Center in areas such as pottery, creative writing, woodturning. See the registration form, which is included in this newsletter for complete detailed information. Please duplicate form as needed.



*The Right Reverend
Frank Allan*

Note registration deadline of April 11 and fee of \$10 for each late registration. For further information, contact Gwen Hyman, ECW VP/President-Elect at 404 361-8607 or ghyman@bellsouth.net.

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

GLANCING BACK AND FOCUSING FORWARD



*Caroline Westerhoff speaking
at the Annual Meeting*

While fondly remembering the past few months, especially celebrating the spirit and sense of our Fall 2006 Annual Meeting (Living in the Light with author Caroline Westerhoff and celebrating the 30th year of the ordination of women), it's time to look forward to the terrific opportunities afforded Episcopal Women **this** year—The Centennial Year of the Diocese of Atlanta—with ways to serve our God and our faith, Camp Mikell and each other.

Multiple events await us—providing both a test of our commitment as well as fun, fellowship and the inner rewards of service. Consider these terrific focal points for the year which are laid out in detail in this Spring Dogwood Diary issue:

- Participating individually and in groups in our ECW Diocesan Centennial fundraising plans for Camp Mikell capital improvements throughout the year
- Celebrating with others across the diocese at the **Centennial Picnic on April 21**
- Exploring your personal link with God the Creator at the **Spring Annual Retreat at Camp Mikell on May 4-6** (this supports Camp Mikell in another special way)
- Making an important assessment of your ECW thru the Review Questions provided
- Staying aware of available scholarship opportunities for diocesan women thru ECW endowments
- Keeping current on your local and national ECW thru available web sites and the information mailed to your presidents and parishes
- Supporting the work of your ECW Diocesan Executive Board by sending in your ECW's annual pledge
- Starting or revitalizing an ECW group at your parish (we'll be happy to help—contact a Board member in the provided roster)

It can be a wonderful year—we have already succeeded in accomplishing some of these goals at your parishes—help us to continue to FOCUS FORWARD.

Yours in faith, hope and love,

Joan McCumber

DIOCESE OF ATLANTA ECW NOW AVAILABLE ON THE WEB

We are happy to announce that work has begun on our ECW Diocese of Atlanta website. It will contain a lot of information including: our yearly calendar, roster of Diocesan Board Members as well as information and registration forms for upcoming events. Be on the look out – we can be found at:

ecw.episcopalatlanta.org/index.html

Letter sent November 5, 2006

Dear ECW Sisters,

Celebration of The Centennial Year for the Diocese of Atlanta will begin shortly at the Diocesan Annual Council Meeting in Macon, November 11-12, 2006. Each ministry of the Church, including ECW, has been asked to take an active part in this year-long celebration by designating a special outreach project that will fulfill the diocesan centennial goals.

In his letter to the Diocese in July, Bishop Alexander's vision for the next 100 years included the initiative to "...Strengthen our ministries with children and youth in our parishes, our diocesan programs, and in our camp and conference center programs".

After much prayer and discussion, the ECW has chosen CAMP MIKELL to be the recipient of our fund raising efforts for this special year.

This was not a difficult decision—many of our children and possibly you as well have benefitted from the spiritual and physical rejuvenation that Camp Mikell has provided over many years. In addition, Camp Mikell has been the site of the annual ECW Spring Retreat for almost 50 years and we would hope to continue this relationship into the next 100 years. And Camp Mikell needs our help to repair and replace its facilities in order to remain a viable part of our diocese.

I am writing this letter to you, first of all, to announce our fundraising intentions and to rally women all over our diocese to this effort. We hope this effort will be conducted on many levels—Diocesan (thru the ECW Executive Board for which I am President), Convocation and Parish.

I am asking that you read this letter at your next parish ECW meeting or event, come up with a game plan—a fund raising idea(s)—and make it happen!

I am also hoping that your successful ideas/and plans can be shared with each other. By filling out the attached form and mailing/emailing it back to me, we could communicate with each other via email and thru the Dogwood Diary—the Diocesan ECW newsletter. I would appreciate your returning the attached information sheet by December 15, 2006 and your parish ECW fundraising plan by January 15, 2007.

Our deadline, the end of the Centennial year, will be November 9-10, 2007, at the Council meeting to be held at the Cathedral of St Philip.

The Board will be selling personal and gift items featuring Episcopal shields (especially flip flops and key chains) throughout the Diocese—see the flyer on page 4 to see how you can purchase these items and more. Plans also include a Diocesan-wide ECW fundraising event for early Fall 2007.

If you have any questions, you can call any member of the Executive Board or myself (contact information on roster).

Please help to make this a successful campaign for Camp Mikell's future.

Yours in faith, love and hope,

Joan McCumber
President
ECW Executive Board
Diocese of Atlanta

cc: The Very Reverend Neil Alexander
The Reverend Ken Struble

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN CENTENNIAL PROJECT

Proceeds to benefit Camp Mikell. Make checks payable to: ECW, DIOCESE OF ATLANTA

ITEM	SIZE	COLOR	PRICE	# ORDERED	AMOUNT DUE
Flip Flops:	Sm w 4.5-6		\$20.00		
	Med w 6.5-8, m 5-7		\$20.00		
	Lg w 8-9.5, m 7-8.5		\$20.00		
	XLw 9.5-11,m 8.5-10		\$20.00		
	XXL 12-13.5, m11-12.5		\$20.00		
Key Ring		red trim	\$7.00		
Mouse Pad			\$8.00		
Checkbook Cover			\$18.00		
Tote Bag / Purse	Medium / Purse		\$33.00		
	Large		\$35.00		
Dog Collar	Small 12" - 16"		\$15.00		
	Medium 15" - 22"		\$15.00		
	Large 18" - 26"		\$15.00		
Dog Leash	4 ft. length		\$17.00		
	6 ft. length		\$19.00		
Baseball Cap		faded blue	\$20.00		
		two-tone	\$20.00		
		green	\$20.00		
Web Leather Belt	32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42		\$35.00		
D-Ring Buckle Belt	Sm, Med, Lg, XL		\$22.00		
Episcopal Bear		blue & white	\$10.00		
T - Shirts: Top 10					
Short Sleeves	Small	white or navy	\$20.00		
	Medium	white or navy	\$20.00		
	Large	white or navy	\$20.00		
	X - Large	white or navy	\$20.00		
	XXL	white or navy	\$20.00		
Long Sleeves	Small	white or navy	\$22.00		
	Medium	white or navy	\$22.00		
	Large	white or navy	\$22.00		
	X - Large	white or navy	\$22.00		
	XXL	white or navy	\$22.00		

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The Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta Invites You!

Diocesan Fair & U2-CHARIST

A Centennial Celebration Event

Have fun. Bring your friends, neighbors & extended family. Introduce them to the Episcopal Church where all are welcome.

Saturday, April 21, 2007

On the grounds of Holy Innocents' Church & School
805 Mt. Vernon Highway, NW, Atlanta, 30327

Moonwalks, cotton candy, popcorn and more: 11 am–3pm and U-2charist: 3pm–4pm

Rain or shine – Free parking and Free admission

Visit our web-site: www.episcopaldioceseofatlantacentennial.org

Attention ECW's - Tables are available to display projects/ fundraising

\$25 per table

Call 404 601-5320 for more info



EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN DIOCESE OF ATLANTA

ANNUAL RETREAT at CAMP MIKELL on MAY 4-6, 2007

“Imagination & Creativity: God’s Image in Us”

Come join with women of the Diocese and The Right Reverend Frank Allan, Eighth Bishop of Atlanta, to explore ways in which we reflect God’s creative imagination through our own creativity. Bishop Allan will focus on God the Creator, who imagines the Universe and calls it into being and how we, made in His image, do the same thing; and on renewing that creative gift which is sometimes dimmed. Ample time will be provided for exploration/restoration of personal creativity at Mikell’s new St. Joseph’s Craft Center in areas such as painting, wood turning, scroll sawing, weaving, creative writing, pottery or photography. If you have an art or craft to share, let us know.

This year it’s TEE SHIRT DAY for our Friday afternoon “Sip and Share” – proudly sport your ECW/Parish colors or purchase an Episcopal Tee onsite to benefit Camp Mikell thru ECW Centennial Fundraising. (other items will also be available)

Remember: DAY RATE includes meeting and lunch on SATURDAY ONLY (\$30 per person). WEEKEND RATES per person include all meals and two nights at Camp Mikell; groups wishing to room together are encouraged to send registration forms in together; dormitory accommodations require that you bring your own linens, towels, toiletries, etc. Registration Deadline is April 11, 2007. A LATE FEE of \$10.00 will be charged for ALL REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE.

Limited scholarships are available - Call Gwen for further information/requirements.

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: **Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of Atlanta**

DETACH FORM & MAIL TO: **Gwen Hyman, 1728 Jajef Ave. Conley, GA 30228**

QUESTIONS? Contact Gwen at 404.361.8607 or e-mail: ghyman@bellsouth.net

Directions: www.campmikell.com

— TEAR HERE —

2007 ECW SPRING RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM

Please use one registration form per person

Name _____ Address _____

City/Zip _____ Telephone _____

E-mail _____ Parish _____

Weekend Rates: _____ Dorm \$100 _____ Cabin \$145 _____ Retreat Village \$155 _____ Late Fee \$10

1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

List any special housing, dietary or medical needs, including roommate or group preferences:

Day Rate: Saturday meeting plus lunch only: _____ Day Rate \$30

Plus \$_____ donation for Alice Sylvia Child Memorial Scholarship Fund

\$_____ Love Offering for The Work of Our Hands

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

I am interested in: _____ creative writing, _____ woodturning, _____ scroll sawing, _____ photography, _____ painting, _____ weaving, _____ pottery. I will share my expertise in _____

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DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that there is **MONEY AVAILABLE** to qualified Diocesan women through the ECW Diocesan Board?

ROSA WOODBURY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: The interest from this endowment is designated for the purpose of Christian Education in our Diocese. This funding may be used for student aid, such as books or for student tuition. Episcopal women from the Diocese of Atlanta who have a specific responsibility on either the parish or diocesan level may apply in writing to the ECW Diocesan President (Joan McCumber 404 284-6622 or jrmduck@comcast.net). Scholarships are awarded annually in June.

ALICE SYLVIA CHILD MEMORIAL FUND: The late Bishop Judson Child established this fund in memory of his mother to help defray the cost for attending the annual ECW Spring Retreat at Camp Mikell. It will pay for full or partial tuition for the weekend stay in a dorm. A written application should be sent along with the retreat registration form to the ECW Diocesan Vice President/President Elect (Gwen Hyman, 404 361-8607 or ghyman@bellsouth.net.)

MONEY IS AVAILABLE FOR GRANTING in 2007!! We look forward to hearing from qualified candidates.

(This information is reprinted from **DIRECTIONS**, the ECW Handbook of the Diocese of Atlanta. Please contact Joan McCumber for more information.)