Each year, Episcopal Church Women (ECW) in Connecticut, through their work and faith, continue to serve people as practiced when the organization was founded over one hundred thirty-six years ago. Guided by the Five Baptismal Marks of Mission, the women in the church, by their work, actions, response to human needs, loving service, seekers and supporters of social justice, providing financial support to numerous agencies and organizations enhance the quality of life for many.

The 136th Annual Meeting, which was held at the Aqua Turf in Plantsville, Connecticut, was a day of worship, praise, social networking and inspiring messages. It was attended by more than three hundred people and thus was one of the largest gatherings of Episcopal Church members in Connecticut this year. The Rt. Rev. Ian T. Douglas, Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, was homilist; The Rt. Rev. Laura J. Ahrens, Bishop Suffragan was the celebrant and they were assisted The Rev. Denise Adessa, Deacon, Grace Church, in Windsor, CT. The keynote speaker was The Rev. Kimberly Jackson from Atlanta, Georgia.

As in previous years, ECW continue to support worthy programs at home, in the nation, and overseas. We support education through scholarships, financial assistance to hunger outreach projects, human need, United Thank Offering, disaster assistance, our churches and cathedrals and many more agencies some of which are listed in our Annual Report which is available upon request.

ECW is successful because of the many volunteers who willingly give of their time and talent to church and community and to all we say “Thank you. Special thanks to officers and members of our Board of Directors, our bookkeeper, Karen Behar, and Pat Chappell, Administrator, who retired this year after thirty-five years of faithful, loving and devoted service.

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