

Episcopal Church Women of Province VIII
2021 Annual Meeting
On- Line Zoom Meeting
August 14, 2021

President Evita Krislock called to order the 2021 Episcopal Church Women of Province VIII Annual Meeting. Evita opened the meeting welcoming all in attendance. She introduced Rev. Rachel Tabor Hamilton who offered a beautiful opening prayer highlighted by photographs.

Evita welcomed Karen Patterson, National Episcopal Church Women President and all the women of Province VIII in attendance. Karen expressed her thankfulness for the invitation to join the ECW of Province VIII. She expressed her support and passion for the Women of Vision program and believes the program promotes inclusion of women in leadership roles both in church and their communities.

Time was turned over to Ann Smith. She introduced Women of Vision (WOV). The program was developed and implemented in the 1980's with the goal to empower women in their churches and communities, bringing women's leadership into the world. Ann expressed her passion for the program and its effectivity in promoting women's leadership. She expressed thankfulness for Prov VIII ECW's willingness to promote women's inclusion in leadership roles and to lead those attending in this training.

Ann stated that Women of Vision had begun in the 1980's at 815 through the Women's desk with the objective to give women the tools and resources needed to step into leadership positions within the church and their communities. Ann Smith built a team of women from across the wider church to launch the program. While working with the program, Ann has been thrilled to see women embrace leadership roles.

Ann had selected the Spiritual Gifts module for this gathering. She presented the module, then asked participants to break into small groups to discuss and work on the provided material requesting that we listen with the heart, without judgement. A facilitator and time keeper were named in each circle. The participants were asked to consider and discuss their special gift, how the gift was discovered, and their feelings about this discovery.

The Rev. Rachel Tabor Hamilton was introduced. She offered noonday prayer to bless and lead us in our sacred circles. She welcomed all participants, giving thanks for our sacred circles, the participants, and the gifts they bring to share.

Following prayer, participants broke into their groups to discuss their spiritual gifts then gathered with the whole body to discuss their experience and what was learned during their time together. The women were asked if they felt the program would be helpful while mobilizing the women of their parishes in reflective and service projects. The second question poised to the groups was, "How will you individually and collectively use your spiritual gifts in family, community, and the world?" Ann Smith informed the group that Women of vision began in Province IX then spread throughout the States and into Africa and Canada, reminding us that when you have women of heart, great things can be accomplished.

Following the conclusion of workshop, Evita gave thanks to Lisa, Rachael, and Ann for leading us and providing spiritual insight during our Women of Vision experience. In her address to the group, she inspired the attendees as she called on the women to live into it, embrace it, and to do in that we can

make a difference. When hearing the call for leadership, it can be overwhelming but if we reach out and work together, we can accomplish our goal. “Fingers can be broken but a fist is strong”.

The business meeting was called to order by President, Evita Krislock. The President’s address was given.

Roll Call was taken by Martha Estes, Prov 8 ECW Vice-President. It was announced that a quorum was present. Dioceses in attendance and representation were as listed below.

Arizona	3	Oregon	7
California	1	San Diego	1
Hawaii	1	Spokane	3
Los Angeles	4	Utah	1
Navajoland	1	North Carolina	1
Nevada	1	S.W. Florida	2
Olympia	3	Total	29

Minutes from the 2020 Province VIII Episcopal Church Women’s Annual Meeting were presented by Linda Garner, Sec/Treas. A motion was made to accept the corrected minutes by Kate Meitus. The motion was seconded by Winnie Follett, a vote was taken, and the corrected minutes were approved.

The financial report was presented by Linda Garner, Sec/Treas. A motion was made by Kathy Lennox to accept the Treasurer’s report and was seconded by Jan Simone. A vote was taken, the report was accepted and approved.

The 2022 Budget was presented by Linda Garner. Evita Krislock moved to accept the budget as presented. It was seconded by Martha Estes. A vote was taken and the budget accepted and approved.

The 2020 Fair Share contributions to Province 8 ECW were thankfully recognized and certificates will be mailed to the participating Dioceses: Arizona, Hawaii, El Camino Real, Utah, and Los Angeles. Martha suggested that a second request be sent to those that have yet to participate. It was largely felt that the participation level was most likely impacted by the Covid-19 crisis currently experienced by the nation.

Province VIII CPC Representative, Louise Aloy introduced herself. She reported that CPC was founded in 1888 by Mary Ann Fargo and Miles of Pennies was established in 1989. The first Miles of Pennies grant of \$844.80 was awarded in 1991. Miles of Pennies supports children K-12th grade. This year, Miles of Pennies awarded a grant to an Arcadia pre-school to be used for books and videos for their program.

The proposed 2022 Budget was presented to the Annual Meeting participants. A motion to approve and accept the 2022 Budget was made by Evita Krislock and seconded by Martha Estes. A vote was taken and the 2022 Budget was accepted.

Time was turned over to Rev Racheal Gambateh who led the group in the Blessing of light.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50pm MDT.

Respectfully Submitted

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Secretary/Treasurer
Prov VIII Episcopal Church Women