# Province VIII Report – The Episcopal Community

The Episcopal Community, founded at General Convention 2009, and incorporated in 2010, is a community of Episcopal women who live out their baptismal vows following the Rule of Benedict. The rule helps us to balance our spiritual, work, and leisure time, allowing us to fulfill our vocations and ministries as individuals. The community provides support to its members through book studies, weekly Compline, a monthly newsletter, and peer mentoring.

The Community has 13 members within Province VIII from Washington (1), California (2), Arizona (1), and Nevada (9). This year welcomed three new members and there are four members “in study,” one from Province VIII! Our members elected a new Circle of Leadership & Executive Board for the 2024-2027 term. Two of our officers are from Province VIII, Kathleen Nyhuis from Seattle has been named Vice President and Barbara Harris from California has been named Secretary. They were installed during Compline on June 16 and will assume their roles at the end of General Convention.

Six of our members will be at General Convention this year. We will be hosting the Prayer Chapel as we have since 2009. This year, we will share the space with the Creation Care ministry. We will also have a booth for inquirers to stop by and find out more about the community. Our Chair of Spiritual Formation, Christine Butterworth, will be presenting a workshop for the ECW on Monday evening, June 24.

We invite you to visit with us and find out more about our community and how it might enrich your life as well. Or visit our website at <https://www.theepiscopalcommunity.org>

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