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Welcome to the 32th edition of this newsletter. We hope you have read the previous editions and enjoy getting updates about the work women are doing around our diocese for the glory of God. All these newsletters can be found on our website:

<http://ewmindy.org>

UPCOMING DATES: *Mark your calendars and come join us!*

10 August 2019 - EWM Council Mtg, St. Paul's/Indy, 9 am

27-29 September 2019 – Fall Retreat, Waycross Conference and Retreat Center

**15-16 November 2019 – Diocesan Convention, Monroe Convention Center in
Bloomington, IN**

FUTURE DATES:

DATE UNDER REVIEW – Spring Luncheon, St. Paul's/ Indy

May 1-3, 2020 – Province V Annual Meeting, Bellwether Farm, Wakeman, OH,

<https://www.bellwetherfarm.com>

25-27 September 2020 – Fall Retreat, Waycross Conference and Retreat Center

HEARTS ON FIRE – Co-creating with God Through Windows, Doors, and Portals

Have you signed up for the EWM 2019 Fall Retreat taking place the weekend of **27 September 2019** at our lovely, uplifting Diocesan Waycross Retreat and Conference Center? This retreat will be co-led by the Reverend Lauren Grubaugh (Christ Church/Indy) and the Reverend Dr. Nancy Woodworth-Hill (St. Paul's/Jeffersonville). The Early Bird Special (\$170 per person) registration deadline is 26 August 2019. After August 26, the cost is \$210. This fee includes programs, meals, and lodging (double occupancy) for two nights.

Registration Forms with information have been sent out to all churches and to persons on the EWM database. Let us come together to experience an opportunity for relaxing and refreshing, worshipping together, breaking bread together, developing and renewing friendships, learning, and sharing God's love for us.

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UTO News

The Diocese of Indianapolis was awarded 2 significant grants from United Thank Offering:

- 1.) In February, a Young Adult/Seminarian Grant of **\$5,000** was awarded to Victoria Hoppes (Waycross Program Director and Diocesan Coordinator of Ministries of and for Youth) for two retreats to help develop a year-round residential community for young adults at Waycross Camp and Conference Center.
- 2.) A UTO Domestic Grant of approximately **\$63,000** to Trinity Haven, a new cooperating ministry of our diocese. This will be Indiana's first dedicated residence for LGBTQ homeless youth. The Trinity Haven Furnishings Project will create a home environment for our young residents that is safe, soothing, durable, and welcoming. Congratulations to these grant recipients!!!

Also, after September 2019, EWM Co-Chair, Amy Paget, will move into a new position as Diocesan Coordinator for United Thank Offering in this diocese. Amy is a dedicated and energetic leader and is looking forward to the challenge of building up UTO participation in our diocese.

Province V News

At the Province V ECW Annual Meeting this past April 2019 in Springfield, IL, the Diocese of Indianapolis was represented by Lisa Matucheski and Burnie Wilkins. The theme was "Grow in Grace and Gratitude and Celebrate the ECW!" Lisa and Bernie attended the Board meeting Friday afternoon, then the dinner that evening. Barbara L. Kay from "Living History Presentations", portrayed Mary Todd Lincoln, giving us insight into her turbulent life. The keynote speaker was Marilyn Maurella, from the group, "Feed My Starving Children" (FMSC). This is a non-profit Christian group which is trying to fight hunger by providing "MannaPack meal formulas developed by food science and nutrition professionals to supplement nutritional needs and reduce problems with malnutrition." On Saturday, three workshops were offered: Beth Petti (Chicago) led "Meet and Greet", an exchange of ideas across the Province; "Alphabet Soup", a panel discussion with representatives from Church Periodical Club (CPC), United Thank Offering (UTO), and The Order of the Daughters of the King (DOK); and "Gratitude" led by Cheri King, Diocese of Springfield. Kathy Mank, Diocese of So. Ohio, was elected President and Barbara Jones, Diocese of Ohio, was elected Secretary. The Board has staggered elections so there is better continuity in leadership. Sunday included time for the different ECW Committees to meet and discuss concerns and possibilities of their various programs. This weekend was a time of learning and sharing with the sisters in our Province.

Note from our Co-Chairs, Amy Paget and Burnie Wilkins

Sisters, this is the last issue of the Episcopal Women's Ministries *Communicator*. Published since Spring 2011, the *Communicator* has been the vehicle by which we have let you know about women's ministries and events in the Diocese of Indianapolis and the wider church. We appreciate the attention you have given to our issues and your feedback. Times however, have changed and it is best for wider communication and for our energies to alert you to events and issues in different ways. Here's what you can do to stay *in the know*:

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As we conclude publication, Burnie & I want to express our sincere thanks to Council Member and Newsletter Editor Charlene Watson who developed the *Communicator* concept and has valiantly served as its editor since its inception. BRAVO and THANK YOU Charlene!

Amy Paget & Burnie Wilkins, Co-Chairs
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