



CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB TRIENNIAL MEETING June 11 - June 12, 2021



The CPC Triennial meeting began June 11 on our home computers, tablets, or cell phones, using the ZOOM platform. This is the meeting where Church Periodical Club workers from dioceses and provinces of The Episcopal Church come together to meet and put names and faces together, to report on progress over the past three years, to receive training for the CPC ministry, to grant funds to people around the world who need books and other written materials, to elect officers, and to worship and have fun.

Our **chaplain** the Rev. Mary Gustafson led us in prayer at the opening and close of each session.

Our **keynote speaker** The Rev. Karen King inspired us with her stories of her ministry in Tanzania and the importance of books there.

The **Election of officers** for the 2021-2024 triennium were held on Friday. The new officers are the Rev. Deacon Judy Graves, President; Maryfran Crist, Vice President; Jane Pomeroy, Secretary; Rebecca Markert, Treasurer; Karen D. Powers, National Books Fund Chairman; and Francesca Onyejuruwa, Miles of Pennies Chairman. On Saturday, The Right Reverend Doctor Jonathan Folts, Bishop of South Dakota, installed the new officers.

The **National Books Fund granting** session was held Saturday morning. It was conducted as an auction. Diocesan representatives and individual members “bid” on specific projects. It was a lot of fun. Everyone could participate with large and small amounts. This was our opportunity in 2021 to CHANGE THE WORLD, ONE BOOK AT A TIME. Grants were made to ministries in the United States and in the Anglican Communion. In 2021 we had our first request from Papua New Guinea.

Training Sessions included:

- ✦ “Provinces: What is working? What is the structure?” including small group discussions of Goal Setting and Planning for the provincial leaders.
- ✦ “Telling our stories”, with descriptions of a Miles of Pennies grant to a children’s library in Green Valley, Arizona, a National Books Fund grant a National Books Fund grant to a prison ministry for abused women, and a Seminarian grant to a priest who attended The University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee.
- ✦ A PowerPoint presentation by Karen D. Powers on Learning about CPC.
- ✦ A session on Effective Communication, led by Maryfran Crist and Laura Orcutt, held a few weeks later.

Saturday also included an hour of fellowship.

The **next Triennial meeting** will be held the second weekend in June in 2024. It will again be a ZOOM meeting because that is more cost effective than an in-person event. Save the dates!