



**Fall 2023**

*The Ministry of the Written Word*

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## **FROM THE CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB PRESIDENT**

Fall is here, the trees are changing color, children are back in school, and reading is becoming more apparent as we move towards the Holidays. Now is the time to submit Miles of Pennies Applications for Churches, Nursery Schools, and Day Care Centers, etc. There is no deadline for this application, and it may be submitted at any time.



Our National Book Fund's granting session was closed on June 10, 2023. We will be accepting applications for the National Book Fund starting in January of 2024 and this application has a deadline of March 1<sup>st</sup>. We will have our granting session in June of 2024.

We have been working on our Manual and updating it monthly. We have our Policy and Procedures updated and this will be voted on at our next meeting in October of 2023. We continue to update our Manual monthly.

I attended a Panel Discussion with United Thank Offering for finding funding for Ministry Projects. I presented the Church Periodical club, Sandra Squires gave a presentation on the Episcopal Women's History Project, and Rowan Larson presented United Thank Offering. Many good funds for grants were explained by all and as we work together for the Ministry of The Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion, we have many good funds to apply for.

We will be starting our Quilt Raffle soon and will send out the information to all when we have this up and going. I ask that all participants look at the beautiful quilts we have for our raffle and buy tickets!

Please visit our website at [churchperiodcal.com](http://churchperiodcal.com) and navigate through it. It has been updated and we are continuing to update. We have new forms, so please check under the resource tab.

Please forward all monies gathered throughout the year to CPC for the National book Fund and Miles of Pennies Fund.

Thank you.

Rev. Deacon Judy Graves

CPC President

# FROM THE HISTORIAN

## Why a Historian?

### **The past** – some reasons:

- ✦ Assisting in answering questions about how we began. This is the question regarding our foundation?
- ✦ Who were the pioneers?
- ✦ What was our vision and has it changed?
- ✦ What are the stories that we may pass on and use to invite others to join us?
- ✦ How were we funded in the past?

### **The present** – current reasons:

- ✦ What is working and what needs to be redefined or clarified?
- ✦ How do we recruit and add to our ministry?
- ✦ What are our means of communication?
- ✦ Can these be expanded?
- ✦ What is our financial state?
- ✦ What are our short term and long-term goals?

### **The future** – going forward:

- ✦ Providing guidance over challenges and how they were met
- ✦ Providing information for mentoring
- ✦ Assessing of goals and visions

### **All can assist me with this by:**

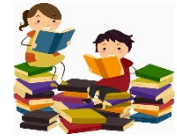
- ✦ Checking with your congregation – any materials “laying around” I need a copy even is out of date for records.
- ✦ Checking with others in your diocese for the same information.
- ✦ Talking with previous CPC volunteers – do they have minutes, notes pictures etc.
- ✦ (One of the things we lack most are pictures, especially from the 40’s through the 80’s)

Suggestions would be appreciated.

Fr John Crist

10/6/23

**SUMMER 2023 MILES OF PENNIES FUND GRANTS**  
*Francesca Onyejuruwa, Miles of Pennies Fund Chairperson*



**Thank you letter from Miles of Pennies Grant in Province IV**



Little Fox Learning Center 516 Washington St., West Dundee IL 60118

read@littlefoxlearningcenter.org

847-426-5922

August 1, 2023



We wanted to send a note of appreciation and gratitude to your organization for the publishing grant you have sent to Little Fox Learning Center. These funds have been utilized to purchase curriculum materials for our students.

We have recently made a connection with the local school district D300 and are in development of partnering with a local under-performing elementary school which is comprised of 90% minority and disadvantaged students. This new opportunity vastly improves our reach and focus and we anticipate a strong year of growth and development as we continue to work with the local school district to provide reading skills and development for the children of our community.

Your participation in this venture is of great assistance in promoting and reaching these goals. We are utilizing these products to make significant change in many students lives in the upcoming school year.

Please express our gratitude to your organization and our sincere appreciation for your engagement in what we are laboring to achieve,

Blessings in Christ.

Mike Pierce  
Director



## Pictures from the Episcopal Children's group in Province IV using materials from MOP Grant



## NATIONAL BOOK FUND GRANTS 2023

**Church Periodical Club  
Ministry of the Written Word**



St Paul's Salem Oregon (Diocese of Oregon) – books to library about LGBTQ+





## 2023 QUILT RAFFLE RECIPIENTS



*Rev. Mary Janda in Province VIII  
with Representative Louise Aloy*



*Carolyn Lanier in Province III with Representative  
Phenie Golatt*



*Figure 1 Georgia Buck of Navajoland with Province VIII Representative Louise Aloy*

The next quilt raffle – “The Epiphany Challenge” – will be held in January 2024 with the drawing on Valentine’s Day, February 14. Proceeds are used to further support the Ministry of the Written Word.

**OUR SIBLING MINISTRIES**  
**UNITED THANK OFFERING (UTO)**

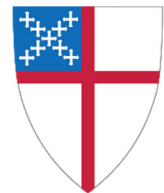
NOTICE. GIVE. MAKE. BLESS.

What if your personal spiritual practice of gratitude could impact thousands of people in lifegiving ways? UTO is a way to practice gratitude and change the world. Notice the good things that happen each day. Give thanks to God for your blessings. Make an offering for each blessing. Your blessing becomes a blessing for others.

**THE NATIONAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN AND ITS LOCAL GROUPS ARE MINISTRIES OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**



Since 1871, the National Episcopal Church Women, [ECW](#), have championed women's rights and the Christian foundation of God and family. Their women's ministry and children's programs feed, educate, and provide community grants around the world. They are a volunteer organization that creates a legacy for Episcopal Church Women to lead future generations with stewardship in Christ



*Serving women and girls since 1871.*

**THE BIBLE & COMMON PRAYER BOOK SOCIETY**

THE [SOCIETY](#) MAKES GRANTS OF BOOKS AS FOLLOWS

We give books at no charge whatever, we even pay shipping and handling.

We give books to worshipping communities –

- New starts or parishes needing to replace worn-out books
- Financially struggling or expanding parishes
- Parishes which have suffered from natural disasters such as flood, fire or earthquake.

We define "worshipping communities" as –

- Local congregations
- Congregations in the Armed Forces served by Episcopal Chaplains
- Congregations served by Chaplains who are priests or deacons of the Episcopal Church and ministering in:
  - Prisons
  - Nursing homes and other health-related facilities
  - Educational institutions, such as colleges and universities
  - Other worshipping communities on a case-by-case basis



## DONATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP

The Church Periodical Club is funded by voluntary contributions from bishops, priests, deacons, lay people, Episcopal Church organizations, and other dedicated friends throughout the Church. CPC is supported by the prayerful concern, time, talents, labor, and money of those who believe in the Ministry of the Written Word. These donations allow The Church Periodical Club to continue to function as a non-profit source for written materials provided through grants to those who cannot otherwise obtain them. New gifts can be made at any time and in any amount to any of the CPC funds. Unrestricted gifts are especially welcome. Donors may also make memorial, thanksgiving, and honor gifts to recognize whomever the donor wishes.

**To donate online, go to:** [Donate | Church Periodical Club](#)

**To donate by mail:**

**[DOWNLOAD GIFT DONATION FORM HERE!](#)**



## ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB?

**If you are a member, have you renewed your annual membership?**

The Church Periodical Club is an independent, affiliated organization of the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church, dedicated to the worldwide Ministry of the Written Word and to the Promotion of Christian Mission.

- ✦ Dues are \$20 per year
- ✦ Life Member dues are \$250, paid at one time or \$50/year for five years
- ✦ Church and Organization Life Member dues are \$300

Membership dues help fund operating costs. The goal is to have enough members so that all unrestricted gifts can be used for book fund grants.

The two Church Periodical Club grant funds are the National Books Fund for adults and Miles of Pennies for Children. For more information, go to [churchperiodical.com](http://churchperiodical.com) or email the CPC President the Rev. Deacon Judy Graves at [cpcpresident1988@gmail.com](mailto:cpcpresident1988@gmail.com).

Thank you very much for your support of this ministry!

## **LIFE MEMBERS REPORT OCTOBER 2023**

### ***MaryFran Christ, Membership Chairperson***

I have spent time this month calling random life members, limited contacts as many we do not have phone numbers. It was interesting, from very short contacts to longer conversations. I informed them that I would not use their names or dioceses in my report.

1. I'm glad that the newsletter is back. I give about once a year. I became a life member because my money went to an endowment. I was active then, but now I have other responsibilities.
2. I became a life member when it was presented to the CPC board that it was an important way for us to support CPC. My church is very small, and we no longer do special collections.
3. When I was active in CPC, I became a life member. Where I live now, I'm not connected to any active CPC programs. But I am busy being involved with the library and outreach of books for senior citizens.
4. I heard about CPC on the Province level and that my membership would go to a special fund to help provide money for the future. My diocese is very inactive in CPC, ECW etc. Not sure what the future will bring.
5. I got my membership as a gift.
6. Tried to get my church to be a life member but they aren't ready, so I became one and am not sure really how the granting money gets collected.

Life membership contributions are placed in the Endowment Funds to provide long-term support for our ministry. Life members are encouraged to continue to donate to the National Book Fund and Miles of Pennies as they are able. Please keep your email and surface mail addresses up to date so we can stay in touch with you.

## **CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB PRAYER**

Bless O Lord, The Church Periodical Club, that it may be an instrument for the spread of your Word throughout the world. Grant to its officers wisdom and patience, to its members perseverance and the spirit of sharing that asks no return. Bring more to take part in its mission and ministry. Bless our gifts and those who receive them, to the enrichment of individual lives, that we all may be servants of the risen Lord. Amen.