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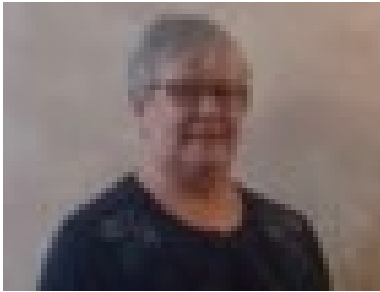
**Fall 2024**

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## **FROM THE CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB PRESIDENT The Rev. Deacon Judy Graves**



As Fall has come and the tree's leaves have turned yellow, red, orange, brown and some remain green, and the North Winds is blowing in colder air; it is now the time to cuddle up in your favorite chair or reading place and read a book. Reading is good for the soul and the mind and keeps us calm and relaxed.

CPC has had a busy year with our granting session in June of 2024 for churches, organizations and adult groups. We have added our Seminarian Fund and Diaconate Fund for this granting session in 2025.

The Seminarian Fund is for people in Seminary and the Diaconate Fund is for people in the process of becoming Vocational Deacons. We know the need that is out in the world for assistance in paying for books or electronic books for the diaconate. We ask that you give generously to all these funds.

Our President (Rev. Deacon Judy Graves) and Vice President (Jane Pomeroy) attended General Convention in Louisville, Kentucky at the end of June 2024. Our President gave a Seminar on the Church Periodical club. This session was very well attended, and many questions were asked, especially on how to present CPC to the Diocese and the Parishes. All questions were answered either by the President or some of the attendees on how they present CPC. It was a very informative seminar. We had Brochures, Bookmarks, Pens, Pencils and Key Chains available for everyone in attendance and also had these materials on the ECW Table for the public. There was also a booth at the Daughter's of the King Meeting for CPC and Maryfran Crist ran this booth for us.

CPC was welcomed to the Annual ECW Meeting at the General Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. Many of CPC's Provincial Representatives and some Diocesan Directors were in attendance. It was a very emotional and happy time when we finally got to meet face to face. I am very grateful for this time. We all received the ECW Cross which was Blessed by the Presiding Bishop Michael Curry.

We have updated our Bylaws and added the Seminarian and Diaconate Book Funds. We are in the process of updating our Policy and Procedures and have finished updating our Manual. We have updated our Brochures by adding the Seminarian Book Fund and Diaconate Book Fund.

We all know that times are financially tough right now, so I ask that you give what you can and that all funds be turned in by the end of May of each year. Many of you have turned in money throughout the year and this is greatly appreciated.

I want to wish everyone a "Happy Thanksgiving" and a "Holy and Blessed Christmas".  
Rev. Deacon Judy Graves, CPC President

## **REPORT ON THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING Sunday, October 13, 2024**

The CPC President, Judy+ Graves, called a special general meeting to revise the bylaws. A quorum was present, and the revision was approved. Copies were sent to board members and advisors and to diocesan directors. Contact Judy+ for more information.

## **MOTHERS' UNION LAUNCHES 'EMPOWER HER LITERACY' INITIATIVE - EPISCOPAL NEWS SERVICE Forwarded by Maryfran Crist**

[Anglican Communion News Service] Coinciding with International Literacy Day on Sept. 8, [Mothers' Union](#) has launched a new initiative, "Empower Her Literacy." Its aim is to raise awareness of the critical issue of female illiteracy, which affects 480 million women globally.

The global Anglican movement is asking people to join their campaign to put women's education on the global agenda by adding their support.

Literacy is a fundamental human right for all. International Literacy Day has taken place since 1967 to highlight the importance of literacy to development, education and poverty reduction. UNESCO estimated that in 2022 at least one out of seven adults aged 15 and above (765 million people) lack basic literacy skills.

In a statement issued this week, Mothers' Union said, "In a world where technology and instant communication are everywhere, the fact that two-thirds of the world's 765 million illiterate adults are women is unacceptable. They face daily challenges, from reading a medicine packet or completing a job application to being unable to register the birth of their child. Illiteracy excludes them from essential aspects of life, making it difficult to navigate a rapidly evolving world."

Mothers' Union's "Empower Her Literacy" campaign highlights the importance of providing educational opportunities to women who missed out on schooling due to various factors, including financial barriers, conflict or just because they are girls. As

they champion children’s access to education as a fundamental human right, Mothers’ Union also believes that education for women of all ages must be prioritized.

They believe that educating women not only transforms their lives but also has a ripple effect on families and communities. Women becoming literate helps break the intergenerational cycle of poverty, reduces child mortality and empowers women to fully participate in society.

Mothers’ Union works hand-in-hand with many Anglican churches around the world on literacy issues. Their literacy programs empower women to transform their own and their families’ lives. Over 200,000 women worldwide have learned to read and write through these programs.

They can now write their names, manage household finances, start businesses and engage in community leadership. Their newfound skills enable them to make informed decisions, contribute to social cohesion, and lead their families and communities toward a brighter future.

“I thank God for this literacy program,” said Karungi, from the Democratic Republic of Congo. “I didn’t know how to read and write. When I started this learning, I began to have peace. I can now write. I have joined savings groups. I can read a letter and know what is inside.”

Karungi has learned how to grow a variety of nutritious vegetables that can be harvested more quickly. She now earns enough to support her family, pay her children’s schools fees and even saves. “I’ve learned all these techniques because of literacy. I know when to buy and know when to sell. This is development. I’m happy with this knowledge and want us to continue.”

**FROM THE MILES OF PENNIES CHAIRPERSON,  
Francesca Onyejuruwa**

<b>Grant Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Diocese of Recipient</b>
5/24/2024 240525	\$ 844.80	Namba Thelasini Anglican Church	Mpawpwa Tanzania	Mpwapwa
Bibles, prayer books and Hymn books for Sunday School library				
7/3/2024 240703	\$ 843.00	Historical St Luke's Episcopal Church	New Orleans Louisiana	Louisiana
Children Christian books				
7/19/2024 240719	\$ 844.80	Haiti Ministry Grace Church for L' Ecole St Matthieu Bayonnais Haiti	Amherst MA	Western Massachusetts

We are returning with a request for a second MOP grant, to buy a set of textbooks for the new ninth grade.

Grant Number	Amount	Name	City	Diocese of Recipient
8/22/2024 240822	\$ 840.00	Auxillary of St Margaret	Pittsburgh PA	Pittsburgh
Books for Pediatric patients and their siblings (3 different centers)				
9/11/2024 240911	\$ 843.78	Trinity Episcopal Church	Oshkosh Wisconsin	Wisconsin
To build a children's worship library				
9/28/2024 240928	\$ 844.80	The Province of the Anglican Church of Burundi	Bujumbura Burundi	Buye

The purpose of this proposal is to strengthen the Evangelism, Mission and Church Leadership Development for future generation. A Liturgical set supply, and Prayer Books available for 163 Youth.

### **FROM THE NATIONAL BOOK FUND CHAIRPERSON, Maryfran Crist**

The committee has met twice. President Judy felt changes should be instituted for 2026 granting since information has been sent out already for 2025.

We agreed that for non-TEC (The Episcopal Church) grants, there will be a limit for one grant ("overseas grant") per diocese each triennium. The mechanism we are looking at is that the bishop of that diocese would choose which grant would go forward, before sending the application to CPC.

Discussion was held regarding limiting the amount that could be requested. We will look at this issue further.

Most **importantly a major effort is needed by all of us** to raise funds. In the past three years we have been able to increase funding to seminaries, however, these extra funds are no longer available. How will you help? Please share your ideas with your diocesan directors as well as parishes. *(Editor's note: please send me an email with suggestions so I can publish them in the newsletter. Your province representative can include them in their report, too. We want to spread good ideas as widely as possible.)*

### **FROM THE SEMINARIAN BOOK FUND CHAIRPERSON, Betty Morris**

Here is an excerpt from the letter sent to the seminary official responsible for selecting students who will receive Seminarian Book Fund grants this year:

The Church Periodical Club is pleased to announce the grant for 2024, in the amount of \$1,500.00, available for students at [seminary name] studying for ministry in The

Episcopal Church. The funds may be given to up to 5 persons of your choosing. The grant is to be used for the purchase of books or books in electronic format to assist them in their studies. The checks may be distributed as you prefer – in one check to your office, directly to the student or to an account at the bookstore.

Please send the name(s) of those selected to [my surface mail] address or to my email address. Also, may I have the name of the diocese from which they come? Their names will be forwarded to the CPC office and checks sent as you request.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your assistance in making these grants possible. Our funds come from donations made by laity, clergy, and bishops of The Episcopal Church. We hope these grants will be of benefit to your students.



## **PROVINCE V GRANTS AND PROJECTS, by Representative Maryfran Crist**

### **Miles of Pennies Grant:**

Province V and the diocese of Wisconsin were so delighted and excited. Father Corbin, Trinity Church, Oshkosh WI got the books as soon as he heard even before the check arrived.

Here is the picture; the book holder is on both sides. He took photos without children faces so you could see books are in place.

Karen Powers, Diocesan Director of the former Diocese of Fond du Lac, facilitated this.

### **National Book Fund Grants:**

It was my privilege actually to see the 2024 grant in work during the Province IV and Province V Creation Care Networks retreat and conference at Nazareth Retreat Center, near Louisville, KY.



The books were an asset especially since the author was there to lead the conference. Each participant received the book written by the retreat leader: Margaret Bullitt-Jonas.

The photo with participants holding their books was taken because CPC had only the Province V Convenor Rev Heather Barta and the author Margaret Bullitt-Jonas photo releases signed. The second photo was taken because the Province had everyone sign photo releases.

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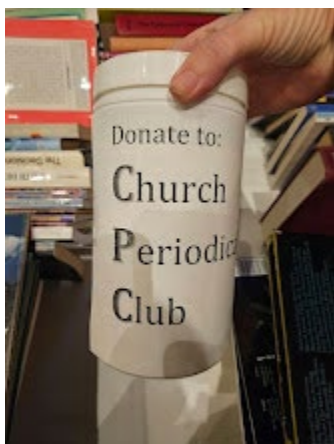
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Books sent to New York and Florida from Christ Church in Ottawa IL, a parish project.

*Used books on the go*

## **NEW DIOCESE OF THE GREAT LAKES**



At their first convention since going forth with the merger, CPC was there! Rev. Heather Barta is a member of the diocese and the Province V coordinator.

Many of our dioceses in Province V have book giveaway tables now at events.

I will have a smaller table tomorrow at Diocese of Chicago ECW tomorrow.



Our province motto is Prov 5 rocks!

## 2025 QUILT AND FIBERS RAFFLE

Our Quilt and Fibers Raffle begins January 2 and ends February 14, 2025. Attached are photos and information on this year's offerings.

The link will be published in the Winter newsletter, on our website and in other Episcopal media.

Here are photos of our first quilt for the 2025 raffle. The comforter is 65" x ~88", full/queen.



It had not had its wash yet. That is a special way of doing it bathtub then rinses and hanging out to dry.



On Maryfran's visit to Diocese of Iowa we were given an Americana quilt by the quilting group of Ft Dodge interdenominational group.



## FROM THE EDITOR, Cai Armstrong

The CPC Board would like to list addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses on our confidential membership roster. Only members of the board have access to the roster. Please send the information to Cai Armstrong at [cpc.tech.cai@gmail.com](mailto:cpc.tech.cai@gmail.com). Thank you very much.



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- ⌘ 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. Thank you very much for your support of this ministry! To learn more email [cpcpresident1888@gmail.com](mailto:cpcpresident1888@gmail.com).

## **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.