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## **Summer 2025**

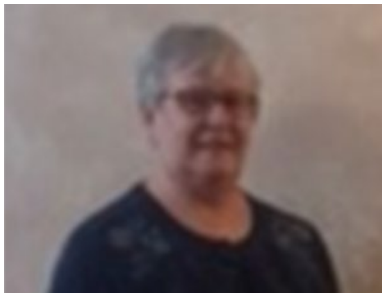
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## **FROM THE CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB PRESIDENT**

### **The Rev. Deacon Judy Graves**



Summer is here, our Annual Meeting is over, and our Granting Session for the National Book Fund is completed. Listed below in this Quarterly Report are the grants that were granted for the National Book Fund. Our Quilt Raffle was completed, and the winners were also listed in the Spring 2025 Quarterly Report. See [Bulletin Board | Church Periodical Club](#)

We can sit back and relax for a while. It is so nice to hear the Robbings chirping for their mother in the morning and the birds singing.

We have our manual updated and I want to thank all who were a part of the committee for their hard work.

We will be taking the month of July off and resting. I still can be reached if necessary. I am getting the training sessions completed and will send out the dates for the Diocesan Directors Training and the Provincial Representative Training.

We will be starting the Diaconate Fund in 2026, and the Guidelines and Application will be listed under the Resource Tab. We are still working on the Guidelines and should have them completed soon.

We are still working on the Trademarking of our Logos and hopefully, we will have them completed soon.

I wish everyone a safe and wonderful summer. I would also like to ask you to keep the people who were affected by the terrible flooding in Texas in your prayers, especially for the families who have lost loved ones. Please keep the Family of Carolyn Barras in your prayers also.

"Give rest, O Christ, to thy servants with thy saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting." (Book of Common Prayer)



## 2025 ANNUAL MEETING

This year's annual meeting was held on Friday, June 13, and Sunday, June 15, using Zoom. It included speakers, approval of the statement of mission for fiscal year 2026, province and committee reports, and the Seminarian/National Book Funds granting session.

Friday, June 13

2PM (EDT) - Opening Prayers led by Rev. Mary Gustafson, Chaplain, and Business Meeting, followed by a Break

6 PM (EDT) - President's Address - Rev. Judy Graves

6:30 PM – Dr. Renee Escoffery-Torres  
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Petersburg, VA

Dr. Renee's message was uplifting and inspirational. She piggybacked on the history of CPC and stated that we must continue moving forward. ... She reminded us that CPC is the "only organization in the Episcopal church dedicated solely to providing free literature and related materials, both religious and secular. Through grants to people all over the world who need and request them. Or have no other source for obtaining them." She stated it is our goal to have CPC representatives throughout the provinces.

Dr. Renee complimented Louis Boss, Diocese of Southern Virginia, for her dedication to keeping their CPC alive during the pandemic. ... She also touched on volunteering, scholarships, and grants that their local CPC offers to their province.

CPC awarded two (2) NBF grants in Province III. They also awarded a seminarian grant to Virginia Theological Seminary for 2025.

Dr. Renee stated that she wrote letters to churches in her province and visited some of them. She mentioned that she noticed that some of the hymnals needed to be replaced. One church was encouraged to write a grant. They did and received the full requested grant. The hymnal, 'Lift Every Voice' was granted for St. Augustin's Episcopal Church, Newport News, Virginia. The hymnals were blessed during a beautiful dedication service by Father Phillip Shearin.

Lastly, Dr. Renee mentioned the historic and oldest black parish in her diocese, St. Steven's Episcopal, founded in 1867 by Caroline Bragg. The Parish of George Freeman Bragg is waiting to see how much of their NBF grant will be awarded. Dr. Renee thanked Phenie Golatt for her dedication to CPC and Province III.

7:30 PM – Rev. Tom Ferguson, St. Aldan’s Episcopal Church, Ann Arbor, Michigan and Dr. Stephen Uche, St. Mark’s Anglican Church, Umunachi Obowu in Imo State, Nigeria

Dr. Steven started with a huge thank you to CPC for all the grants they have helped others with. Dr. Steven shared the humble beginnings of the small mud-made church. He showed pictures of when it was a small church and current pictures of it now, in Nigeria. He stated that many people had to share the few books that were in the church. He was amazed when he went to Michigan and saw every person holding a book and not having to share with anyone.

He told how he shared his concerns with a priest in 2004. The priest told him how to apply for a Miles of Pennies (MOP) grant. Dr. Steven applied for the grant, and the Nigerian church was granted over \$800. Their bishop was invited to the church to bless the books. Dr. Steven shared how his church has the beans and rice project that they are doing (in Michigan) for the church in Nigeria.

In 2024, Dr. Steven filled out another application and sent it to NBF for a grant of \$2,000. It was granted. He also applied for and received a MOP grant of \$881 for children’s books. He shared a video of his sister, in Nigeria, presenting the books to the church. She read a letter that Dr. Steven had written to them.

Dr. Steven gratefully thanked the CPC members for the books. He is already making plans to apply for a grant next year. He added that the Bibles are in the Nigerian language; therefore, the church members can read them in their native language. He stated that if he receives the grant next year, it would be nice if Pastor Tom and a few of the CPC members could go with him to present the books to the people in his home church in Nigeria.

After a question about how the Michigan church helped with their local communities and the Nigerian church, Dr. Steven and Pastor Tom explained how they help with feeding the Michigan and Nigerian communities. St. Aldan’s Episcopal Church is a small congregation; however, they are doing mighty things for many people in their community and Nigeria.

8:30 PM – Compline, Rev. Mary Gustafson, Chaplain, Officiant

Saturday. June 14 – Meeting moved to Sunday because of technical difficulties

Sunday, June 15

3:00 PM (EDT) - Meet and Greet

3:30 PM - Opening Prayers led by Rev. Mary Gustafson, Chaplain

Granting session (approximately 2 hours) – see below [pages 5-6](#)

4:30 pm - Closing Prayers led by Rev. Mary Gustafson, Chaplain

## 2026 QUILT RAFFLE PREVIEW



Lap quilt from Hawaii, donated by Diocesan Director Sandy Leialoha's sister.



The farmers market near Maryfran Crist opened June 7. Shar, a quilt acquaintance, gave us this quilt. I hope we will have a quilt raffle again.

She names her quilts This is "All things bright and beautiful". It is a winter lap quilt 41 x 57. Long arm stitched with fleece backing and washable cotton filler.



Given to us by senior center in NW Washington. It originally was made for a long porch swing. It does fit as coverlet for a twin bed

## QUILTING GATHERING BRINGS A NEW TRADITION TO A CLASSIC FORM, submitted by Marie McCullough, Diocesan Director of New York

A Juneteenth weekend conference in Durham, N.C., looks to establish itself as a place that carries on a cultural legacy. Follow this link to learn more about one example of quilting through the ages and some historic perspectives.

[https://www.nytimes.com/2025/07/01/arts/quilting-conference-durham.html?unlocked\\_article\\_code=1.Tk8.-Qde.qPqQXAoaQZzC&smid=em-share](https://www.nytimes.com/2025/07/01/arts/quilting-conference-durham.html?unlocked_article_code=1.Tk8.-Qde.qPqQXAoaQZzC&smid=em-share)



If any reader has another quilting story, please send it to Cai Amstrong [cpc.tech.cai@gmail.com](mailto:cpc.tech.cai@gmail.com).

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

**Miles of Pennies Grants Spring 2025**

<b>Date and Number</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>City, State</b>	<b>Diocese of Recipient</b>
5/12/2025 250512	Purchase bibles for camp use	\$809.10	Episcopal Church Camp of Illinois	Carlinville, IL	Chicago
5/17/2025 250517	Purchase books of diverse characters for the neighborhood Library	\$843.00	Episcopal Diocese of Iowa	Des Moines, IL	Iowa
6/6/2025 250606	To begin a church lending library project	\$831.52	Church of the Advent	Cincinnati, OH	Southern Ohio
6/7/2025 250607	Purchase various hymnbooks, children's bibles and picture books to support children's choir and after school ministry	\$843.93	St Stephen Church	Keelung / Taipei, Taiwan	Taiwan

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

**National and Seminary Book Funds 2025 Grants**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Amount Granted</b>
<b>Seminary Book Fund</b>				
<b>2501</b>	General Theological Seminary, Bexley-Seabury, Berkeley at Yale, Virginia Theological Seminary, Seminary of the Southwest, Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Nashotah, University of the South, Episcopal Divinity Seminary.		9,000.00 (1,000.00 each)	9,000.00 (1,000.00 each)

Number	Recipient	Description	Amount Requested	Amount Granted
<b>National Book Fund – Episcopal Church Provinces I-IX</b>				
<b>2502</b>	St Bartholmew/Trinity Scottsdale PA (Province III)	<i>Wonder, Love and Praise</i>	600.96	600.96
<b>2503</b>	St Stephen's Petersburg VA (Province III)	<i>Lift Every Voice and Sing</i>	1,020.94	1,020.94
<b>2504</b>	Olgesby Library outreach Christ Church Streator, IL (Province V)	<i>Large Print</i>	1,735.86	1,735.86
<b>2505</b>	Cursillo Dominican Episcopal Church (Province IX)	Bibles and handbooks	1,211.84	1,211.84
<b>Episcopal Church Provinces I-IX Total</b>			<b>4,569.60</b>	<b>4,569.60</b>
<b>National Book Fund – Anglican Communion</b>				
<b>2506</b>	St Matthew's Diocese of Morogoro Tanzania	Books for children and mothers	3,136.61	1,940.00
<b>2507</b>	Iringa Diocese of Ruaha, Tanzania	Sunday School Books	770.00	770.00
<b>2508</b>	Neema Crafts Diocese of Ruaha, Tanzania	Prayer books, Bibles and hymnals for deaf and disabled persons	6,248.00	3,124.00
<b>2509</b>	Consolidate requests from <b>12</b> parishes in Diocese of Ruaha, Tanzania Their Bishop will distribute the grant funds according to needs.	Bibles, Hymnals, Prayer Books as well study materials.	12,182.00	2,400.00
<b>Anglican Communion Total</b>			22,336.61	8,234.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			<b>35,906.21</b>	<b>21,803.60</b>
<b>AMOUNT FORWARDED TO 2506</b>				<b>4,280.53</b>

# PROVINCE REPORTS

## **PROVINCE II – Francilla Moore**

The Diocese of New Jersey has a club called 'Book Smiles.' Books are collected and donated to students who are in need of them. The Diocese of New York is hosting the annual ECW meeting in White Plains. Bishop Chin will be the guest speaker. On May 31, they held a Thanksgiving Mass.

## **PROVINCE III – Phenie Golatt**

Phenie shared that she was shocked and thrilled at the money that was sent from Province III. She specified that the more we share information about CPC stories, the more people will know about what CPC does. She went to a meeting and was speaking with a man from Greenwood, Virginia. She was able to share information about CPC after he stated that he wasn't that aware of it. St. Steven's in Petersburg, Phenie requested that they send money to be used towards a CPC grant, and they sent in a donation.

## **PROVINCE IV – Ginger Jacocks**

Ginger shared that Province IV's ECW meeting was held over a week ago. There was a CPC workshop at the ECW meeting. Although Ginger wasn't able to attend, she provided CPC information for the women to take home with them. Carolyn Barras and Suzanne Harrow were in attendance with nine (9) other ECW.

## **PROVINCE V – Maryfran Crist**

Maryfran reported that Province V has "pass along books" in their local train station. "Keep, recycle, return" is printed in each book. Donations, most of which were under \$20 from Province V, together allowed funding for the Province IX grant to Cursillo. In addition, the Diocese of Chicago's ECW donated \$1500, which was used to complete funding for the library books for rural, visually impaired as well as completing the Cursillo grant for the Dominican Republic.

I have traveled the Dioceses of Wisconsin, No Indiana, Springfield, Indianapolis, and Western Michigan and have presented both in person and via Zoom, not only to Episcopal groups but also to nursing groups. I am amazed at how few people know of our ministry. But again, I am still learning about other affiliated ministries of the Episcopal Church.

## **PROVINCE VI – Judy Graves**

Judy stated they will have a retreat this fall. There will be a quilt donated from Province VI for the quilt raffle. Mary said they will host an ECW board meeting in Northfield. The diocese is broken into six missionary sections, and it is strongly suggested to attend the meetings. There are grants available for Province VI to attend retreats.

## **PROVINCE VII – Sherwan Robison**

Shetwan was happy to report that she hosted a Day Retreat on Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, for

the Diocese of Western Louisiana's ECW. Shetwan passed out the leftover CPC bookmarks that she had. Shetwan told us that she was shocked by the chatter about what CPC is. She provided the website and read the paragraph about CPC's mission. She has requested that each church have a CPC representative. That would be a great asset to her to be able to get the word out when needed.

Shetwan was happy to announce that her bishop, Rev. Jacob Owensby, appointed her to be on the Racial Reconciliation Committee. She will be able to inform more people about CPC. To God be the Glory, for what he has done, is doing, and will do.

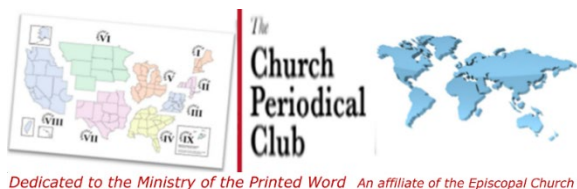
### **PROVINCE VIII – Charlene McCreight for Louise Aloy**

Charlene shared that she is on board with assisting Christine with communications.

Province VIII will host their annual retreat on August 28, 2025, in Port Hall, Idaho, outside Pocatello, Idaho, on the Indian reservation. Oregon hosted their annual spirituality day. The quilt raffle explained, and pictures were shared.

## **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.



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