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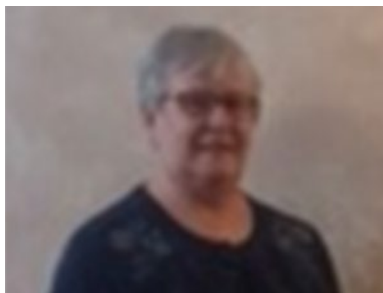
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FROM THE CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB PRESIDENT

The Rev. Deacon Judy Graves



As the mornings have a crispness to the air and the trees are slowly changing color, we thank God for the beauty of the Earth, that feels like it is going into hibernation. We now feel the coldness of winter approaching and the need to stay inside, cover ourselves with a warm blanket, sit in our favorite chair and read.

As The Church Periodical Club now starts a new year for our National Book Fund, Seminarian Fund and Diaconate Fund, we are gearing up for applications to start to come in. The need for books for study groups, Adult Education Classes, etc., start to form and are in need of books, and as a non-profit organization, we are getting ready to provide financial support for these books. Please note that the National Book Fund, Seminarian Fund and the Diaconate Fund will have their Granting Session in June of 2026. The applications for these Grants must be submitted by March 1, 2026. Please read the Guidelines and the Application as these have been revised. These are on our website.

The Miles of Pennies Fund is active all year round. You may submit applications all year round and usually within one to two weeks, the grant is given. You may apply for two years and then wait one year before submitting another application. We are working with ECW (Episcopal Church Women) and have received donations that are of great assistance to our outreach. We thank you for all the donations we have received. They are greatly appreciated.

We are now going to ask each Province of the Episcopal Church to make a quilt for our Quilt Raffle. The money that is collected is used for NBF, Seminarian and the Diaconate Funds. The more money we have donated to us, the more we are able to assist others who need books.

We also thank Christine Budzowski for the setting up of the Quilt Raffle and giving us many suggestions on how to get more quilts donated for our Quilt Raffle. We again thank you for all your hard work and assistance to us.

I would like to thank the CPC Province Representatives, Diocesan Directors and Church Representatives for all the hard work they have done for CPC. I also want to thank my Executive Committee for their continuous work in keeping us up to date on matters that need to be taken care of, meeting on ZOOM when needed, and their suggestions for the betterment of CPC. I would also like to thank our CPC Chaplain, Mary Gustafson, our Tech, Cai Armstrong, (who worked diligently on the rewriting of our Bylaws, Policy and Procedures and Manual) and is keeping them updated). I also want to thank everyone associated with CPC to please continue to attend our monthly meetings on the second Sunday of every month (except for July). Everyone's suggestions are greatly appreciated.

We are now being noticed by the Episcopal Church, that YES, we are still here and are willing to assist financially for books.

I wish everyone a wonderful Fall. Keep working on spreading the word that YES, CPC is still here and is not going away.

Rev. Deacon Judy Graves, President

Prayer Requests

From President Judy+ Graves: I also would like to ask you to pray for the Native Americans who died at Wounded Knee here in South Dakota. The Government wants to give the Generals who killed these beautiful people medals. This is wrong and these people who died and their relatives need our prayers, so this does not happen. I also would like to ask for prayers for the Native American Children who died in Boarding Schools, that they may be brought home to be laid to rest with their relatives. Thank you.

From Editor Cai Armstrong: I ask your prayers that our Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities that they may be lively centers for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We also pray for the right use of the books and other written materials requested and granted from the Church Periodical Club in the fulfillment of these prayers.

Please send any prayer requests for the next issue to cpc.tech.cai@gmail.com by January 1, 2026. Thank you.



NATIONAL BOOK FUND (NBF) GRANT GUIDELINES

(revised 08/06/2025)

The grant guidelines were revised and approved this summer. All references to the Seminarian and Diaconate Book Fund were removed. The new wording is:

There will be a limit of one grant per purpose. There are two categories for NBF grants.

Grants within The Episcopal Church Province I-IX

Who is eligible? Any organization or individual whose work is affiliated with The Episcopal Church including sponsorship outside the Episcopal Church such as a companion diocese. Maximum request is \$3,000.

Grants to the Anglican Communion

Organizations, dioceses and parishes must apply through their Anglican or Episcopal bishop who endorses the request and shows its relationship to the priorities of that diocese. There is a limit of one grant per diocese every three years. Maximum request is \$3,000.

The need for all materials to carry out the mission of the Church must be established for all requests and there must be financial need.

The remainder of the guidelines were not changed.

Seminarian Book Fund

The total amount to be granted is determined at the annual meeting. Each Episcopal seminary in the United States receives an equal portion of the amount granted.

Shortly after the CPC annual meeting, the Chairperson determines the name, title and address of the dean, president, or other chief administrator of each seminary. She then prepares a letter to the administrators and advises them that there are book grants available for one or more seminary students to use to obtain any books in print or in electronic format which will help in their chosen field of study. The letter requests that the administrator choose the students who would most benefit from a book grant. Administrators are asked to submit the students' name(s) and their diocese(s) either by letter or email to the Chairperson.

Diaconate Book Fund

A new fund for grants to persons preparing to serve as vocational deacons is being developed.

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.

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



Another quilt from Hawaii,
absolutely beautiful
Quilt is 72 x 55

FROM THE MILES OF PENNIES CHAIRPERSON,
Francesca Onyejuruwa
Miles of Pennies Grants Summer 2025

Date and Grant Number	Amount	Name	City and State	Diocese of Recipient
6/18/2025 250618	\$ 844.80	Head Start Gainesville Center	Gainesville FL	Florida
Educational books for Head Start Program				
6/17/2025 250617	\$ 844.80	Head Start Northside Center	Jacksonville FL	Florida
Educational books for Head Start Program				
6/16/2025 250616	\$ 600.00	Camp Weed & Cervený Conference Center	Live Oak FL	Florida
Daily devotional resource for Christian summer camp				
6/24/2025 250624	\$ 249.99	Grace Episcopal Church	Radford VA	Southwest Virginia
To purchase the curriculum and books for a VBS program				
9/4/2025 250904	\$ 844.40	Holy Family Church	Miami Gardens FL	Southeast Florida
The grant aims to provide children and young adults in the community with access to diverse physical and electronic books that have been increasingly removed from public availability, fostering understanding and appreciation of different cultures and promoting a sense of similarity among people that benefits both children and young adults and their communities.				
9/27/2025 250927	\$ 742.05	Saint Marks Cathedral	Seattle WA	Hawaii
Saint Mark's Cathedral seeks the opportunity to build and curate a library of picture books and Bibles to engage children in formation with vivid imagery and story				

Miles of Pennies Grant Award Saint Mark's Cathedral for Lowell Elementary School

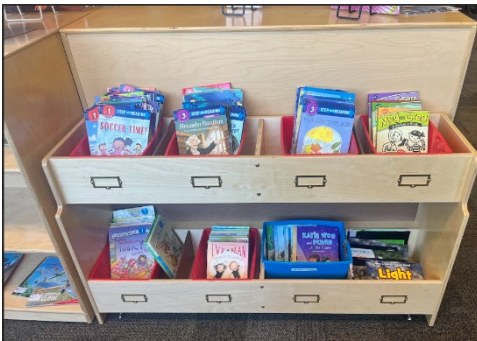
From Elizabeth Antley, Cathedral Grant Writer, Climate Justice Coordinator & Early Childhood Music Educator, Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral, Seattle, WA:

I am delighted to report that the Mile of Pennies grant enabled Saint Mark's Cathedral to purchase and deliver many books for Lowell Elementary school before the end of this school year!

I am forwarding photos and feedback from Lowell's librarian, Carolyn Isakson, which can be shared with the Church Periodical Club.

Many thanks to you and the team for your generosity!

Forwarded from Carolyn Isakson, Teacher Librarian, Lowell Elementary School |M,W,F



Yes! They have arrived. I meant to send you a thank you email last week but the days got away from me! I was able to snap these photos last week. It's a hard time of year to send home forms to get sent and returned in a timely manner.

I am hoping these will be okay for you to share with your community. We are SO SO SO grateful for your support and the books. The graphic novels FLEW off the shelf, and we now have a waiting list for them and the easy readers were checked out by kindergarteners and 4th graders alike! They were so eager to check out the new titles.

Some quotes:

"I cant wait to read this." -5th grader checking out new graphic novel

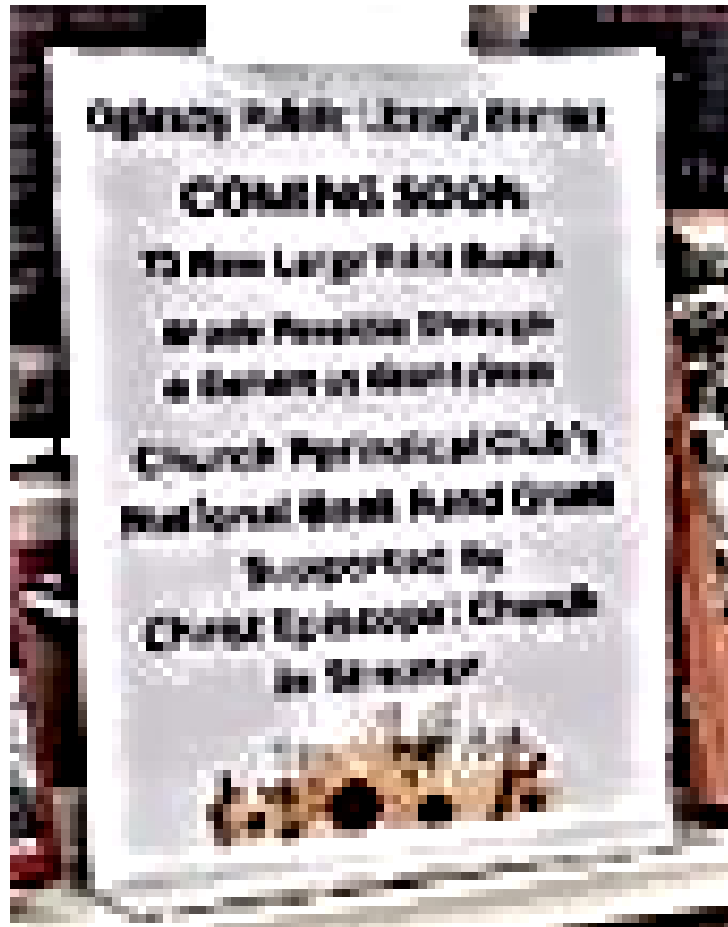
"Ive seen this book but haven't been able to read it yet. I cant wait!" -4th grader reading new graphic novel

"These are great! We talked about checking out books we can read at our level, and these are perfect!" -Kindergarten teacher looking at new easy reader books

"This book looks so funny. Thanks for getting these for the library." -2nd grade reader

FROM THE NATIONAL BOOK FUND CHAIRPERSON, Maryfran Crist

Here are two photos of the large print books in the Olgesby, Illinois, library, an outreach ministry of Christ Church Streator, IL, in Province V. The CPC grant enabled the library purchase of 73 large print books.



The woman in the photo below is the director of the library Lynn Sheedy.



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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The Church Periodical Club (CPC) is funded by voluntary contributions from clergy, 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 CPC 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](#) If you wish to allocate the funds to one or more specific funds, please send an email to cpcpresident1888@gmail.com with the fund name(s) and amount for each donation.

To donate by mail:

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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. Use the donation button and email or the form to join as an annual or life member.

- 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

[Print out the Membership Form](#) and fill it out. Make checks payable to **Church Periodical Club** and write "Membership" on the memo line. Mail check and form to: CPC Membership, 320 S 3rd Ave. #903, Sioux Falls, SD 57104. (Be sure to include an email address, if you have one.)