

CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB QUARTERLY

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CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB PRESIDENT'S WELCOME ANNUAL MEETING 2026

The Rev. Deacon Judy Graves, President

Thank you to everyone who is attending the Church Periodical Club 2025/2026 Annual Meeting.

The Church Periodical Club started out as a club in 1888 at the Church of the Holy Communion in New York City. Mary Ann Drake Fargo and a small group of women began sending bundles of church periodicals, prayer books and Bibles by stagecoach to missionaries in the Dakotas, the then far West. Even though our delivery system has changed, we are still committed to supplying theological and educational materials in support of mission efforts around the world. CPC also continues to respond to the needs throughout the Anglican Communion.

CPC is an independent affiliated organization of the Episcopal Church. Since the pioneering days, CPC has depended entirely on voluntary contributions to carry out our unique ministry. There is an unending list of mission projects in juvenile facilities, hospitals, libraries, schools, seminarians, vocational deacons, prisons, alcohol/drug abuse centers, retirement homes, seafarer's institutes, companion dioceses who need books.

Our National Book Fund (NBF) is the oldest granting fund of the Church Periodical Club. Since 1922, this fund has helped meet religious and secular needs by providing grants for written materials of all types to individuals, churches and organizations affiliated with the Anglican Communion. The grant application and guidelines have been revised. Please check these changes on our website.

The Seminarian Fund was separated from the NBF in 2023. Grants are given to seminarians at Episcopal seminaries in The United States. This is the third national book fund added to CPC.

The Diaconate Book Fund was added in 2024 and started up in 2026. This fund is for Vocational Deacons only. This is the fourth book fund added to CPC.

The Miles of Pennies Book Fund was started in 1989 and became the second national granting fund of CPC. This fund is For children preschool to grande 12 and provides written materials of all types.

I want to point out to you a special piece of our History. I am wearing a replica of the pin worn by the President of the Church Periodical Club during her term of office. It is made up of the seal of the Church Periodical Club from which hangs a golden nugget. The nugget was presented to a CPC worker many years ago by one Daniel Webster as a token of appreciation for books he received while living beyond the Arctic Circle. The golden nugget has become a symbol for the hundreds/thousands of expressions of gratitude that have come from the far corners of the world for books received through the efforts of the Church Periodical Club. It is also a constant reminder of the many needs for reading materials yet to be filled.

As Christians we are all concerned with supporting missionary efforts and are invited to give the gift that speaks volumes. We ask you to become involved with projects by your parish or diocese, identify the needs in your community and apply for grants, visit our website and follow us on Facebook, enroll as a dues-paying member, and make financial contributions.

In January 2026 we lost our sister, Rebecca Markert. This was a great loss to CPC and we will remember her fondly. Cai Armstrong has stepped up to fill the Treasurer's position until the end of her term in 2027.

Please ask your Bishop to set a date for CPC Sunday. This is a very important Sunday as this is for our NBF Contributions. I want to thank everyone, dioceses, parishes, etc. who contributed to CPC during the year 2025/2026. This is greatly appreciated!!!!

I want each and everyone of you to pray and decide if you would like to become a member of our Board and Executive Committee. Our terms will be up at our annual meeting in 2027, and we need fresh faces and ideas for CPC. Please consider becoming a part of CPC.



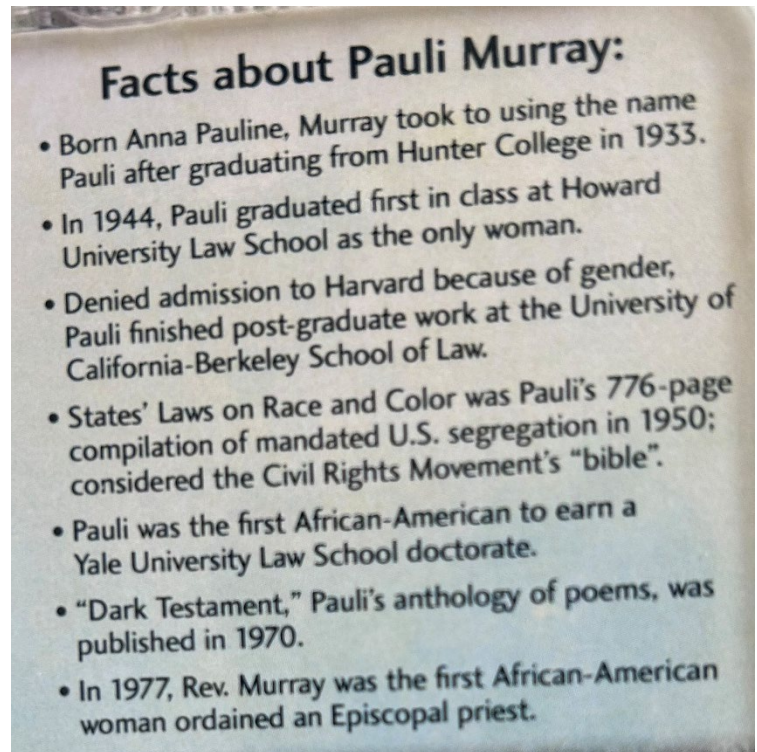
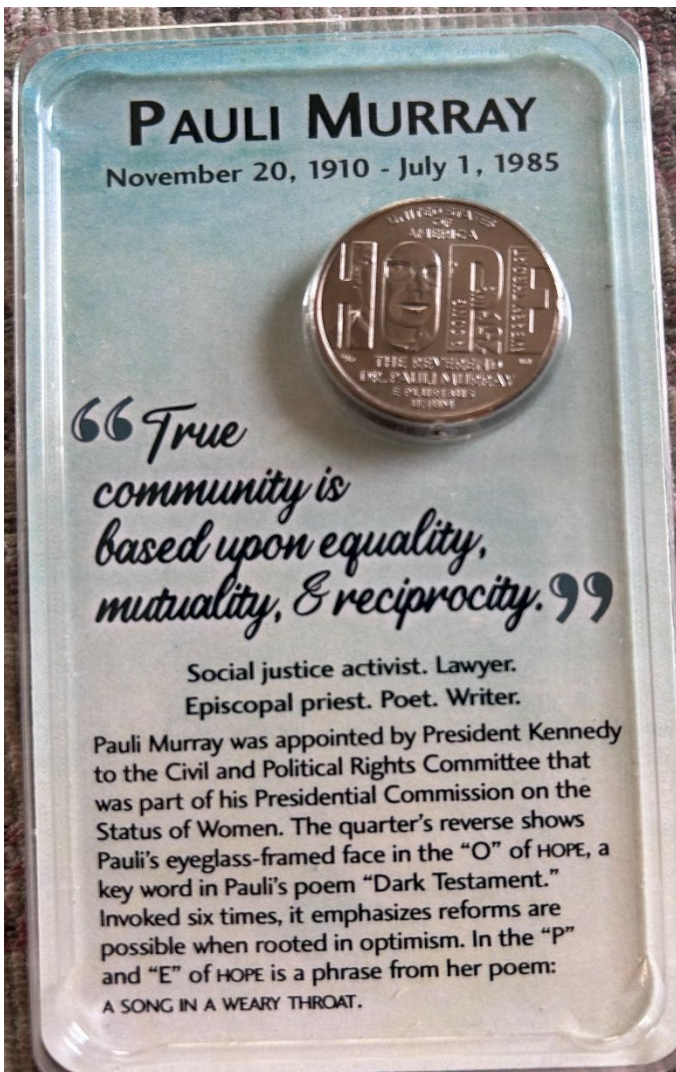
2026 ANNUAL MEETING

This year's annual meeting was held on Friday, June 12, and Saturday, June 13, using Zoom. It included two inspiring speakers, approval of the statement of mission for fiscal year 2027, province and committee reports, and the seminarian/diaconate/national book funds granting session.

The grant requests were all fully funded, thanks to our generous donors. Some grant requests for 2027 have already been submitted. You may donate online or by check. Early donations to one or more funds are welcome!

PRAYERS

PAULI MURRAY PRIEST, 1985



The American Women quarters program was a series of circulating quarters released by the US Mint between 2020 and 2022. They celebrated the centennial of the 19th amendment to the US Constitution. Pauli Murray was honored in 2024. See [American Women quarters - Wikipedia](#).

Her feast day is July 1 on the Episcopal calendar.

Liberating God, we thank you for the steadfast courage of your servant Pauli Murray, who fought long and well: Unshackle us from the chains of prejudice and fear, that we may show forth the reconciling love and true freedom which you revealed in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

FOR RECOVERY FROM SICKNESS

Several of our members are ill or they are caring for family members who are ill.

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers:
Mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to your servant *N.*
the help of your power, that *his* sickness may be turned into
health, and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

NATIONAL BOOK FUND (NBF) – Maryfran Crist

The Episcopal Church in Provinces I-IX

\$12,623.00

Christ Church, Glen Allen, VA, sponsor for school in southern Sudan 1938.00

Textbook resources for the teachers

St Stephens Episcopal San Luis Obispo CA 2,995.00

100 copies of *Take Up the Song*: St Stephen's in San Luis Obispo, California is a church that is proud of its musical tradition. However, we are limited in what we offer in the pews because we only have hard copies of *The Hymnal 1982* and *RiteSong* and have been given *Wonder Love and Praise*. That doesn't always meet our needs, nor does printing single-use copies fit with our Mission, Vision and Values, which includes caring for Creation.

St Aiden Ann Arbor MI, sponsor for St. Mark's Nigeria 3,000.00

Books for congregation of 4000: Dr. Stephen C. Uche of Ypsilanti, Michigan, is applying for a book grant on behalf of the members of St. Mark's Anglican Church, Umunachi Obowu in Imo State of Nigeria. The Church is Igbo Language-based, and Services are conducted in Igbo. All the adult members only read in Igbo language but cannot afford the books, especially Igbo Bibles and hymns. You could see how people – youth and adults - congregate around one person who has a hymnal or a Bible whenever a reading or song is called! Dr. Uche plans to travel to Nigeria in December, and he hopes that he can hand-carry this grant if given and personally supervise the purchase of the books from local markets while there. One cannot begin to imagine how the present and future generations of parishioners of his village Church will remember these donations!

Diocese of Western NC for 13 congregations 2,730.00

Adult Leaders books for serving small and rural churches: They are applying for the Nation Book Fund Grant to purchase leader guides for the Storymakers NYC Curriculum. These funds will be used in conjunction with the Diocese of Western North Carolina's Small Church Formation Initiative funds to provide quality curriculum for our rural parishes. This initiative was born out of conversations with small parish leadership, lay and clergy, who have continually expressed a deep need for curriculum that is affordable, easy for volunteers to lead, engaging, and theologically in line with the teaching of the Episcopal Church.

St Andrew's Episcopal Church Framingham MA 1,960.00

Brazilian Portuguese program including citizenship workbooks, bibles for English as a second language (ESL) and multicultural library: For over ten years, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Framingham, MA has partnered with an organization called Pro Gente Connections (PGC), which provides multicultural educational programming to children and adults of Brazilian heritage. Framingham is blessed to be a very diverse

community, with a significant population identifying as Brazilian American. PGC was formed with the goal of strengthening ties and increasing our understanding of and appreciation for the cultural diversity in our community.

The Rest of the Anglican Communion

\$2,609.50

St. Mathew Anglican Church, Morogoro Municipality, Kihonda Maghorofani Ward,
Diocese of Morogoro. Anglican Church of Tanzania (ACT). 2,609.50

Additional books so that we will *fulfill* our needs: St. Mathew Anglican Parish has mainly many ethnic groups and surrounded with Muslims and many denominations. St. Mathew Anglican Parish run Sunday Services, Bible Study for all Christians, Sunday school and two Primary Schools (Kihonda and Uhuru), Youth Services, MOTHERS UNION, and "St.Mathew Nursery School. The grant's purpose is "To purchase books and materials and tools as mentioned in the list of books which will help Christian Leaders such as Pastors, Catechists, Evangelists and Christian Education Teachers, Departments as Christians as whole".

TOTAL \$15,232.50

MILES OF PENNIES FUND – FRANCESCA ONYEJURUWA

SUMMER GRANTS 2026

Date and Number	Amount	Recipient	City	State	Diocese
4/25/2026	\$ 840.00	Diocese of Western North Carolina	Asheville	NC	Western North Carolina
250426A	The purpose is to fund a new Diocesan wide Children's Formation Initiative that will provide Children Formation curriculum for children in our rural small churches Piedmont & Foothills deaneries				
4/25/2026	\$ 844.80	Diocese of Western North Carolina	Asheville	NC	Western North Carolina
250426A	The purpose is for funding a new Diocesan wide Children's Formation Initiative that will provide Children Formation curriculum for children in our rural small churches Latino Hispanic Ministries				
4/25/2026	\$ 840.00	Diocese of Western North Carolina	Asheville	NC	Western North Carolina
250426A	The purpose is for funding a new Diocesan wide Children's Formation Initiative that will provide Children Formation curriculum for children in our rural small churches Hendersonville and Asheville deaneries				

Date and Number	Amount	Recipient	City	State	Diocese
5/10/2026	\$ 844.80	Episcopal Diocese of Iowa	Des Moines	IA	Iowa
100526	The purpose of this grant is to offer books to fill two Little Free Libraries that we will be placing this summer as a project of our summer camp. We will be building, painting and placing a library at Lutheran Lakeside Camp and St. Alban's Episcopal Church, both in Spirit Lake, IA. We would like to stock these libraries with books full of diverse characters (LGTBQ+, people of color & women). The Iowa legislature has spent the last few years banning books, restricting libraries and passing laws that are really harmful towards women and the LGBTQ+ community. We would love to add these libraries and stock them full of books that help share the love of Christ and share his message of love across all kinds of people.				

SEMINARIAN BOOK FUND – Robin Newman

Nine Episcopal Seminaries in the United States (1,000.00 each) 9,000.00

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.

Funds to cover grant requests are donated by individuals, local churches, dioceses, and provinces. Friends of CPC are encouraged to contribute regularly to the funds and to sponsor specific requests for books. Each year funds donated or allocated to the Seminarian Book Fund are divided equally between the nine Episcopal seminaries in the United States. Each seminary determines who should receive grants from its share.

SEMINARIAN BOOK FUND RECIPIENTS (2025 GRANTS)

Virginia Theological Seminary

Anthony Amato
Matti Bowen
Curtis Money Maker
Jason Peter Seta
Waleska Cabrera

Bexley Seabury

Denise Dollinger -- Diocese of Chicago
William Kazibwe - Diocese of Massachusetts
Andrew White - Diocese of Arkansas
Samuel Love - Diocese of Chicago
Felicity Thompson - Diocese of Michigan

The Seminary of the Southwest

Danny Cox - Diocese of Michigan
Courtney Greene - Diocese of Texas
Susan Jarvis - Diocese of West Texas
Greg Schell - Diocese of New Jersey

DIACONATE BOOK FUND – Robin Newman

This year no grant requests were received. The initial allocation of \$5000 and donations of \$650 have been carried forward to next year. Individuals apply for grants after obtaining their bishop's endorsement. Visit [Diaconate Book Fund | Church Periodical Club](#).

QUILT AND FIBER ARTS FUNDRAISER

Dear Maryfran,

Thank you very much for sending me the quilt I won! I wanted to let you that I displayed the quilt and shared about CPC at our Diocesan ECW Spirituality Day celebration held on May 31 at St Paul's in Salem Oregon.

I am donating it to "Bags of Love" here in Eugene, OR.

<https://bagsofloveinc.org>

Thank you for the great peace ministry you do. Katherine

Katherine Hunt of Eugene OR in Province VIII sent a thank you note in July 2025. Here it is; I hope you can read how she used it to promote CPC and then donated it so a child could love it. Cai



CPC MEMBERSHIP

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.

- Annual 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

To join online, go to: [Square.link/CPC Membership](#) and enter the dues amount for the option you've chosen. Complete the required mailing address and diocese fields and add any comments to the "note to seller" field.

To join by mail: **Print out the Membership Form**, fill it out, and submit it to CPC:

- 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.)

DONATIONS TO CPC

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; include the honoree name and address in the form.

To donate online, go to: [Donate | Church Periodical Club](#) When you choose this option, please complete the form below and send it to: cpcpresident1888@gmail.com. We no longer receive an email confirming your donation and we have not found the online website with the information.

[DOWNLOAD GIFT DONATION FORM HERE!](#)

You may also donate using a Square Inc payment link [Square.link/CPC Donation](https://square.link/CPC%20Donation) This option includes required fields for your mailing address and diocese, and an optional field where you can add any allocations or honorary/memorial gift contact information.

To donate by mail: download *the donation form*, fill it out, and submit it as directed.

For information about the funds see [Funds & Grants | Church Periodical Club](#)



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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.