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The Rev. Deacon Judy Graves, President

As Fall has now appeared, the leaves are falling from the trees, and the squirrels are scurrying for acorns and food to last throughout the Winter. We are reminded that this is the time of the year for us to read and stay warm.

We have now had our Quilt and Fabric Arts Raffle and the Granting Session for 2025/2026. We are now receiving blankets for our next Raffle in 2026/2027. I am asking that each Province donate at least one blanket for our Raffle that is held in March or April of each year. I also want to thank all of the people who have donated to our organization throughout 2026/2027. Is so appreciated!

Some of us are now preparing for CPC Sunday and I am asking that each Diocese have a CPC Sunday and these donations go towards our National Book Fund Granting Session in June of each year. I realize that money is tight right now but a donation from each Diocese would assist our National Book Fund for the year.

We are now getting prepared for a new Executive Committee, (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer). If you are interested in being a Diocesan Director, Province Representative or on any of our committees please let us know at:

cpcpresident1888@gmail.com. We have a Treasurer and an Administrator, but need a new President, Vice President and Secretary. We have added the Administrator position back into our organization starting in June of 2027. This position has been filled.

As we start our new fiscal year, (after our granting session), we are busy getting prepared for our Quilt and Fabric Arts Raffle, reviewing applications already received for the 2026/2027 Granting Session, revising the Guidelines for the National Book Fund, and updating our Policy and Procedures and Manual, we are keeping busy.

I ask that you send in your donations. We have received donations already for our next granting session from many ECW's and Dioceses. Thank you for your donations, already received and those yet to come.

PRAYERS

Almighty God, you sent your son Jesus Christ to reconcile the world to yourself: we praise and bless you for those whom you have sent in the power of the spirit to preach the gospel to all nations. We thank you that in all parts of the earth a community of love has been gathered together by their prayers and labors, and that in every place your servants call upon your name; for the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours forever. *Amen.*
from the Online Book of Common Prayer Page 838



NATIONAL BOOK FUND (NBF) – Maryfran Crist

After months of review Adult Grants known as NBF, CPC has updated guidelines to reflect the best stewardship for our ministry,

The need is greater than ever, but the system for delivery is awkward especially with transfers of funds and follow-up. Our donations have decreased as with most ministries making it important to provide the best utilization of funds.

Therefore, at this time we will be accepting grant applications 2027 for both The Episcopal Church (TEC) Provinces I-IX ministries and for sponsored ministries outside TEC through TEC I-IX. These new guidelines can be viewed on our website.

They take effect for 2027 grants. After which we will then review them.

We welcome your questions and concerns: Please send them to cpcpresident1888@gmail.com and cc: to CPCNBF27@gmail.com

MILES OF PENNIES FUND – Francesca Onyejuruwa

Date / Grant ID	Amount	Name	City	State	Diocese of Recipient
4/25/2026 250426A	\$844.80	Diocese of Western North Carolina	Asheville	NC	Western North Carolina
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					
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5/10/2026 100526	\$844.80	Episcopal Diocese of Iowa	Des Moines	IA	Iowa
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 (LGBTQ+, 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.					
6/14/2026 140626	\$844.80	Foundation for Academic Endeavors	Mount Vernon	WA	Olympia
The Miles of Pennies funds would be used to buy books for students reading above a 6th grade level and include reading group class books for our middle school class.					
7/20/2026 170726	\$585.00	Rev Drew Downey Christ Church Episcopal	Glen Allen	VA	Virginia
Hope for Humanity supports Hope & Resurrection Secondary School , an Episcopal school in rural Southern Sudan that educates about 300 co-ed students each year. Requested funds are for textbooks					
9/18/2026 91826	\$567.80	Rev Silas Kotnour All Saints Parish	Brookline	MA	Massachusetts
Our parish uses Catechesis of the Good Shepherd as our children's formation program, and several of Our parish uses Catechesis of the Good Shepherd as our children's formation program, and several of our children have either visual or learning disabilities that make using a normal print Bible difficult, and large print Bibles would be extremely helpful for us and make the Bible accessible. Also to purchase new books for our Children's Corner in our sanctuary.					

SEMINARIAN BOOK FUND – Robin Newman

Funds were allocated and the seminaries contacted; we are waiting for the list of recipients from each seminary.

DIACONATE BOOK FUND – Robin Newman

Funds were allocated; we are waiting for applications to arrive.

FREE LIBRARY – Maryfran Crist, Province V

Attached is the article I wrote regarding the cooperation between ministries to create a free library in a nursing home. Grace Episcopal with the help of sister Episcopal churches and Daughters of the King® are the sponsors.

Recipe for Making a Difference

Ingredients:

Persons minimum of two with varied talents

1 heaping cup of teamwork

3 scoops of shared leadership

Assorted ministries

Take a large whisk and blend together with ideas, suggestions and goals

Place in quiet place for reflection and prayer.

Let rest

Now take "mix" and sort out ideas

Chose a goal – refine it to meet what group **can and are willing** to do.

Now take time to decided how and who remember this isn't yours.

Refine as you go ahead always with prayer.

Rejoice with what you have accomplished rather than want wasn't done.

Sounds simplistic – but in this world of competition making a difference is not a race to be won.

Recently Bev Madsen, retired teacher, Episcopalian, Daughter of the King (DOK) entered Hospice in a nursing home. As an avid reader, there were not many books etc. Also reading was tiring. When a parish nurse visited her, they talked about alternatives. Large print books were brought to her not due to eyesight, but easier to read since less words on a page.

But they were expensive. Her small church and DOK chapter decided to find books as a Church Periodical Club (CPC) project. They told her story at thrift shops and soon books were being donated.

The story doesn't end there. Bev shared the books with other residents. Soon a shelf near the nursing station was filled with books. No check out, keep or return.

That small act of how our ministries work together has now become the Madsen Free Library. The administration is looking at obtain other bookshelves. The staff does not have to add another duty for keeping track. And...well Bev knows that with her faith community they have had a difference.

PACK HORSE LIBRARIANS –John+ Crist, Historian



In the mountains of eastern Kentucky during the Great Depression, the library sometimes arrived on four legs. A woman would appear along a muddy trail on horseback, carrying saddlebags filled with books for families and schoolchildren who might otherwise have had almost nothing to read.

They were known as the Pack Horse Librarians, part of a New Deal program launched in 1935 to bring reading material into some of Kentucky's most isolated Appalachian communities. Roads were scarce, poverty was severe, and conventional libraries simply could not reach many mountain settlements. So the librarians went where the roads ended. Most were women, riding horses or mules across steep trails, through creeks and difficult weather, sometimes covering more than 100 miles in a week.

The work demanded more than delivering books. There was little money to purchase new material, so collections depended heavily on donations. The women repaired battered books and transformed discarded newspapers and magazines into homemade scrapbooks filled with stories, recipes, quilt patterns and practical information. They also gathered material from the people they visited, allowing local knowledge to travel from one isolated community to another.

The librarians often came from the same communities they served, which mattered. They weren't strangers arriving from some distant government office. They knew the families, understood the mountains and returned often enough to earn people's trust. For children in remote schools, the sight of a horse approaching with books could mean access to a world far beyond the hills surrounding them.

The Pack Horse Library Project continued until 1943, when the Works Progress Administration ended as wartime employment reshaped the country. By then, its riders had carried books to tens of thousands of Kentuckians who lived beyond the reach of ordinary libraries.

Photographs of these women can look almost whimsical today: a librarian, a horse, saddlebags overflowing with books. But there was nothing whimsical about the problem they were solving

QUILT AND FIBER ARTS FUNDRAISER

Donations for the next raffle are already beginning to arrive! Here are the first ones:



Quilt #1 Pinwheel queen top quilt with matching pillow



Quilt #2 The Lutherans donated this one. So fun! It is made from chenille 48x48; back is grey. Bedspread is complete with pillow



Quilt #3 bright soft yellow hand crocheted 72 x 54 quilt done by a volunteer at Heart Soul Shoppe in Pontiac IL. "I just love to crochet and find homes for my blankets."

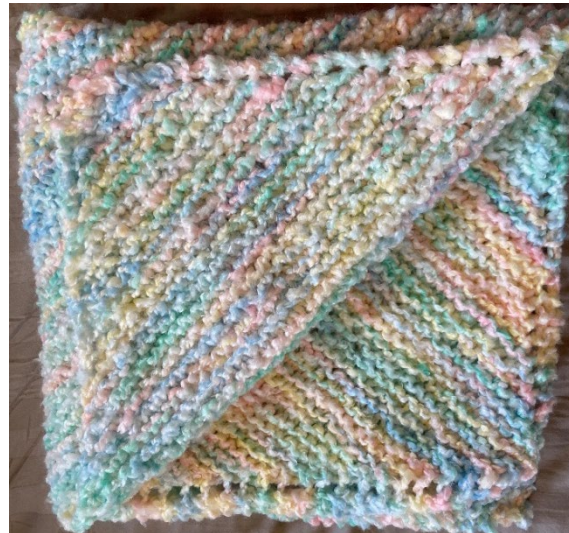
Quilt #4 This men's Jean jacket size XL was created using two molas. Puna (Guna) indigenous women in Panama cut and embroider through layers of fabric. The molas were purchased, made into other items and sold to raise funds for education scholarships.





Quilt #5 This is king size. It is made with scraps from a women's ministry in Guatemala and donated by a friend of CPC in Elkhorn WI independent church who purchased several items and brought them home from a mission trip. It is backed by a sheet and may have been a room divider or wall decoration. There is no filler. The scrapes are aligned so that they all fit together; they are not trimmed to the same size. No fabric was wasted.

Quilt #6 Layette is to be done by Nov 15. From catholic friends of the Guild of the Christ Child. They provide these to new moms in need layettes in a three-county area.



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

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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

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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.