



Diocese of Western Massachusetts Episcopal Church Women
c/o Marilyn Berthelette, treasurer
18 Highland Avenue
Greenfield, MA 01301
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"To All Rectors" This is the greeting from a communication by Mary Emery in January, 1872, which led to the founding of the Woman's Auxiliary. The Women's Auxiliary became the Episcopal Church Women.

Why bother with reading about Episcopal Church Women? Haven't women reached full equality with even our Presiding Bishop being a woman? What role could an ECW have now in your church? Do you have any women's ministries in your church? How about the Altar Guild? Are there women who work in the library, in the office, in the kitchen, on the vestry, in stewardship, in outreach? Do you have a DOK Chapter or a CPC Chapter or a GFS or an official ECW group? Do you have a UTO coordinator?* Do you know that one of our churches in this diocese received a UTO grant this year, as have several in the past few years? Does a dollar a week sound like too much to affirm the ministries of half or more of your parishioners by supporting their work on the diocesan level?

If a dollar a week seems too much to ask of your budget, could you ask your women to give a dollar each, keeping anything over the asking of \$52.00 for their local work?

Want your women to know about the support and possibilities open to them from the diocesan ECW board? (**I wonder if it would be good to say that the diocesan board works on behalf of all the women and women's groups in the diocese and represents them at the Provincial and National level**) We would be glad to come and talk with them, with you, with anyone you would like.

Yes, we have questions, but we also have answers and lots of ideas.

Yours in Christ,
WMA ECW Board

- Want to know more what this alphabet soup means? Log onto the official ECW Web page for our diocese at <http://www.diocesewma.org/aboutus/ecw>.



Episcopal Church Women
Diocese of Western Massachusetts

2009 Contact Form

Church Name _____

Address _____

Name of women's group(s) _____

Contact name _____

Preferred Address _____

Phone _____ EMAIL _____

(use back of form if more room is needed)

UTO Coordinator or contact _____

Preferred Address _____

Phone _____ EMAIL _____

- OFFERING for calendar year 2009 enclosed: \$52.00 (suggested offering)
- OFFERING for calendar year 2008 enclosed: \$52.00 (suggested offering if not already sent)

Please make **check payable** to: **Diocese of W. MA ECW**

Please **mail check to**: Marilyn Berthelette, 18 Highland Avenue Greenfield, MA 01301

Questions Contact _____ or at: ecw.wma@gmail.com

Is there anything else you would like us to know about the women's ministries in your church?

Suggestions for organizations you would like to see ECW support with financial donations?

I am interested in the Diocesan ECW board; please send me more information:

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ Phone _____