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## **Stuff a CPC-MOP Turkey for the Holidays**

*by Dorothy Jones*

Enjoy a new banner, have some fun with turkey crafts, learn about CPC-the “ministry of the word,” and recycle a blessing our Sunday School had this year.

At the Province V Annual Meeting of the Episcopal Church Women in Appleton, WI, I became Church Periodical Club (CPC) Director for the Diocese of Indianapolis. CPC is a self-supporting organization affiliated with the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church. It is dedicated to a worldwide Ministry of the Printed Word and the promotion of Christian Mission. Bibles, Books of Common Prayer, sacred music and educational materials (printed and electronic) are provided free to people who otherwise could not afford them. Miles of Pennies (MOP) grants are dedicated to serving programs for children (preschool through grade 12.)

I firmly believe in the power of the written word and in the power of Christian mission to bring peace to this world. So, I agreed to do my bit for “spiritual literacy”. The CPC banner, which you may have noticed hanging in the Commons is a statement that I am committed to the importance of this ministry. The banner will be with us until after the next ECW Province V Annual Meeting, hosted by the Diocese of Indianapolis, April 24-26, 2009. Then, it will travel to any other parish in our diocese that wants to promote CPC.

I determined that this would be a year for a CPC Miles of Pennies fund-raising campaign in the Diocese of Indianapolis. I spoke to Heidi Kauffman about CPC. She called the New York CPC office to apply for a grant for Godly Play resources. Are you ready for the big surprise? That grant has been awarded!!!

How many pennies were saved to provide our church with \$842.45 for Godly Play materials for the Sunday school? Those who remember past CPC Miles of Pennies fundraisers told me about yards and yards of sticky tape from which pennies needed to be removed and also about having to wash the sticky tape marks off walls and blackboards.

No more sticky pennies. This year, penny savers will have a chance to make their own CPC-MOP Holiday Turkey out of penny rolls and paper clips, while learning more about CPC-MOP grants for children. (See photo.) CPC-MOP turkeys can be taken home, disassembled, stuffed with pennies and then returned to the church. When each wrapper is stuffed with pennies, the total value per turkey is five dollars and fifty cents. Sample turkeys can



be found on the CPC display in the Commons. Anyone who wants a CPC-MOP turkey already made up may order one by signing up in the commons. Turkey assembly kits with directions are also available for those who wish to make their own. And don't be surprised if CPC-MOP reindeer begin showing up in a few weeks, as well.

After all remnants of real holiday turkeys are long gone (say about Annual Meeting time?), return your CPC-MOP stuffed penny rolls to the church. The penny rolls will go to PEFCU's coin machine to be counted. The tally will be reported, and the donation made to CPC. Those who prefer to simply donate directly to CPC can pick up flyers and write their own checks to the New York office, or make them payable to the Diocese of Indianapolis, with CPC-MOP noted on the memo line of the check. Checks can be placed in the collection plate on any Sunday.

My hope and prayer is that our parish will raise enough CPC-MOP money to return the entire value of the CPC-MOP grant we received to CPC's office in New York, so another Sunday School may benefit from the CPC-MOP Grant Program next year.

## HOW FOWL !!!!

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**"Help! The "girls" are laying more eggs than we can consume.**

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**FRESH EGGS are available in exchange for a donation to the Episcopal Relief & Development organization. We primarily have brown eggs, but the green eggs are from our Araucana chickens. The larger white eggs with speckles are from our Bronze turkeys."**

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Perhaps you have noticed this sign, our egg basket and the Episcopal Relief "Hope Chest" sitting on the table in the Commons on Sunday mornings? When our hens went into overdrive, we thought it would be nice to share the bounty with our church family. You must have thought so too, because today we mailed a check to Episcopal Relief for three shares in a chicken flock and one hive of bees; including equipment and training.

As winter approaches, the hens will start slowing down, but we will continue to bring excess eggs to the coffee hour. We are running short on egg cartons, so please consider saving them for us.

Thank you for joining with us in providing a family with a steady food supply and income.

Jo and Paul Roberts

## ***Church Women to Have Annual Gathering in April***

**An invitation to all women of the church:** All women of the church are invited to meet, hear and be energized by Phoebe Griswold, the wife of retired Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold, at the annual gathering of the Episcopal Church Women's Organizations in Province V to be held from April 24 -26, 2009, at the Hilton Indianapolis North.

The theme is "The Power of One Woman." We have chosen scripture passage Isaiah 6:8-9, New RSV for our scriptural grounding. "*Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'"*

We feel very blessed to have Phoebe lead us through the weekend. Phoebe has led the life of a devoted lay member of the Episcopal Church. She has traveled around the world meeting with women. She will share her insights about the place of women in the world. Phoebe is a founding member of Anglican Women's Empowerment, which strives to be an effective and empowered voice for women at the United Nations and in the Anglican Church. She is passionate about women's ministries in the church and believes the women are a key to the future of the church and the world and would like to see women's voices adequately represented. Phoebe will help us develop our personal dreams and missions and will challenge us as individuals to take our visions and make them realities.

Programs and workshops will discuss prayer and spirituality, empowering women, supporting each other in our daily lives, bringing our various ministries together in the parishes and beyond and women's outreach programs locally and globally. In keeping with our theme, we are offering an opportunity for all who attend to bring poster displays of their ministries/missions and outreach projects to show what the power of women has already accomplished.

We will also be sponsoring a silent auction to help fund the Jericho House to be built in New Orleans. This project is sponsored by the national ECW, and Province V has joined this effort as a province outreach project. For more information go to the ERD web site [http://www.nationalecw.org/ECW\\_Jericho\\_House\\_Project.html](http://www.nationalecw.org/ECW_Jericho_House_Project.html).

The registration deadline is January 15, 2009. We are including in the registration form a local commuter rate. The Hilton Indianapolis North is located at 8181 N. Shadeland Ave. For more information and to register for this event, go to our ECW web site at <http://ecw.indyio.org> or contact Ann M. Durkos, 95 South 400 West, Lebanon, IN 46052-9017 (765) 482-6154 or (317) 407-1955 Mobile

If you have questions or would like to volunteer to help with this event please contact Bev Ruebeck at [b.ruebeck@worldnet.att.net](mailto:b.ruebeck@worldnet.att.net) or Janet Higbie at [jlhigbie@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jlhigbie@sbcglobal.net).

# The Power of One Woman



*The Council of the Episcopal Church Women's Organizations*  
of the  
**Diocese of Indianapolis**



invite all women of the church to

## *Province V Annual Gathering*

April 24 - 26, 2009, at the Hilton Hotel  
8181 North Shadeland Avenue in Indianapolis, Indiana

*\*Keynote Speaker: Phoebe W. Griswold\**  
Speaks on

• Empowering Women • Women's outreach programs/projects locally & globally • Women's missions

### Registration

\*Payment due  
**January 15, 2009**  
\*NO refund after 1/15

### Conference Rates

\*Single \$350  
\*Double \$250 per person

### Commuter Rates

All meals and no hotel room \$135  
Friday dinner \$40  
Saturday breakfast \$10  
lunch \$25  
dinner \$40  
(total \$75)  
Sunday breakfast \$10

### Make checks payable to

Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis

### Send checks to

Ann Durkos  
95 South 400 West  
Lebanon, IN 46052  
317-407-1955

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Roommate \_\_\_\_\_ Other Needs \_\_\_\_\_  
Registration of guest: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Amt. Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## ***Foyer Dinner Groups***

The new Foyer Dinner Groups are under way. Forgot to sign up? Let me know and I will watch for an opening during the coming year (if someone moves or has to drop out). It is a delightful way to get to know your church family better.

Do try to have your first get-together soon and let everyone suggest a possible date for them to serve as host. You can always change the date later, but it helps to have a vague plan to get started. If you have trouble finding a date for everyone in the group, you may have to meet once or twice without everyone present. Feel free to include a newcomer or non-Foyer member if you have room to do so when you are the host.

Foyer was actually started by the Community of the Cross of Nails, a world-wide community of individuals and groups committed to reconciliation and Christian life. The organization came from the efforts of the community surrounding Coventry Cathedral in Coventry, England, following the loss of Coventry Cathedral to air attacks in 1940. Foyers are intended to be "porches of welcome" where people come together in the spirit of hospitality, in an open and receptive way. They are gentle and non-judgmental gatherings where we support one another in the work of reconciliation. I recently looked at their web site and was reminded of the Litany of Reconciliation which may be said during your gatherings if you wish. Here it is for your consideration. I will leave larger copies of these on the credenza.



*They knew him in the breaking  
of the bread*

## ***The Litany of Reconciliation for North America***

*All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.* (Romans 3:23)

The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class, O God, forgive.

The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own, O God, forgive.

The greed which exploits the labors of men and women and lays waste the Earth, O God, forgive.

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others, O God, forgive.

Our indifference to the plight of the homeless and the refugee, O God, forgive.

The lust which dishonors the bodies of men, women, and children, O God, forgive.

The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves, and not in you, O God, forgive.

*Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another as God in Christ forgave you.* (Ephesians 4:32)

(This litany is based on the seven capital sins. It was written in 1959, and since that year it has been recited every Friday at noon before the Altar of Reconciliation in the sanctuary of the old Coventry Cathedral.)



## ***Family Promise***

Last year, a new organization in the Greater Lafayette Area called Family Promise approached the vestry to introduce their program to help homeless families. In 2007, there were 37 identified as homeless families in Tippecanoe County. The number did not include those families seeking temporary shelter with families and friends. Those without alternatives have very few options. With the current economic crisis the number of families needing help has only increased.

Family Promise is a national organization that has been in operation for 21 years whose mission is to provide temporary housing and resources to help families. The organization relies on a network of churches. Each church houses families of up to 14 individuals for a week, 3-4 times per year. The congregations provide a place to sleep, two meals – supper and breakfast, and a safe environment for prescreened families. Every day families are transported to a Day Center where they shower, receive counseling and move toward getting back to permanent housing. School aged children are taken to the school where they are enrolled. Families stay an average of 7 weeks in the program before they are able to be back on their feet again. There are currently 136 networks throughout the country.

The Lafayette Family Promise Network has not been launched yet. They anticipate a January 2009 start and have been organizing to meet this goal. There are currently 12 host churches signed up but the desired goal is 13. A host church provides the space for the families at night, along with volunteers and all other items required to meet the temporary housing needs of the families. For those congregations that can't provide space, they have an option of serving as support churches. Support churches provide meals, volunteers, and whatever else might be needed to help the host churches. The organization has recently hired a Network Director. The Day Center is ready. Now they are working at getting all the funds together to meet the goal of opening in January.

What does this mean to you and to St. John's? The vestry has committed St. John's to serve as a support church. Cresta Cates has agreed to help co-ordinate this activity and will work with vestry members to ensure this goes smoothly. There will be calls for volunteers, food, and other unnamed needs. Be receptive to these calls.

The vestry is also exploring what it takes to be host church. There are many questions needing to be answered and creative solutions are required. St. John's has been presented with an opportunity to expand its outreach ministries which is something we are often reminded to do. A core group of individuals is needed to champion this cause. Who amongst us can help the vestry with this task?

If you are interested in learning more about this program or helping with it, contact Maggie McClure at [mmcclure03@comcast.net](mailto:mmcclure03@comcast.net) or 567-2512. You can also go to the following websites: Local organization: [www.fpglinc.org](http://www.fpglinc.org); National organization: [www.familypromise.org](http://www.familypromise.org).

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*We wish you a merry Christmas*

### **CALL-OUT FOR ADULT INQUIRERS' SEMINARS**

The Adult Inquirer's Seminar will begin on Tuesday, January 13th, at 7:30 pm in the Rectory Library. The seminar is for all adults who wish to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, to be received into the Episcopal Church, or who simply want to know a bit more about how we as Episcopalians understand our faith and how that understanding came to be and is lived out. This inquiry is designed for those who are new to the Episcopal Church, who are just exploring faith communities, or for long-time denizens of the Episcopal Church.

The seminar will meet on Tuesdays for approximately twelve weeks. The date of our Deanery Confirmation service is set for April 25, location to be determined. The first meeting will be at 7:30 pm and is subject to renegotiation after then.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Ed Tourangeau at 742-4079 or [et@stjohns-laf.org](mailto:et@stjohns-laf.org).

## **UTO**

On November 9<sup>th</sup> St. Johns Lafayette had their Fall Ingathering for United Thank Offering at both services. There was to have been a mail-in envelop with the November *Eagle* for those wishing to send their checks to the UTO Ingathering. It was inadvertently left out of the mailing. To those wishing to send in their offerings it's NOT too late. Just make your checks to St. Johns and indicate UTO on the check so it will be correctly credited. Thank you for your understanding. I will report the total of our Fall Ingathering in the January *Eagle*.

Yours in Christ,  
Mary Louise Davis

Next *Eagle* Deadline

**December 8, 2008**

## ***Jubilee Christmas Needs You***

***December 13, 2008 is the day!!!***

See the sign-up sheet next to the kitchen for volunteer activities. Don't be shy. Pens are there and a blank line is waiting for your name. Why not serve as host, help with set-up, shop for gifts? Take a bell with a child's age and gender on it and purchase a gift – new, non-violent toys only. (Remember to return the bell attached to the gift!) Make a monetary donation. Be sure to identify the donation as either by placing in an envelop or noting the memo line with Jubilee Christmas. Cash donations are necessary to defray the cost of hams, food certificates, and teen gift certificates.

You won't regret participating either on the day of the event or helping in the preparations. You'll be left with a wonderful feeling knowing that you helped bring Christmas to 37 families. Perhaps that will be the best Christmas present you receive.

**Remember to:  
Volunteer.  
Buy a gift.  
Send cash.  
It's not too late.**

Jubilee Christmas Planning Committee

