

# Region V Women's News



**MAY 2011**

## St. Thomas Hosts Lenten Program For Region V Women



On Sat. afternoon, April 9<sup>th</sup>, women (both laity and clergy) from five of the Region V churches gathered for an inspirational program, "Women at the Foot of the Cross". Led by the Rev. Canon Susan Goff, the group examined scripture, reflected upon readings and devotions, pondered discussion questions, and searched for and offered current news photos to better understand both the historical context and the current relevance of the program's theme.

The Women of St. Thomas, together with their rector, the Rev. Dr. Stephen Edmondson, provided a warm welcome for the group. They were assisted by additional volunteers from St. Dunstan's, Holy Comforter, and St. John's.



## SPRING OPEN BOARD MEETING TO FEATURE WORKSHOPS

Back by popular demand, this year's Diocesan ECW Spring Open Board Meeting will provide attendees with a host of outstanding workshop options. The meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>** at Christ Church, Spotsylvania VA. Registration will start at 9 a.m., and the meeting, workshops, and Eucharist will be from 10:00 to 2:30 p.m. This meeting is open to ALL women of the diocese, & ALL Region V churches!



Each attendee can select two workshops from the following list (but please also choose alternates).

- Praying With Eyes Wide Open: Visual Prayer – Rev. Canon Susan Goff
- Altar Guild: What Can We Do For You? – Sharon Nachman and Mary Holly Bigelow
- Labyrinths and Spirituality – Sue Davy
- Listening Hearts – Frances Sullinger
- Joy Robbers & How To Nab 'Em – Rev. Ann Davis
- Healthy Bodies, Healthy Spirits – Elisabeth Peterson
- Update On Our VA Native American Ministry (and Traditions of Beadwork) – Nellie Adkins

Cost for the day is \$25, including lunch. **Registrations are due by May 9<sup>th</sup>**, and you can register with your parish ECW representative/president (if you have one) or with Kay Holmes, Diocesan ECW Vice President, Administration, [kay@andrewsmgmt.org](mailto:kay@andrewsmgmt.org). Be sure to indicate your first and second workshop choices, in case some are full.

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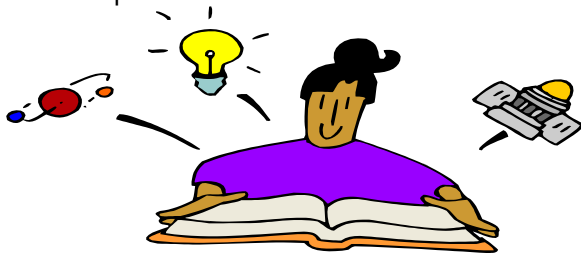


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## **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE**

The school year is coming to an end, and once again worthy students (and parents) are concerned about the rising costs of higher education. The Diocesan ECW, recognizing the depth of those concerns, is now accepting applications for scholarship assistance for the 2011-2012 school year. Grants are made to qualifying students who are residents of the Diocese of Virginia and who are enrolled (or will be enrolled) in an accredited college, university or seminary. Applicants are asked to provide a transcript, letters of recommendation, and a personal statement. Funds for the program are provided through contributions to the Book of Life and Book of Remembrance.

**Applications for this year's grants are due on June 30th, and the application form and other helpful information about this program can be found on the Diocesan website.** Click on the ECW tab, followed by Gifts and Scholarships. Please pass this information on to your friends and fellow parishioners. A little help can make a BIG difference!



## **SAVE THE DATE!!!**

**Province 3 ECW Annual Meeting & Elections**

**Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> - Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup>**

**All Saints Church & St. George's Chapel,  
Rehoboth Beach, DE**

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## **Noted Author & Interfaith Leader at Holy Comforter on Sat. May 21**



The Women of Holy Comforter, Vienna, invite all interested Region V women and men to a special free light luncheon and discussion with the Reverend Chloe Breyer. This event will be held on **Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> from 11 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the church's parish hall.** Rev. Breyer, an Episcopal priest, serves as Executive Director of the Interfaith Center of New York and associate minister at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in West Harlem. Her program topic will be **"Vocation and Interfaith in a Post-9/11 World"**. Rev. Breyer is dedicated to bridging religious divides and bringing members of different faith traditions together through mutual respect and understanding. An author of numerous articles, she also contributed a chapter to *"What Can One Person Do: Faith to Heal a Broken World"* and authored the book, *"The Close: A Young Women's First Year at Seminary"*.

Previously, Breyer served at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine as Chaplain to the Cathedral School and Director of the Cathedral Forums on Religion and Public Life. After 9/11, she undertook an interfaith initiative to rebuild a bombed mosque in Afghanistan and has returned for additional faith-based aid projects. She is currently pursuing her Ph.D. in Christian Ethics at Union Theological Seminary. Rev. Breyer is the daughter of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer. If you would like to attend this event, **please respond** to Lisa Curtis, Holy Comforter's ECW Program Chair, at [clhmcurtis@msn.com](mailto:clhmcurtis@msn.com).