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### *President's Column*

As most of you know by now, **Ethel Marple** was elected and installed as our President in July. She died six weeks later while still in Anaheim, CA. I called our new Vice-President, **Marie Fuller**, who told me because of health problems she was unable to serve. I talked to our board and to our parliamentarian, **Guion Taylor**. Everyone told us for the continuity of CPC, **June Mendenhall** and I should continue as vice president and president. We have agreed, so here goes.

We have six new province representatives, so this is an exciting time as each of these eager and dedicated ladies will be adding their own stamp on our ministry. They will be writing to their diocesan directors and the life members in their areas.

If any of you would like to talk or have an idea to share, I would love to hear from you. I can be reached at 540-364-2057 or e-mail [hubaxley@aol.com](mailto:hubaxley@aol.com).

Do you remember how Ethel used to hound us all for articles for the *Quarterly*? We are very blessed to have **Linda Vaill** as our new editor. She too is going to need your help – no story or comment is too small. Her e-mail address is on the back page.

I know each of us will miss Ethel Marple. She loved CPC and all her CPC friends. The best legacy we can give her is to make the Church Periodical Club a strong active ministry.

Ursula

### *The Ethel Solomon Marple Memorial Fund*

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## PROVINCE I NEWS

### *Where Did You Get All That Money?*

*By Marion Dunn, Province I Rep*

We were excitedly bidding on the NBF grant requests at the CPC Triennial when the woman sitting beside me posed this question. How had it happened that we came from Massachusetts with over \$1,000 for CPC?

In January 2009, after all necessary business had been conducted at the annual meeting of Trinity Church in Rockland, MA, our warden asked for any additional remarks. "I'll be attending the CPC Triennial in CA this year, and I'd be proud to take a good faith donation from our church to support the overwhelming number of NBF requests received from around the world. Anything you could do to support this effort would be so much appreciated." And down I sat.

The ember lit a fire. **Donna Reed**, one of our Sunday school teachers, had been looking for missions to support. Tee shirts were designed: red with the Episcopal shield on the front, "Team Trinity" emblazoned on the sleeve, and "Helping One Person" printed on the back. The shirts sold (forgive the pun) like blazes! Another check was forthcoming from bottles and can refunds at the church – \$100.

Together with \$600 budgeted by CPC, Diocese of MA, we had exceeded \$1,000 for the National Books Fund granting. Donna and I were indeed proud to attend the Triennial. It was Donna's first, and her comment was that she met such wonderful women, so dedicated and enthusiastic about the work of CPC, that she looks forward in attending the next one.

Let your dedication and enthusiasm show – **"LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE"** and ask for help and keep asking. Someone will surely hear you.

#### **Postscript from Donna Reed:**

We sold the Team Trinity tee shirts to the parish for \$20 each and the amount raised over the cost of the shirts went to CPC. We reached our goal of \$500 for the NBF. I was so excited to get a look at what CPC does and to find out where the money goes. To my amazement, we were able to have input on who received the funds. What a great firsthand experience in outreach! I have high hopes for the next Triennial.

***"TEAM TRINITY" TO THE RIGHT***

## PROVINCE III NEWS

### *"BRIDGE DAY IS A TESTIMONY OF FAITH"*

October 17, 2009, was the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Bridge Day at the New River Gorge Bridge in Fayetteville, WV. The bridge was closed for six hours while thousands walked the 3,030 foot bridge and others jumped, rappelled and zipped down to the river's edge. The bridge is 876 feet high and 70 feet wide. It is the second largest steel arch bridge in the world. It took three years to build. **WV Bishop W. Michie Klusmeyer** was helped into a harness and descended 300 feet vertically and extended another 400 feet to the river's edge. This "leap of faith" was to raise money for CPC, the Women's Prison in Alderson and the Highland Educational Project in McDowell County. The Church Periodical Club assisted Bishop Mike when he was a young seminarian. After the slide, the bishop gave books to many of the children.

Bishop Mike stated that, **"Although we didn't quite reach our goal of \$15,000, I am still very proud to have done the slide on behalf of CPC. I know that their work will continue to enrich the educational lives of our seminarians."**

*Bishop Mike Klusmeyer*



## **CPC News from the Diocese of Delaware**

**Gloria C. Brown**, CPC Province III  
Representative

**Florence Keith**, Director from Delaware, gave the Church Periodical Club history as well as the missions of the NBF and MOP at their 2009 Annual ECW Gathering. She was passionate and energized about the Miles of Pennies Fund in the life of their parish Sunday schools and the children's needs for the printed Word. The MOP mascot Cleo the Lion, who was overseeing the collection jar used in her church as inspiration, was introduced as part of her table exhibit. The CPC video on the Printed Words as "in the beginning there was the word" was shown.

The need for a CPC representative in every parish was stressed to support our mission. She stated that the young people are the future of our society for our global educational system and dreamers of the next generation. Florence encouraged everyone to join CPC membership, take literature and look at the grants awarded for 2009. She expressed her appreciation and support for their first annual CPC Sunday. She is counting on the support of all parishes participating in the 2010 CPC Sunday in March. There are thirty-one parishes in the diocese and as of now there have been no known parish representatives.

Bishop Katharine and the CPC National Board  
at Triennial July 2009



Florence Keith, Cleo the Lion , Gloria Brown

## **Diocese of Southern Virginia Honors the late Ethel Soloman Marple**

**Gloria C. Brown**, CPC Province III  
Representative

The Episcopal Church Women from the Diocese of Southern Virginia met in Virginia Beach in October for their annual meeting.

“**Let’s Stay Connected**”, the Ministry Fair program was planned by the ECW President, Nancy Smith who invited all their associated/shared ministries to display an exhibit.

A resolution was presented and read by the former Church Periodical Club diocesan director **Angela Barksdale** honoring the late **Ethel Soloman Marple** for her life’s work in this diocese. The resolution will be given to her family at a later date since they were not able to attend.

Congratulations to **Yvonne Whitehead** from Freeman, VA who is the new Church Periodical Club Diocesan Director for the Diocese of Southern Virginia.

**“LET’S STAY CONNECTED”**

These overseas students of Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Virginia met with the National Board to tell their stories of needs around the world.



Back row (l-r):

**Abigde Lotama**, Haiti  
**Narci's John Sebikwekwe** from the  
Diocese of Kagera, Tanzania  
**DeJardin Wisnel**, Haiti

Front row (l-r):

**Gina Gcerbile Phumzile**, Swaziland  
**Alicia T. Sibacer**, Philippines  
**Naw Lwinthisa Mgint**, Myanmar

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