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## Help Spread the Word

Church Periodical Club volunteers talk a lot about their ministries. They tell about the grants NBF and MOP make and the programs the books make possible, both in U.S. parishes and around the world. Many people in Episcopal parishes and beyond find out about the church-affiliated agency whose sole purpose is to give books to those in need.

At the 2006 General Convention and ECW Triennial in Columbus, Ursula Baxley, the newly elected president of CPC, was offered a free ad in the convention's daily newspaper. She didn't have one but surely didn't want to miss the opportunity to reach so many readers! A friend with computer talents, a digital camera and a big heart came to the rescue. The result is here, to your right.

Let's see if we can be prepared in 2009! We need an ad that can be used in newsletters, large and small, on flyers or wherever directors, province representatives and other volunteers need it.

A contest for such an advertisement is open. It can be the creation of an individual or a group. See what you come up with by the time we meet in Anaheim. A panel of impartial judges will decide the winner and a prize will be awarded. Deadline for entries is June 14, 2009. They may be sent to [marple3@juno.com](mailto:marple3@juno.com) or to Ethel Marple at 111 Deerfield Blvd., Hampton VA 23666.

If CPC is offered free space in the 2009 Convention Daily, it will be prepared.

## CPC Honors Members for Meritorious Service

The Church Periodical Club will recognize outstanding service with Certificates of Merit in Anaheim in July 2009, as is the Triennial custom. The honorees are nominated by anyone in the CPC family – officers, directors, annual members or admirers.

Nominate someone who is 'spreading the word' by sending the name, diocese and a brief history of CPC service to Ursula Baxley, President, 4406 Winchester Rd., Marshall VA 20115 or [hubaxley@aol.com](mailto:hubaxley@aol.com). Include your name and telephone number (in case more information is needed). The deadline for nominations is May 15, 2009.

**With Your Donation  
The Church Periodical Club  
Changes Lives  
One Book at a Time**



## Be a Membership Partner

*Beverley Manning, membership chair*

We can all be partners in the ministry of the Church through the Church Periodical Club.

The ministry can be teaching in Kenya, or providing theological education in Tanzania, or working with children in New Jersey, or preparing for ordained ministry in a seminary. Books, magazines, CDs, DVDs and other resources are needed to support this work. For 120 years the Church Periodical Club has worked to provide resources for the Church's ministry. From the days when Mary Ann Forgo led a group of women sending books and periodicals by stage coach into the wilderness beyond the Mississippi to electronic transfers of funds all over the world so that materials can be purchased in the local language, CPC has persevered in and expanded its work. You can support this ministry too, when you become a member of the Club.

You can become an Annual Member for \$20.00. We will mail you the CPC Quarterly, the National Books Fund Grant List, the Miles of Pennies Report, and messages from our President to keep you informed on the work you are supporting. This money supports our operating expenses.

You can also make a commitment to CPC through a Life Membership for \$250.00. This money goes into the Endowment Fund to provide continued support. The Life Membership can be paid at \$50.00 per year for five years. In addition to all of the above benefits, we will write to you twice a year to keep you informed on CPC work. Life Membership can be a means of recognizing long term service in CPC, or an acknowledgment of your continuing commitment. A Life Membership can also be used to honor someone else.

Your parish can become a member of CPC for \$20.00 or a Life Member for \$300.00. The Parish will receive the same benefits as the individual member. This can be part of your parish outreach.

Come and join our partnership.

## 'CPC is a blessing'

My name is Earlene Foote. I am the chairman of the Church Periodical Club at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Wichita, Kansas. Our success has been greatly increased by the support of our rector, The Rev. Dr. Steven W. Mues.

Q.: Where and when did you attend seminary?

**Fr. Mues: I attended Philadelphia Divinity School 1970 - 1973.**

Q.: Was it a financial struggle for you?

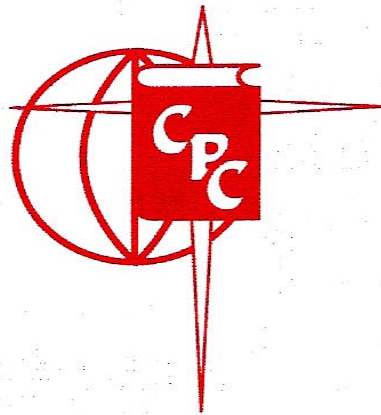
**Fr. Mues: Yes, it was, however, I had a working wife plus I received some scholarships.**

Q.: Were you given help by CPC?

**Fr. Mues: Yes, CPC helped me to buy text books.**

Q.: Do you think students attending today are in need of this kind of help?

**Fr. Mues: I believe they need help as much or more than I did. Several seminaries have closed and it appears there aren't as many scholarships available. Many students today are graduating with thousands of dollars of debt. Having help with the purchase of books is a real plus for them. CPC is a blessing.**



This is the Church Periodical Club logo which can be used on stationery, business cards, posters, or in an advertisement for the 2009 contest. It was cleaned up for our use by Dorothy Jones, director for the Diocese of Indianapolis. It is displayed on the website and can be copied from there.

*Thank you, Dorothy!*

## *Save the Date*

It is the time of year that "**Save the Date**" cards arrive in the mail. Here is one more!

### ***Save July 3 – 8, 2009, for the Church Periodical Club Triennial Meeting !***

Our meeting is the week before the Episcopal Church General Convention in Anaheim, CA. It will be in the Clarion Hotel, very near the convention center. We really want as many of you as possible to come. Every diocesan director is a delegate; every friend of CPC is welcomed with open arms, my open arms!

***Yikes! California?*** How much is that going to cost? How will I come up with that money?

This is what I know. Registration will be \$375 and includes the hotel room for the first night, four dinners, four lunches, the Overseas Bishops' Dinner and transportation to the church for the closing Eucharist and installation service. The hotel room for each of the other four nights will be \$50 when you share a room.

I have started a meager fund to help. Scholarship information for those of you who need a boost will be in the registration packets. These funds have come from simple things. I have made counted cross stitch bibs, pickles and ham biscuits which I exchange for gifts to the Scholarship Fund of CPC.

I decided to give you these numbers now so you can gather your own funds. If you make great pies, tell your friends you are collecting funds to go to Anaheim, ask for help and give them a pie. Ask your Bishop for a small gift from his or her discretionary fund, your priest and your ECW – all these contributions work to build your nest egg. I have a friend who has a cup on her dresser; she puts her change into it every night. The ways to raise money are as varied as each of you.

So far we have three speakers and an afternoon tour on the program. We will share the details about them later, but I wanted you to know about the costs so you can start planning.

We really want as many of you as possible with us as we all learn together how *to change the world, one book at a time!*

*Ursula*

### **We Remember Beth and Anna.....**

It is with much sadness that we report the deaths of two of CPC's Life Members. Beth Faubel, long time director, Diocese of Rochester, died May 1. She was also active in the ECW and was known for her hats; she was 85. Anna Sniffen, twice director in Southern Virginia and a president of CPC, Province III, died August 17. Anna was 95. Our sincere condolences and prayers go out to the families of these faithful women who were modern pioneers as the Ministry of the Printed Word moved into its second century.

### ***Watch the Mail***

The list of National Books Fund requests will be in the mailbox soon. Check your assets now so you can pledge to one of the requests early. For Diocesan Directors, helping to pay for a specific grant gives you something to talk about when you tell what CPC is all about. For the rest of us, it's a good tonic. Nothing like good stewardship to lift the spirits!

Send pledges to CPC, Episcopal Church Center, 815 Second Ave, New York NY 10017

*Editorial: We Provide Words, Printed or Saved !*

While trying to eliminate some of the accumulated paper in my house, I came upon a folder of applications for National Books Fund grants I received during my years chairing that committee. One particular application caught my eye.

This request came from a bishop in Africa, an area known to be in great need. But the request was turned down. He was asking for assistance in training and outfitting his ordinands. We might have provided money for books for the program, but he also was asking for designers, fabric and tailors to construct vestments for these newly ordained priests and deacons so they could dress as other Anglicans, in liturgical colors, at their services. This application came from a very caring bishop. I replied to him, stating why we could not help, and referred him to several other agencies that might fill his needs.

The Church Periodical Club historically is the only organization in the Episcopal Church whose sole mission is to provide books for people in need and without other resources. We need to spread this information far and wide, as close as to our rectors and Christian Formation leaders and as far as the shores of India and Africa.

For more information concerning what CPC, *the ministry of the Printed Word*, is and does, please check the website, [churchperiodical.com](http://churchperiodical.com), and look at the National Grant Funds and the Handbook pages. Any help in spreading our word will be appreciated.

***Deadline for the next Quarterly is Oct. 10, 2008. Please send digital photos, news and ideas to the editor, Ethel Marple, 111 Deerfield Blvd., Hampton VA 23666 or marple3@juno.com.***

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