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With 6 seats won in the lottery CPC was represented at the Nov. 4 service at the Washington Cathedral. Gloria Brown, left, and Linda Brown greet Bishop Katharine after the investiture. Four officers, Prov 3 rep, office administrator attended.

A few impressions of the celebration

Ursula Baxley-What a special moment in time! The flowers, vestments, music, dancers..all examples of the important occasion, Yet my thoughts returned to the parlour of Mary Ann Fargo 118 years ago...it was her vision that put me in the Cathedral as your president.

June Mendenhall-The atmosphere was one of joyful celebration...it was an opportunity of a lifetime in that beautiful place with 3,000 other Episcopalians. I feel good things happening in our church with this leader.

Linda Brown-The day was much like a great crescendo - waiting in the sunny cold with the crowd, watching the procession of Bishops, listening for Schori's knock at the door, hearing her sermon of hope, home, Shalom.

Gloria Brown-Everyone was excited, inspired and brought tremendous joy in seeing,being there and reuniting with our brothers and sisters in Christ at this historic event.

CPC Sunday 2007 is May 6

Church Periodical Club Sunday, a “movable feast” which may be celebrated at any time convenient for the parish but usually is done in May has been scheduled for May 6. This is an opportunity for the people in the pews to learn about and support the ministry of the printed word, CPC programs and projects.

Church Periodical Club volunteers have been carrying out these programs and projects by granting money for books to those who need them in the United States and overseas for almost 120 years.

Observing CPC Sunday can be as simple as putting up a small poster, using free prayer cards in the service or distributing some CPC literature, also free. It is not necessary to take up a collection, but it is a good idea. Every diocesan director has or will receive a kit with ideas to plan a CPC Sunday and materials that can be copied or ordered and distributed.

Any collection that day should be sent to the diocesan director or to the New York office with a note stating what parish is sending the money and that the contribution is from CPC Sunday. Monies collected on CPC Sunday traditionally go to the National Books
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This fund, known as NBF, was the first national granting effort of CPC. Applications are solicited and received from around the world and grants are given for projects, schools, libraries, music programs and individuals who need books and have no other resource to obtain them. All applications are endorsed by a bishop who believes that ministry in his jurisdiction will benefit from the grant.

A speaker on the Ministry of the Printed Word, parish clergy or an informed CPC worker, can be very effective at the service. Many clergy throughout the Church received CPC funds from their parishes and dioceses during their seminary years. Some of these books are still in use. Coffee hour talks can be effective when it isn't possible during the morning worship service because there may be time for questions and answers.

Almost every year a CPC parish finds a new way to dramatize the occasion. One Sunday at St. George's Church in Waynesburg, PA, this was reported,

"All Bibles, Prayer Books and Hymnals had been removed and packed away in boxes. There were not even any bulletins at the Sunday service. Only the organist, lay reader and rector had books to work with.

"A sign over the entrance to the nave announced that we were St. George's Anglican Parish, Kampala, Uganda.

"We sang our hymns, with the rector singing one line at a time for us to follow. As the sermon ended, there was a loud knock. It was a representative of the Church Periodical Club bringing books for us to use! The acolytes distributed them and we went on with the service.

"It isn't often that we Americans have first-hand experience of the book hunger in so much of the world," Margie Baker, the CPC chairman, said. "It was an experience we will not soon forget."

A suggestion for others who want to try this is – No warning, just do it.

Fundraisers are popular in conjunction with CPC Sunday – book sales are especially effective. Used books are collected from parishioners and friends who come back and buy what others have contributed. CPC has been practicing "recycling" since long before it became the expected thing to do. A favorite event in Idaho at one time was a CPC Golf Tournament in Boise, not very bookish but it was fun and fund-friendly.

Any fundraiser that gets the official nod of the parish is permissible just so the message emphasizes that proceeds will buy books for those who need them.

CPC is not just about raising funds, but books do require money. Contributions from parishioners and friends are great, but at times fundraisers come in handy.

Miles of Pennies Gets New Chair

Mary Louise Sharp has accepted the position as chair of the Miles of Pennies Fund. The Board chose a new chair when the Rev. Teena Maki resigned the position in October.

Mary Louise, past-president of CPC 1993-1997, was active in the ministry when Miles of Pennies was born at the 1988 Triennial. She has held positions in the Diocese of Minnesota, served as Province 6 representative and as secretary and vice president of the National Board.

Write her at 4225 Crocker Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55416; her telephone is 952-926-9002, and her email address is kmcrocker01@earthlink.net.

Items of interest

New Life Members

Page 3 contains an article written for the Quarterly by Past-President Betty Thomas Baker and is primarily about being a life member. The membership is valuable to CPC because of the contribution to the Endowment Fund but also to the member because of the connection it engenders with the ministry. I hope to have an article about the history of life membership in a future issue, but want to include here the names of the most recent life members. They are

St Matthew's Episcopal Church, Waimaualo, Hawaii

Priscilla Magar, Taft, California

Linda Brown, Cookson, Oklahoma

Betty Morris, Canyon Lake, Texas

The Rev. Mary Gustafson, Southbridge, Massachusetts

We all welcome them to the fold and thank them for their dedication.

The editor

Another CPC Sunday Idea

The Women of Christ Church Cathedral, Indianapolis, choose an applicant from the NBF list published before the granting session. They publicize it prior to their CPC Sunday so every one knows what the collection is for. Then, bless their hearts, they match the collection from their outreach budget. This is a win-win situation!

Book Sales Still Work

Donna Murray, Western North Carolina, had a booksale in her parish, St. George's, Asheville, and raised \$500. She says Episcopal readers really can bring in the books!

Miles of Pennies Committee Grants to 8 Youth Programs

The Miles of Pennies Committee has completed work on the first eight requests of its term. The new MOP Committee is made up of Mary Louise Sharp, chairman, Patricia Barnes, Province 4; Sally Johnson, Province 3; Nancy Mulheim, Province 8; Rosemary Sater, Province 8, and Patricia Warren, Province 2.

The plan for MOP, the Church Periodical Club fund that is earmarked exclusively for children's materials, is to consider each application as it arrives and mail awards quickly. The maximum grant for an MOP request is a Mile of Pennies, that is \$844.80 – the amount in pennies lined up to cover one mile. This report includes grants of \$5,517.25 for children's books and related materials.

<i>St. George's Episcopal Church, Asheville, NC</i> – Purchase books to start up church Sunday school program for children from nursery through 5 th grade. Dio: Western North Carolina	\$402.94
<i>Keweenaw Family Resource Center, Houghton, MI</i> – Purchase books and DVDs for program teaching child development, alcohol and sex education and parenting skills to teen parents. Dio: Northern Michigan	\$796.59
<i>Fathers Orphanage Centre, Dodoma, Tanzania</i> - Purchase books and CDs for school at orphanage. Dio: Central Tanganyika	\$844.80
<i>St. James' Episcopal Church, Bowie, MD</i> – Purchase Beulah Enterprises material for church school curriculum. Dio: Washington	\$665.00
<i>Church of St. Luke's in the Fields, New York, NY</i> – Purchase books for GO-St. Luke's church tutoring program for children ages 6-11 in grades 2-5. Dio: New York	\$844.80
<i>Episcopal City Mission, St. Louis, MO.</i> - Purchase books and related program materials for children ages 11-17 who abuse drugs and/or alcohol and are confined in juvenile detention centers. Dio: Missouri	\$537.50
<i>Reading Camp, Lexington, KY.</i> - Purchase books for camp tutoring programs for children in grades 3 and 4, and add to traveling library. Dio: Lexington	\$844.80
<i>St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Grand Rapids, MI.</i> – Purchase books and visual arts for Kids' Club program for children in kindergarten to 6 th grade. Dio: Western Michigan	\$580.82

Memories of Betty Thomas Baker of Lenexa, Kansas
CPC president 1982-1985

Memories! Memories, how wonderful they are! And how Ethel Marple stirred my memories when she asked me to do a piece about Life Memberships for the CPC Quarterly.

When I was installed as president of CPC in 1982, Life Memberships had just been started during the term of Mary Scull Brown as President. "Life Memberships were a way to honor people," Mary told me in a recent phone conversation from Coral Gables, Florida. "It was a way to show interest in CPC and to ease the burden of annual dues. In those days the money was used for books and grants."

Certainly my Life Membership – purchased in 1982 when I succeeded Mary as president – has kept me in touch with CPC. I have received the Quarterly, National Books Fund information and correspondence that goes out to Diocesan Directors.

In other words, my Life Membership has kept me informed and now and then stirred my memories. I know where the most urgent needs are that I myself might be able to help fund with a small gift. I have contributed annually to CPC either through my Diocesan Director, June Mendenhall of Sedan, Kansas, to help fund a specific project, or through her when she became Province VII chair. I have found it rewarding to help with the costs of maintaining the national CPC office.

Sally Habliston Park of Cary, North Carolina, who followed me as president of CPC, remembers purchasing a Life Membership when she was in office. It has helped her keep up with CPC in her own Provinces (III and now IV) as well as nationally.

Barbara Braun of Bella Vista, Arkansas, long active in CPC, says her Life Membership has helped her keep up with the National Books Fund, her primary interest through the years.

While on the phone, I also called Tom Hiller of East Greenwich, Rhode Island, current CPC treasurer. He told me that Life Memberships now cost \$250 for an individual and \$300 for a parish (a lump sum or paid over five years).

Through 2001 memberships were used to fund the operating budget. In 2002 CPC began to add the Life Membership receipts to its Endowment Fund. The thought was that this would encourage wider participation and new Life Members would be aware that their money would continue to provide income to support the ministry of the printed word in perpetuity. Surprisingly Life memberships appeared to be more popular when the funds were used for the operating budget. From 1997 through 2001, \$10,295 was raised; in the five years since 2002 in which the funds have been added to the endowment, only \$3,450 has been received.

Tom says that 55 Life Members have been added since 1997.

So my memories of fifteen years as a part of CPC were stirred. I remembered how I had been elected to the CPC board when I was president of the ECW in the Diocese of Kansas – my bishop, Ed Turner, was delighted that I had been chosen. So was I. And today I have been delighted by my telephone odyssey from New York to Arkansas, meeting old friends again.

"Bill, where did you put the check book?"

