



EPISCOPAL WOMEN'S HISTORY PROJECT CREATES LENTEN SERIES

There are hundreds of remarkable stories of women who have served the Episcopal Church with love, with persistence, with energy and with creativity. EWHP is presenting a series telling the stories of six women who have made an impact the Episcopal Church. There will be time for discussion and questions. The Rev. Dr. Jo Ann Barker, President of EWHP will be emcee. The sessions will be presented as a Zoom experience where there is room for all who wish to participate. Ash Wednesday is on February 17, 2021; the series will begin on Thursday, February 18, and afterward on February 25, and March 4, 11, 18 and 25. Mark your calendars!

Here are the topics that will be presented:

February 18: **Presenter: Dr. Joan Gundersen**, Historian and Archivist

Title: Constance Baker Motley: Doing Justice Description:
Meet the Episcopalian who became the face of NAACP in courtrooms across the South during the Civil Rights movement.

February 25: **Presenters:** Pan Adams McCaslin, First woman to enter the University of South; Chair of Program Budget and Finance for Episcopal Church

Title: The Rev. Peggy Bosmeyer Campbell—First woman ordained in Arkansas—a priest, an organizer, a teacher

March 4: **Presenters: The Rev. Dr. Julia Gatta and the Sisters of St. Mary's** Sewanee

Title: Sister Constance and her Companions—Known as the “Martyrs of Memphis,” as they cared for the sick and dying during the yellow fever epidemic of 1878.

March 11: **Presenters: The Rt. Rev. Kim Jackson**—priest in the Diocese of Atlanta, elected the first ever LGBTQ person elected to the Georgia state Senate.
The Rev. Nan Peete: Discussion Leader

Title: The Rev. Pauli Murray-- was an American [civil rights activist](#) who became a [lawyer](#), a [women's rights](#) activist, [Episcopal priest](#), and [author](#). Drawn to the ministry, in 1977 Murray was the first [African-American](#) woman to be ordained as an Episcopal priest, in the first year that any women were ordained by that church.

March 18: **Presenters: Marty Wheeler Burnett**—Associate Professor of Church Music at Virginia Theological Seminary and President of the Association
Special Guest: Rae Whitney

Title: Rae E. Whitney, Poet and Hymn lyricist: hymns in almost all Hymnal in most Churches: she is said “Take up the song and sing the praise of God.”

March 25: **Presenter: Dr. Robin Woods Sumners**—Professor of Child Development, Graphic Designer, writer and entrepreneur

Title: The Remarkable Life of Gertrude Sumners, Missionary Teacher in Kyoto, Japan from 1931-1967, worker in World War II, and life-long Episcopalian.

The Lenten Series will take place on the six Thursdays during Lent, at 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time; there will be time for discussion after each presentation. The six series will also be recorded and will be assess online for those who were not able to attend.

There will be more information about each session two weeks in advance so that those who are interested in learning about the stories of the women can have some background.

Place this series on your calendar—there will be a lot of very interesting history of the impact of women in many times of the world.