**The Episcopal Church Women in CT**
Honored Women Program

*Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.*
*(Proverbs 31:31, NIV)*

*Dear Parishioners,*

At our annual meeting over the years the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) have honored women who have worked for many years in their parish ECW or Women's ministry. We had to pause this tradition during the pandemic period. It is our mission to resume honoring our women at our upcoming annual meeting on May 29th this year. We are asking parishes to submit the name of one woman to be considered. Nominations will be received by the ECW Board and honorees will be announced in April. Women who were voted by their church as the "honored woman" will be recognised at the ECW Annual Meeting Luncheon with a complimentary lunch, and a beautiful award naming their distinction.

Please submit the attached form along with a current profile picture to Paulette Blythe-Russell- President via email at : Blythe.Paulette@gmail.com or Denise Welsh, ECW Vice-President by email: dcainwelsh@gmail.com no later than April 21st 2025.

Thank You

*Dr. Paulette Blythe-Russell*
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CT ECW President



## Episcopal Church Women Begins Over 150 Years Ago

**History of the Episcopal Church Women (ECW)**

*The Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions was established at the meeting of the Board of Missions in October 1872. Its first general meeting was held during the 1874 General Convention, and the organization continued to meet annually for the following four years.*

*Starting with the General Convention of 1880, the Woman's Auxiliary began meeting every three years in conjunction with the General Convention. This gathering became known as the **Triennial** and was informally referred to as the "Third House" of the General Convention, alongside the House of Deputies and the House of Bishops. However, it held no canonical basis or authority.*

*A significant milestone occurred at the 1889 General Convention with the establishment of the **United Offering**, which later became known as the **United Thank Offering (UTO)**. This initiative has continued to play a vital role in the mission and ministry of the Episcopal Church.*

*When the Episcopal Church underwent reorganization during the 1919 General Convention, the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions transitioned into the **Woman's Auxiliary to the National Council**, which is now known as the **Executive Council**.*

*In 1958, the Woman's Auxiliary evolved into the **General Division of Woman's Work National Council**. At this time, local units were encouraged to identify themselves as **Episcopal Church Women (ECW)**, a name that has endured and represents the organization's ongoing commitment to service, fellowship, and mission within the Episcopal Church.*

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# Nomination Form

| *Nominee's Information* | | |
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| **Nominee's Name:** | | |
| **Phone:** | | **Email:** |
| **Mailing Address:** | | |
| **Home Church:** | | |
| **Nominated by:** | | |

We proudly nominate _____ as our 2025 Honored Woman, recognizing her dedication and contributions to the ministry of the Episcopal Church Women. She exemplifies the mission and values of ECW through her faithful service in the following ways:

| Please include specific details, years of service, etc. |
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