REPORT ON THE DIOCESAN EPISCOPAL CHURCHWOMEN FOR THE NOVEMBER 13-14, 2026, DIOCESAN CONVENTION

During 2026, the Diocesan Episcopal Churchwomen (ECW) met twice for Board Meetings and twice for annual meetings—once in Lumberton at Trinity Episcopal Church and once at Trinity Center where Bishop Sarah Fisher spoke.

In January 2026, at the Board Meeting at the Diocesan House in Kinston, Board members planned the April 10-11 Annual Meeting to be held in Lumberton, NC, with Dencie Lambdin as chief planner of the event.

Other business included reports from Treasurer Mary Duane Hale, Church Periodical Club (CPC) chair Melene Hatcher, United Thank Offering (UTO) chair Debbie Luke, Mission and Outreach Kit Riddick, and reports from the District Chairs at Albemarle, Pamlico, Trinity, and Upper and Lower Cape Fear.

For the April Annual Meeting, the Board approved Dencie Lambdin's suggestion that attendees bring jars of peanut butter or monetary donations to benefit the Robeson County Church and Community Center.

The Board approved farewell gifts to retiring Bishop Rob and his wife Sandy to support their pilgrimage to Iona and approved giving a white mitre as an Ordination gift to Bishop-Elect Sarah Fisher displayed on May 3, 2026.

Trinity District Chair Sylvia Wheatley submitted a detailed report about the activities of ECWs in the district. The report details the activities of flourishing ECWs or women's groups performing in-reach and outreach in their communities and parishes.

For the April 10, 2026, Executive Board Meeting, Mary Duane Hale reported a balance of $38,341.06 as of March 31, 2026, the result of fees each church in the districts pays, including funds for CPC, the Memorial Fund (that honors deceased members), the Dominican Republic Fund, and the Triennial Fund. CPC funds provided 12 scholarships to postulates. She urged members to use the web site.

The Reverend Michelle Bullock, Rector at St. Peter's-by-the-Sea. gave a talk to the 40-plus attendees who had a delicious lunch the women at Trinity provided. At the service with the Reverend Don Davis, the collection was donated to the Lumberton Christian Care Center.

At the August Ingathering at Trinity Center about 60 women heard Bishop Sarah Fisher speak and enjoyed lunch together.

Several Board Members will attend the Province IV Women's Conference, June 1-3, 2026.

Debbie Luke

President