

## **Church Periodical Club**

The Church Periodical Club started out in 1888 at the Church of Holy Communion in New York City. Mary Ann Drake Fargo and a small group of women began sending bundles of church periodicals, prayer books, and Bibles via the Wells Fargo Stage Coach Line to missionaries in the western part of the United States. Delivery systems have changed but not the commitment to supplying free theological and educational materials in support of mission around the world.

CPC is an independent affiliated organization of the Episcopal Church. Since its pioneer beginning, CPC has depended entirely on voluntary contributions to carry out its unique ministry. Your contribution is worth more than words. There is an unending list of mission projects in juvenile facilities, hospitals, libraries, schools, prisons, seminaries, alcohol/drug abuse centers, seafarer's institutes, and companion dioceses that need books.

Each year our parishes make donations to CPC on the designated Sunday in May or June. At the February 2018 East Carolina Diocesan Convention our six seminarians were given \$400 each and two Deacons in training were presented \$100 each. A gift is also sent to the Church Periodical Club each year to be used throughout the world as grants. Let us all get involved by giving the gift that gives volumes. Let us continue to support CPC.

## **CPC Prayer**

Bless, O Lord, The Church Periodical Club, that it may be an instrument for the spread of your Word throughout the world. Grant to its officers wisdom and patience, to its members perseverance and the spirit of sharing that asks no return. Bring more to take part in its mission and ministry. Bless our gifts and those who receive them, to the enrichment of individual lives, that we all may be servants of the risen Lord. Amen.

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## **Mission and Outreach**

Ever since Mary Magdalene went to the tomb of Jesus to see that his body was properly cared for in death and became the first witness to his resurrection, women have been at the forefront of declaring the presence of our risen Lord in mission.

Since the Church Periodical Club (CPC) began in 1888 and the United Thank Offering (UTO) began in 1889, Episcopal Church Women (ECW) has envisioned and valued outreach. As evidenced by the variety and scope of projects led by all the church women in parishes throughout the Diocese of East Carolina, the spirit and desire for mission and outreach is very much alive and moving out from local communities to throughout our state, our country, and our world. May that spirit and desire continue to thrive and increase as we women work together to support and to pray for each other in our work.

Everliving God, whose will it is that all should come to you through your Son Jesus Christ: Inspire our witness to him, that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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