

The Episcopal Church Women Ministry of SsAM: Annual Report of June 13, 2021

The Episcopal Church Women Ministry (ECW) celebrates the 25th Anniversary of the new faith community known as The Episcopal church of Saints Andrew and Matthew (SsAM).

ECW congratulates SsAM on its work in our community. ECW is blessed to be a part of SsAM to continue our mission-driven service as expressed in our prayer:

“Almighty God, bless, we pray, our work in mission and ministry in the world. Make us so thankful for the precious gift of Your Beloved Son, that we pray fervently, labor diligently, and give liberally to make known throughout the world the redeeming love of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen”

This year, although challenging for us, has been devastating for others. This year has heightened the visibility of the disenfranchised and the disparities in healthcare, educational resources, and opportunities for employment for our brothers and sisters in Wilmington and around the country. We have been able to engage with our community partners to answer the call. Our activities were limited because of the impact of the pandemic, we persisted!

We sponsored

The Women’s Project with women from many churches in the diocese and the greater Wilmington area. We hosted a workshop on March 7, 2020, “The Influence of Women in the Church – Past, Present and Future.” We presented a brief history of ECW and facilitated “table talk” sessions. The energy and interest was high and we intend to re-gather in 2021.

Lutheran Community Services Food Bank -- collected items from January through April.

St. Michael’s Nursery and Day School -- a small financial contribution to their work.

The Way Home: A organization supporting re-entry for the recently incarcerated. We collected, clothing, gift cards, and back packs.

SsAM 25th Anniversary Celebration: A successful Mother’s Day Curb-side Bake Sale raised funds to support the activities and programs planned for the celebration.

We collaborated and supported

Pastoral Care: We made frequent contact with our congregational family to let them know that we are still a spiritual working parish, helping where needed.

Health Care Ministry: We contacted our congregation to give them information about COVID-19 vaccine locations and offering transportation to vaccination events.

25th Anniversary Celebration PRESENT Committee Survey: We participated in making follow up calls to our congregation to ensure their participation in the Survey.

ECW is poised to re-emerging stronger and energized for 2021 and beyond. All are welcome to join us! Contact Ernestine Brock-Walker.

Respectfully submitted

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