

Vision Statement

We are women of The Episcopal Church called into community to support one another in a life focused on our Baptismal Covenant in order that we may be more effective in our church and the world.

Motto

“Marked as Christ’s own for ever”

Prayer

Almighty God, you have called us into covenant through the promises made at baptism and strengthened us for service through your Holy Spirit. Renew within us the power of that Spirit, and lead us in knowledge and understanding of your will for us, that in our journey into the fullness of your peace, we may bear witness in the world to your redeeming love. Give us each an inquiring mind and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Support us with your presence, O Lord, throughout our ministry. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Circle of Leadership

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The Episcopal Community

Women

Grow • Connect
Support • Serve

In February 2010, a group of positive women from around the country gathered at the Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta, Georgia, and began formation of community life and organization of the structure for the Episcopal Community. Spring 2010, the Presiding Bishop approved the Rt. Rev. Philip M. Duncan, II, of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast as National Chaplain.

PURPOSE

Help build up the spiritual life of our members by being a part of a vowed community

Provide resources to help our members and their congregations of the Episcopal Church to extend the Kingdom of God as revealed in and through Jesus Christ.

WHO WE ARE

Members are lay and ordained women who share their spiritual journeys and are mutually encouraged by each other's faith and support.

The Community is connected by technology and sometimes gather in parish circles.

Members take life-time vows as a response to God's call to live into our Baptismal Covenant more fully and deeply and to live intentionally by following a Rule of Life that we may be more effective disciples in our church and the world.



GOVERNANCE

The Community follows the canons of the Episcopal Church and, as a body, is as open as the Church and takes no stand on issues of a political or theological nature so it can provide a neutral and safe environment for Episcopal women to live out their vows.

Circle of Leadership uses a consensus model of decision making and adheres to a rule of transparency in conducting its business.

All members enjoy equal rights and privileges including: voice and vote, attendance at leadership gatherings, service on governing body.

The Community is incorporated in the State of Tennessee as a nonprofit organization.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is limited to women, 18 years or older, who are confirmed members of the Episcopal Church or who have been received by a bishop into the Episcopal Church.

Women interested in becoming a member must request her parish priest's signature on the intent to study form and undergo a six month period of discernment, prayer, and study.

Episcopal women may choose to be members of both the Community and DOK although they may not hold leadership positions simultaneously.

CLERGY SUPPORT

We request your support and pastoral care for women in your diocese or parish who desire to make a commitment to a life time of prayer, service, and spiritual development by becoming a member of the Episcopal Community.