## **Diocese of Missouri ECW**

This is my first year as President of the Diocese of Missouri ECW Board and it has been a happy, growing experience. Our board is made up of ten women from difference parishes in our diocese. They are amazing women and with God's help we have had the following events since September of 2021.

Our first meeting in person after a long period of Zooming was in December of 2021 at Jeannie King's home. She had prepared lunch and our whole board was present. Lunch was delicious and we were so happy to be together around Jeanne's table. It was a perfect beginning of what has turned out to be a great year.

In 2022 we elected a Distinguished Woman from the nominations we received from six different churches. We were delighted that Bishop Deon was able to attend and speak at the Distinguished Woman's luncheon, where we announced the Distinguished Woman for 2022, Angela Breeher from St. Paul's, Carondelet.

Rev. Shug Goodlow was our speaker for our Connections Event this year. She spoke about her new role as the bishop appointed Missioner for Racial Reconciliation and Justice and how she is working to include those in the diocese who are interested in this work.

The first scholarship was given by the Diocese of Missouri ECW Board in 1997 and we've continued with a yearly scholarship to a woman who is being educated in an area of service to others. This year we had a repeat winner, Abigail Robertson, from Church of the Transfiguration in Lake St. Louis.

I am excited about our Retreat and Annual meeting which is October 14 and 15 at Pallottine Retreat Center, it will be a time for prayerful reflection, and personal growth.

Sincerely, Sharon Meusch, President Christ Church Rolla