

SERVICE COMMISSION CHAIR REPORT SEPTEMBER 16, 2017

Since this is my first experience with any committee work for KDCCW, I need some time to get acquainted with the responsibilities that are expected of this position, as well as the administrative work of the organization. At this point, I have a lot of questions concerning what has been done in the past and what path to take going forward.

Some things I expect to do:

- Pray for understanding and guidance in serving this commission.
- Support the work of KDCCW.
- Read through the by-laws.
- Collect contact information for the service commission chairs in each deanery.
- Contact each of the deanery service commission chairs to see what service programs are already taking place in their deaneries.
- Become familiar with the many ways CCW affiliates throughout the diocese support and participate in on-going service organizations in their communities.
- Become familiar with service programs that NCCW currently supports and promotes and relay that information to the deanery service commission chairs.

The 2017 KDCCW convention service project was “Mary’s Cradle” which collected infant care products.

The 2017 service project that was encouraged by NCCW was “Under the Clothes and Over the Toes” collecting underwear and socks for charities.

The NCCW is currently addressing a number of concerns on their website. There are links to resources available to provide information to these concerns.

One of the hands-on projects being promoted is weaving thick sleeping mats from plastic grocery bags to be used by homeless persons to provide insulation from the cold. This is a project that can be done locally. There are some faith based groups in the Knoxville area that are engaged in this type of service.

Preventing Domestic violence is an important concern of NCCW and October is domestic violence prevention month. This is primarily an awareness based program.

NCCW also promotes training for a respite program that is designed to provide some relief for those who care for elderly or disabled family members in their homes. Information about the training curriculum and manuals for this program are available on the website. Volunteers must undergo a background check and complete the Protecting God's Children training offered in their diocese. NCCW also includes group insurance for volunteers.

Resources about awareness and prevention of human trafficking are provided. It is important to understand how and why this tragedy occurs.

NCCW is also strives to promote strong families and marriages, fight pornography, encourage people to evaluate the influence of media, and understand issues involving immigration.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Byers