

Cumberland Mountain Deanery
President's Report
Spring 2018

I'd like to begin by thanking those who have agreed to be officers or commission chairs at the deanery level and at the affiliate level. We seem to have many women who are willing to support CCW and our projects, but few who see themselves as leaders. Hopefully, participating in CCW will help to empower more women to be comfortable in this role.

At the fall meeting we chose St. Mary's Legacy Clinic for our deanery project for the next two years. This mobile clinic provides medical services to the poor and medically underserved in rural areas of East Tennessee. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 so we need to spread the word and inspire donations. Learn more at www.stmaryclinic.org.

Welcome to St. Mary's Legacy Clinic...



There are nine active affiliates in our deanery and each is busy with service projects. One new project that came to our attention through our service commission chair, GeriAnne Mason, is the "Free the Girls" project. It is an international non-profit organization devoted to helping sex-trafficking survivors with a path to freedom. By donating new and gently used bras, these girls are able to empower themselves by selling bras in second-hand clothing stores where they bring top dollar in many countries. Women of our deanery have donated and several boxes of bras have been sent.

Our spirituality commission chair, Kathleen Kelly, has provided us with inspirational articles for meditation and is trying to get us better acquainted with women in the Bible.

We look forward to hosting the 2019 KDCCW Convention in Knoxville and we hope you'll save the date – April 4th-6th so you can make convention a part of your Lenten journey.

Respectfully submitted,

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