

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

Report to Diocesan Convention 2022



Girls' Friendly Society (GFS) provides ministry to girls in a safe and accepting environment where Christ's love is evident. GFS-USA is a community within the Episcopal Church and a member of the World Council of GFS. Through local GFS branches, the GFS-USA Month of Service, and GFS World Projects, we strive to respond to human need by serving others and seek to transform unjust structures of society, particularly for women and children.

Our activities were very limited still due to the Pandemic. We were able to distribute backpacks filled with school supplies to the United Way of Pioneer Valley stuff the bus campaign, keep in touch by text, email, and phone on a regular basis, we hosted coffee hours when possible, donated collected outerwear items to the YWCA, held clothing and household item drives to aid refugee families. With the help of another local agency, we were able to help two families one from Guyana and one from Afghanistan

The National Convention was held in July 2022 at Simmons University in Boston. As President of WMASS, I was the Senior voting Delegate during our business meetings. South Africa will host World Council in 2023 to be held in Johannesburg

During National Convention we were blessed by the presence of GFS World President from South Africa, incoming GFS World President from Sri Lanka, and a virtual greeting from Presiding Bishop Currey.

Our World Day of Prayer was held every October 1st with the various Diocese in USA participating in a virtual service.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at donnachristian@comcast.net or you may call at 413-505-3594

With Gratitude,

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