



2021 Annual Report

The Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross



We . . . as a Society have . . . principles to fight for. We stand for simplicity in an age of luxury. We stand for prayer, intercession, and thanksgiving in an age of vague conjecture as to the efficacy of prayer. We are united as Companions of the Holy Cross in times when many repudiate the Cross.

Emily Morgan, *Letters*,
Founder of the Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross





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A Letter From the Companion-in-Charge

Greetings,

Once again, the Society had an Adelynrood-closed year but certainly not a closed Society. Taking advantage of this new world of technology, we have continued journeying into and praying for this new virtual world.



Chapters and Society committees met regularly, using technology. We even offered a couple of programs virtually. Companion Conference and Annual Meeting “Zoomed,” each attended by almost 150 Companions and Discerners.

The process of revising the *SCHC Bylaws*, begun in the fall in 2020, was completed through Zoom meetings. They were proposed and vetted by all Companions and finally adopted at the 2021 Annual Meeting by an almost unanimous vote—a big task with a great outcome. One major change is that membership in the Episcopal Church is no longer a membership requirement. The primary requirement is that a woman interested in membership will, as always, discern and decide her membership under the guiding hands of two seasoned Companions.

“Dare to Risk to Love to Act” became the perfect title for the Companion Conference that was postponed from 2020. The pandemic changed our discussion and understanding of the words dare, risk, love, and act, leading us to reflect on the challenges of life during this COVID time, and creating an especially enriching spiritual time for us.

One of the most exciting activities has been the development of a new public SCHC website that aims to attract women who are seeking an organization like ours. Check us out on schcCompanions.org and let us know what you think. Also, in a few weeks, go to a revamped Adelynrood.org to learn about this year’s programs. Perhaps you’ll even register for one!

One dramatic event was a wind shear that blew a large pine tree across the roof of the Isle of Man, the cottage next to the chapel. The process of repairing and making the Isle more comfortable for our clergy guests is underway.

Thanks to a generous donation, another big project, replacement of the Great Cross that stands guard over our Society home, was completed. Socially distancing and wearing masks, a small group of local Companions gathered on the lawn to witness its re-dedication.

During these activities, our wonderful Adelynrood staff watched over our property and kept up the business aspects of this world-wide organization. We are so grateful for all our staff who have been the glue holding us together, keeping us in touch.

Many projects were undertaken under the supervision of our new facilities manager, Stewart Guay, who arrived shortly before the tree fell. What a welcome!

We also welcomed a new general manager, Sarah Van Gulden, who arrived in November. Sarah lives in Rockport, where her husband is pastor of the Congregational Church. She comes to us from church work herself. On the next page you can learn about Sarah from her own voice.

This is my last year as Companion-in-Charge. During this time, I hope to do some activities that I have missed—in-person visits to chapters, in-person committee and Governing Board meetings, and, of course, other summer activities. In May, we will take up life at Adelynrood again. With COVID-safety protocols, like vaccinations and booster requirements, in place, we will once again meet, pray, and play together. Hopefully, I’ll see you there!

Peace and blessing,

Edwina

Edwina M. Simpson

Report from the General Manager

Greetings from your new General Manager!

Have you noticed that time has a mysterious way of expanding and collapsing? For instance, I began my new role last November; some days it feels as if I arrived only yesterday, and yet other days it feels like I arrived years ago. Either way, I am so grateful to serve as your new general manager and look forward to meeting you all and working together in the coming years.



The first thing I noticed upon my arrival at Adelynrood was the atmosphere of peace and serenity, which was surprising given our proximity to Route 1. But Adelynrood seems to exist in a bubble that protects us from the noise and busyness of the world.

Unfortunately, this bubble has not kept out the fears and uncertainties of COVID. So many of our usual routines were drastically altered, if not put on pause, due to quarantines and fear of infection. Decisions, like closing Adelynrood, were not easy to make but necessary for the health and safety of our staff and Companions. As I meet with Companions, mostly via technology, I hear your lament in exile, that you long to return to your spiritual home. You will be able to do so soon!

This summer, Adelynrood will once again open its doors! Already, the staff and a team of Companions are hard at work to prepare for Live-In, the open house, summer programs, Companion Conference, retreats, and other opportunities to share Adelynrood's peace and serenity. We all hope you will join us this summer as we create a new normal in a post-COVID time.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah".

Sarah van Gulden



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Many, Many Thanks to our Staff during this Time of COVID

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Every time we erect a cross we, in a way, declare ourselves followers in His footsteps... The cross is the one supreme reality of the world, built on the Rock of Ages to withstand change and time. Through it the spiritual life of the world is perpetuated, and the life of the world to come assured.

Letters to Her Companions, Emily Malbone Morgan
War Years 1914-1918



Settled in her office, our new General Manager Sarah van Gulden awaits the 2022 opening of Adelynrood and opportunities to meet Companions and guests.



A generous gift made possible the replacement of our Great Cross, the heart of our life at Adelynrood and our Society.



Facilities Manager Stewart Guay keeps our buildings and property in tip top condition and our equipment running smoothly.



2021 Companion Conference The "Courage to Risk to Love to Act" showed the way through this pandemic time!



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In thanksgiving for the many blessings in my life.
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In memory of Susan Butler, who is missed.
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In memory of Diana Carroll, a big supporter of SCHC. She loved to sponsor new members, and her love of Adelynrood was unparalleled.

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In memory of Diana Carroll, Berkshire Chapter.

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Elizabeth Musgrave
Nancy Lowry

In memory of our Companion, Iris Carson.
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In thanksgiving for Ada Cassidy.
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In thanksgiving for Judy Conley.
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In memory of Mary Craighill.
SCHC - Philadelphia Chapter

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In thanksgiving for Laura Drum.
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Easter gratitude.
Waite Maclin *

In thanksgiving for my family and Sponsor.
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In thanksgiving for my Sponsor, Nancy D. Farris.
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In memory of Jaci Fellows.
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In memory of my mother, Jaci Fellows
David Morse.

In appreciation for Sally Fisher's service to the SCHC.

Edwina M. Simpson

In thanksgiving for our treasurer, Sally Fisher.

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Louise Allen Briscoe
Victoria Crago Sicks

In thanksgiving for and in memory of Jane Case Allen Foster.

Carole C. Foster

In thanksgiving for the hospitality of Companion Patricia Gaukler on my recent trip to North Carolina.

Betty J. Lane

In loving memory of my dear friend, Joanna Gillespie.

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In honor of Joanna B. Gillespie.

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In memory of Jo Gillespie.

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In thanksgiving for God's many blessings.

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In thanksgiving for Lis Gordon.

T. Sammie Wakefield

Grateful Friend of Adelynrood.

Katherine Peterson *

Thanksgiving for dedication of the new Great Cross today.

Melissa Cloughton Fox

In thanksgiving for Phoebe Griswold.

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In memory of Gladys Hall.

Martha Lyn Ward

In memory of the Rev. John Hall.

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In thanksgiving and in memory of The Rev. John Hall.

Carol Parks *

In loving gratitude for the life, witness, and Companionship of Sarah Hanke (Sarsh).

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In thanksgiving for Sarsh Hanke.

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In appreciation for Cheryl Harrigan.

Alene M. Tate

In thanksgiving for the hospitality of Companion Ana Hernández on my recent trip to North Carolina.

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Martha Lyn Ward

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In memory of Eva Hovey.

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Marcia K. Stone

In thanksgiving of Judy Hutchinson, friend and mentor.

Sally Freed

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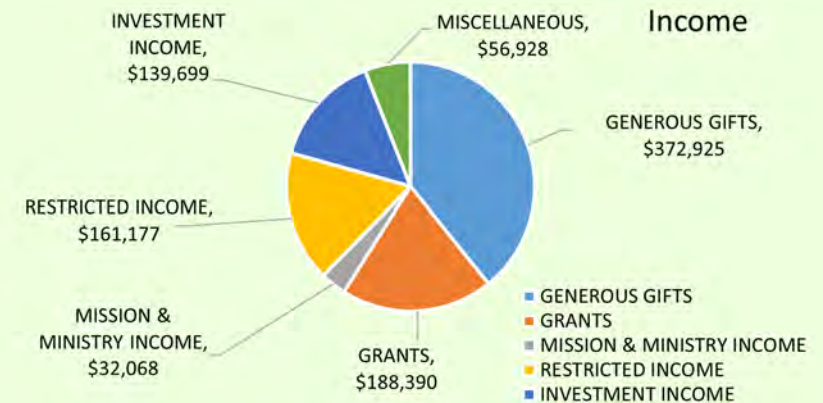
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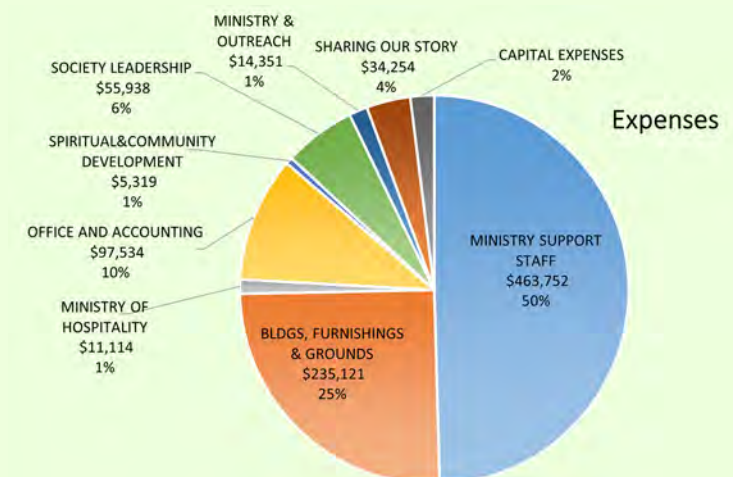
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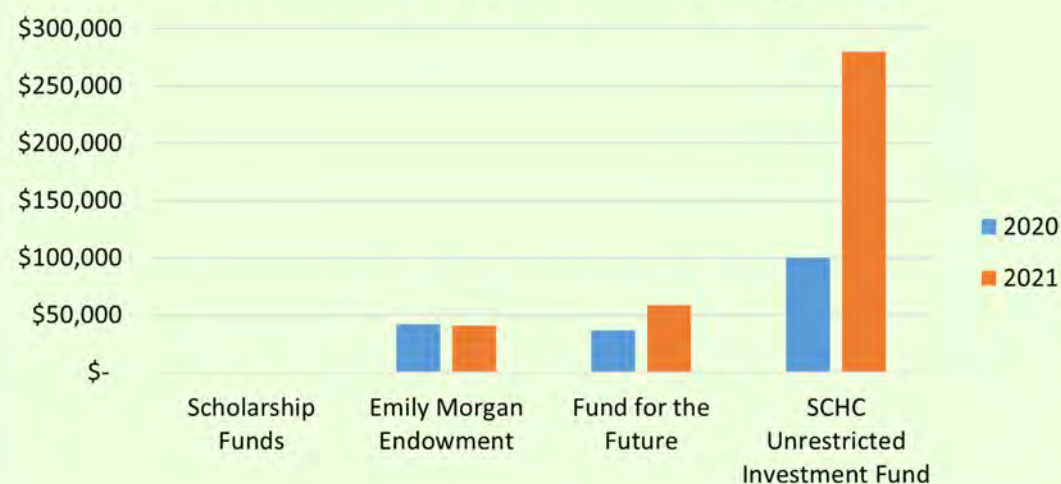
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Unrestricted funds	\$	4,381,984	SCHC Fund
Restricted funds	\$	1,826,892	Emily Morgan, Hurd, Risley, Vida Scudder
Held in Reserve	\$	262,990	Sapp, FFF, Designated
Total Investments	\$	6,471,866	

Investments Used for Expenses	2020	2021
Scholarship Funds	\$ -	\$ 850
Emily Morgan Endowment	\$ 42,259	\$ 41,015
Fund for the Future	\$ 37,089	\$ 59,094
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	\$ 181,368	\$ 380,959

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