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**Title of the mailing \***Changing the World for Women and Girls

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**Body text of the mailing \***

January 6, 2011

To the Clergy and Women of the Diocese:

Grace and peace to you.

We recognize your leadership in the diocese. Therefore, we are sending you this information about the Second Diocesan Women's Conference in these recent years in the Diocese of Pennsylvania. More than 200 women were connected and empowered for ministry at the Women's Conference last year. From that experience, the upcoming conference was born. Changing the World for Women and Girls: A Faithful Response to the Millennium Development Goals is the topic for the Diocesan Women's Conference to be held February 17-19, 2011 at St. Thomas', Whitemarsh in Ft. Washington, PA.

The Episcopal Church has made a commitment to the Millennium Development Goals. Over the course of these three days women will have the chance to learn about four of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and how it is that they can affect the lives of women and girls, either locally or around the world. Each day will include food and time for fellowship, worship opportunities and a panel of women who are on the ground in various locations empowering and changing the lives of women and girls. Through attendance, women will not only learn about these goals, but will also find ways that they can make a difference regardless of the limitations they have in location or economic status.

We expect to double the number of attendees this year through intentional efforts of reaching out to women between 13 and 90+ years of age. We will have special opportunities for teenagers. We hope you will encourage attendance in this historic and transformative gathering of women. Encourage and bring friends from across your faith and secular community. If you have daughters, God daughters, or granddaughters, bring them too. Come listen, discover and be empowered. We are part of a sisterhood that has strength beyond our ability to imagine when we combine our giftedness with the healing and life-changing Spirit of the Divine.

Faithfully,

The Rev. Whitney Altopp, Vicar  
St. Thomas', Whitemarsh  
Chair of the Women's Conference Steering Committee

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The Rev. Wil Gafney  
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