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PSALM 19:14 KJV

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Words Are Powerful



LET THE WORDS OF MY MOUTH, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.
Psalms 19:14

Words are powerful. They can build you up or they can tear you down. Words have energy and power with the ability to help, to heal, to hurt, to harm, to humiliate and to humble. Considering the powerful force of the words we say, we must discipline ourselves to speak in a way that expresses respect, gentleness and humility. A prayer from the “National Handbook,” Help Us to Pray, asks for the guidance of the Holy Spirit each day so that all we “think, do or say may be acceptable” to God.

Many years ago, a Daughter in my chapter often prayed, “God, guard my tongue.” She was an older Daughter who was plainspoken. She was not mean but knew her own behavior in terms of speech could be sharp and sometimes hurtful if she did not monitor what she said. She recognized that a part of the mark of the life she wanted to live as a Daughter was right speech. Her prayer helped her do this.

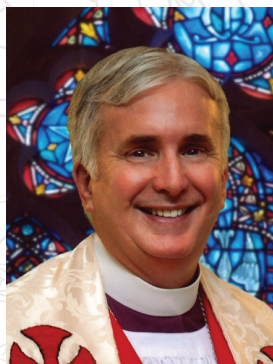
In this psalm David cries out to the Lord as he often does. David could not bear the idea that a word or a thought of his would not be acceptable to God. Though David has been said to be a man after God’s own heart, he was not perfect. Scripture details the many instances

where David fell short of his desire to please God. He succumbed to his human weaknesses. His actions sometimes betrayed his desire to please God. He did understand that his heart needed to be pure and when he sinned, he asked for God’s mercy and forgiveness.

It should be the same for us. God did not make us perfect beings. How many times have we fallen short? We have all done things, said things, and had thoughts we knew were not acceptable in God’s eyes – just wrong. I know I have. There have been times my human desires have looked good on the outside but were unacceptable with God. There have been times in my life when my words or actions were obviously not good to anyone who heard or viewed them and were not acceptable in God’s eyes. Like David, we must repent and ask for God’s mercy and forgiveness. This is not a one-time effort but constant on our part to be right with God. It is a journey. Thank God for His grace.

I read a prayer recently that talked about “glory strength.” I love these words. In my mind, this glory strength is only available from God. He is the source of strength in all we do. God gives us glory strength when we have a personal relationship with Jesus – when we know Him as our Lord and Savior. His death on the cross redeemed us – me – from my wrong thoughts, words, and actions. It is the strength which will help me live the life that saves. It is the strength that lets me know my sins have been redeemed and paid for. The gift of that glory strength is what I rely on to know that I can be able to share in the real glory that will be my reward on that great day when Jesus returns.

Does Our Walk Match Our Talk?



TODAY MORE THAN EVER before in many of our lifetimes, Christians have come under scrutiny. Is what we preach and pray reflected in the way we

live? Does our walk match our talk?

These unsettling but understandable questions remind me of an equally unsettling story in Luke 18:9-14. It involves two main characters who both come up to the temple: a Pharisee and a tax collector.

The Pharisee strides in and takes what he seems to consider his rightful place up front in the temple. Jesus' words indicate that he is speaking a little more loudly than he should, and he's calling a great deal of attention to himself. In fact, he actually refers to himself five times within the course of his brief prayer.

Now, of course, all the things he mentions are good things. He fasts, he gives his money away. Those are admirable. The description indicates he goes above and beyond what the law requires. So at least in terms of what he's saying aloud, he's exemplary, a model. But he has an attitude. That's why his story bothers us. Why is he calling attention to himself, saying, "Look at me, I'm great"?

And here's the other character: a tax collector. Now, by the nature of his profession, he's in cahoots with occupational government authority. He's not a good guy. Nothing about his

job indicates he's worthy of any kind of personal praise. Jesus' hearers would have known all this.

But something unusual happens with him. Does he stride up front? No. Every indication points to him being a Jew, so he would have been welcome up front, but he's hanging out with the Gentiles, who were considered unclean.

He and the Pharisee both focus on their own condition. But in contrast to the Pharisee, what's the tax collector doing? He's bowing, he's beating his chest. And what are his words? "*God, be merciful to me, a sinner.*" (Luke 18:14)

The word "sinner" is a confession. It means "I know I am not right with God. I know there are things I'm doing that do not in any way have God's approval." In other words, "where I belong is out with the Gentiles, not up front." So his story bothers us, too.

Neither of these two would be the hero in a simplistic Christian movie plot. But the lesson they teach us — me — is that, like it or not, what spills out from inside me reflects what is in my heart, whether it's "God, I fast twice a week" or "God, be merciful to me, a sinner."

Every week, most of us come before God as both Pharisees and as tax collectors, as self-righteous saints and as sinners who recognize our own unworthiness. And the psalmist offers a simple prayer that will help us escape the excesses and errors of either: "*Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.*" (Psalm 19:14)

Lord, hear our prayer.

By Denise Rox

My Words Have Energy



MAY THE WORDS OF MY MOUTH and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. **Psalm 19:14**

These words are what I say every morning before my feet even hit the floor. Or before I write devotionals or pray at meetings or any other time when I need the direction of the Holy Spirit to help me. At night then, I always give thanks for my day, good or bad, with **Psalm**

4: 8, *I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.* I try to let the day go so I might rest in His arms.

My words, what I say, have energy and power with the ability to help, to show love, to hinder, to harm, or to humble. My words influence not only others but also myself. The way I say them, my tone, also makes a difference.

It has taken a lifetime of “words” spoken to get us to where we are in our journey with Christ. Words that our hearts have meditated on. Words interpreting what we have read in the Bible.

When we call upon the Holy Spirit and ask for guidance with our words and are sincere in meditating about them, that is

when it is no longer us but the grace of God that is helping others to hear what they need to hear.

I need to be careful and turn to God’s Word – read and pray about what I read – BEFORE I open my mouth. So many times I know I have said the wrong thing. **Proverbs 1:18** tells us, *“Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.”* How do you fix it when you have said the wrong thing? “Sorry,” comes to mind, but even then, the damage may already be done.

I work with patients in the medical field, and what I say to others is very important, especially since they are

usually hurt or sick. I think most of my words need to show compassion and sympathy. Jesus talks a lot

about compassion, love and healing. If I am not careful, I can sometimes forget how I need to talk to others. I am good at multitasking, so I put an earplug in one ear and listen to “Jesus” music playing softly. You would be amazed at how listening to “Jesus” music can make you happy all day, no matter what comes your way! Sometimes I do need to remove it, as some patients need my complete, undivided attention. Most days, though, I hear over and over how much God loves me whispering in my ear, and it is easier to say the right thing.

Pray with me: *“I pray that the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart will always be pleasing to you, for You, Lord, are my rock and my redeemer. May all I do or say be pleasing in Your sight.”*

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A Word about Dues

DUES CAN BE A TOUCHY SUBJECT for people, especially during a pandemic when churches have been closed and chapters may not have been meeting. Why is paying your dues important?

Dues are the only source of funding for our operating expenses because our bylaws prohibit us from raising funds in the name of The Order. Dues payments cover salaries for the national office staff, some of the costs incurred when filling orders for crosses and printed materials, office expenses, printing and mailing of *The Royal Cross* magazine, running programs such as Conversations with Daughters and the Diocesan Assembly Leadership Institute, National Council meeting costs, Junior and International Daughter programs, and legal and financial professional services. These expenses enable us to do the work of The Order and faithfully serve members, chapters, and officers at all levels.

Dues payments support Daughters locally, as well as at the national level. For the convenience of the members, as well as management, a single dues payment is collected from each Daughter. From each \$40 dues payment, only \$25 is retained to cover the national operating expenses and *The Royal Cross* subscription. Provincial assembly dues of \$5 and diocesan assembly dues of \$10 is passed through to provincial and diocesan assemblies, so that local leadership can determine the best ways to support members with those funds.

Paying dues promptly is the duty of

all Daughters, along with praying daily and wearing the cross of The Order (see the “National Handbook,” page 6). In recent years, nearly a quarter of our membership has not been faithful in upholding their financial commitment to The Order. This has significantly limited the ability of The Order to, in turn, support its membership and more fully accomplish its mission to spread God’s Kingdom.

What if a Daughter can’t afford to pay dues? Dues assistance begins with the member’s chapter or clergy, either of which might have funds available to cover temporary shortfalls for a member. If not, diocesan and provincial assemblies may have funds set aside for this purpose. If necessary, the chapter can apply for temporary dues assistance on behalf of the member (see Dues Assistance Policy and Application for National Dues Assistance at doknational.org). Chapters may apply for permanent dues relief on behalf of Daughters who are unable to function as active members due to declining health or other serious situations and are over the age of 85 (see Dues Relief Status Policy and Application for Dues Relief Status at doknational.org); however, the member will no longer receive *The Royal Cross* and will be ineligible to serve as an officer or delegate.

Membership in The Order should never be contingent on a member’s ability to pay dues. However, as our motto suggests, those who can, should, and by the grace of God will!

“For it is in giving we receive.” —Saint Francis of Assisi

Let Us Pray

LITANY: THEN and NOW

by Nancy Severin

THEN:

It was a foreign language.
Covid 19. Coronavirus.
Pandemic.
AND You were there.

THEN:

Praying took on new
import. Prayers were food.
The only way through.
The only hope. Faith
hanging on by fingertips.
AND You were there.

THEN:

It was an unimaginable
assault.
On our bodies, our
psyches, our hearts, and
souls.
AND You were there.

THEN:

It was inconceivable – the
thousands infected.
It was swift and deadly.
AND You were there.

THEN:

It was instant isolation.
Shelter in Place. No
travel. No gathering.
AND You were there.

THEN:

It was the closing of our
church buildings. Our
businesses.
Banks. Restaurants.
Salons. Workplaces.
AND You were there.

THEN:

It was so empty.
Empty roads. Empty
airports. Empty hearts.
AND You were there.

THEN:

We thought surely this
would not last long.
A few weeks. A few
months. It would go away.
AND You were there.

THEN:

Frontline workers;
medical personnel, grocery
store employees
Rolled up their
collective sleeves and
served with undaunted
courage.
AND You were there.

THEN:

Hope went to work.
Solutions arose.
Horizons expanded.
Zoom became a way of life.
AND You were there.

NOW:

We are still learning new
languages.
Unmute. Screen Share.
Livestreaming. TikTok.
AND You are here.
NOW:
We are wiser and
stronger.
We research. We seek

answers. We ask questions.
We lean in.
AND You are here.

NOW:

We know what matters.
Family. Friends.
Community. Eucharist.
Sunrises. Sunsets.
Beauty. Creation.
And You are here.

NOW:

What isn't life-giving and
generative and kind,
We release. We move
on. We let go.
And You are here.

NOW:

We will not settle. We are
no longer afraid.
We will pray.
We will serve.
We will tell our
stories.

NOW:

We understand
hospitality as a bigger table
Of heart,
acceptance, diversity, and
reconciliation.

NOW:

We KNOW what moves
the universe.
LOVE.
AND YOU ARE HERE. YOU
NEVER LEFT.

By Kathy Schultz

Did You Remember?



YOU MAY REMEMBER that the Master's

Fund was established in 1922 at the National Convention of The Order, in Portland, Oregon. It was

a thank offering to be given at Pentecost as a special commemoration of the coming of the Holy Spirit. All monies in the Fund are individual contributions from Daughters. These donations are an expression of support for those women whose mission or calling is to help spread Christ's kingdom.

As has always been said, both the contributors and recipients are touched and blessed by the Holy Spirit. Prayers from all Daughters bless the scholarship and grant recipients and are an especially important part of the process.

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We know that college and seminary are expensive, and the opportunity to assist these women impacts and blesses us all through the church-related ministries of the recipients. Though the Ingathering this year was May 23, Pentecost, you do not have to restrict your giving to the date of Pentecost. Contributions can be made ANY DAY of the year. Most importantly, KEEP PRAYING for the Master's Fund recipients daily! The Fund was able to disburse \$38,000 in grants and scholarships last year. On the following page are the recipients for the 2020/2021 school year:

Are you a International Daughters expert? Take the challenge quiz below from Johanna Rengers to test your knowledge and then check your answers found on page 17.

International Daughters Challenge Quiz

Cross + Currents is a q_____ newsletter about I_____
Chapters. It is written in four languages, E_____, S_____, F_____,
and P_____. It includes p_____ and written articles.

A recent S_____ D_____ grant was given to provide f_____ for hungry
families in areas hardest hit by C_____-19.

2020/2021 Master's Fund Recipients

SCHOOL - ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS	PROV.	DIOCESE	GRAD YR
Church Divinity School of the Pacific			
Gurling, Ashley – R	7	Utah	2023
McElroy, Elizabeth – R	6	Iowa	2023
Duke Divinity School			
Minton, Sarah – R	4	Florida	2021
Whitesides, Martha	4	North Carolina	2022
General Theological Seminary			
Ostendorf, Kristen	3	Pennsylvania	2023
Seminary of the Southwest			
Belhu, Cheryl – R	4	W. No. Carolina	2021
Carlson, Meghan – N	5	Ohio	2023
Lewis, Leesa – N	7	Texas	2023
Mast, Sara – N	7	Texas	2023
Tyler, Adelyn – R	4	Atlanta	2021
Sewanee School of Theology			
Furlong, Angela	3	Maryland	2023
Trinity College, Dublin- N			
Tisdale, Rose- N	4	South Carolina	2021
Union Theological Seminary			
Bogino, Eva – N	3	Washington, DC	2023
University of North Texas			
Jordan, Mallory – N	7	Dallas	2023
Virginia Theological Seminary			
Leahy, Jennie- N	4	Cent. Gulf Coast	2023
Schotto, Kathleen -R	3	Maryland	2022
Staats, Iva – R	5	Southern Ohio	2022
SCHOOL- CONTINUING EDUCATION GRANT			
Episcopal Diocese (San Diego) School for Ministry			
Lowe, Sydney	8	San Diego	

By Betsy McElroy

The Turbulence of Resurrection

A WEEK AFTER EASTER, my professor began the class asking us to provide a word, phrase, or sound that summarized how we were experiencing Christ's resurrection at that moment. My answer surprised me. I typically think about the resurrection as pure joy. I revel in the transition during the Easter Vigil from the serious nature of sitting in darkness reflecting upon God's saving deeds to the joyfulness and brightness of the Easter proclamation, "Alleluia, Christ is Risen." However, when my professor asked the question, my answer was not "joy." It was "turbulent." Is resurrection turbulent?

The Greek root word for resurrection is **ἐγείρω** (egeiró), which means to awaken, to rise up. The process of waking, that liminal space between sleeping and being fully awake, is not always joyful. It can be a bit turbulent as one moves between the space that was to the space that is, especially when one does not know what the new space will hold. There may be fear of the unknown yet joy in the imagination of what can be.

This transition describes my seminary experience. I am awaking new revelations in my call daily, which puts me squarely in that liminal space between what was and what is coming. In addition, I am doing this work amid a pandemic that is creating a resurrection opportunity for the Church. When I asked a potential internship supervisor to identify the biggest challenge facing his church, his answer was, "that I don't know what the challenges will be." His response also sums up what it is like to be training for ministry in



Betsy McElroy was one of the 2020-21 Master's Fund recipients.

2021. Answering my call at this time in the life of the Church is equally terrifying because of all the unknowns and exciting because we can use our imaginations to envision new ways to be "church" in the world. I think this is why I described resurrection as turbulent.

Helping me in this turbulence is the support and prayers of family, friends, advisors, professors, and organizations such as The Order of the Daughters of the King®. The Daughters have been lifting up my call since before I identified it myself. The work of being church in the world is the work of many. Part of that work is helping others to awaken to the knowledge of their gifts and then supporting them as they go through the turbulent resurrection between what was and what will be. The Daughters take this call seriously with generous offerings of prayers and financial assistance to those on their journey. As a recipient of both of these offerings, I am overwhelmingly grateful.

Gathered. Among. Connected. Together.

JESUS REMINDS HIS DISCIPLES:
"For where two or three of you are gathered in my name, I am there among them." (**Matthew 18:20, NRSV**)

"Gathered. Among. Connected. Together." Nothing looks like we think it should when we consider these words over a year now into the COVID-19 pandemic. These notions of connection and of presence have required almost continuous redefinition over these arduous months of isolation and have still often left us lacking in adequacy, void and isolated of nurturing depth and dislocated from each other, particularly when it comes to "being church."

This experience is particularly poignant for those of us engaged in residential seminary learning during this time. We collectively stand, sit, kneel, and sometimes fall prostrate at the intersection of our own need for connection in processing the daily spiritual formation that seminary demands of us as it falls alongside and sometimes precipitously out of step with learning to create this for others within the parish ministry setting. In truth, this observance would fall well within the realm of perceived reality even without the pandemic and its extensive collateral impact. We are learning to serve, not only as a buoy, but as an anchor to community while we cling to our own tethers and buoys within this landscape.

Yet, we cannot gather in our classrooms, our chapel, our Refectory or at our Field Education sites. We learn to preach, pray and officiate on Zoom. We don't linger over a cup of coffee with a

classmate or a trusted faculty adviser. And yet, Christ is among us ... the diaspora within the COVID wilderness; the Body of Christ is assembled in various and innovative manners and God is palpably present. The Holy Spirit is beckoned and invited and therefore, present and received.

Graciously, it has dawned on me that this is my seminary experience. This is my formation; I will someday be the priest formed during a global pandemic, during an excruciating fast from the Eucharist, during an agonizing separation from my family, during the spread of rampant and merciless disease but more distressingly, of rampant fear, isolation and disparity. I will be the priest formed amidst a body of Christ mourning unjust losses at the hands of systemic racism, amidst the contagion of pervasive hate and amidst the desecration of the sacred for political gain. Yet, I am not, I cannot be, formed by these things; I am being formed by God DURING ... to do this work and fortified for the connection.

Your continued and generous support has allowed me once again to remain physically tethered during this time to the buoys of my husband and my two adult children, serving primarily to cover our travel expenses to and from my home in Ohio this academic year. When we are "two or three" (or four) gathered, I can be embraced and held tightly, shored up against these buffeting winds of formation in the way we think it should look. We are gathered, connected and together ... and Christ is among us. Thanks be to God.

The following names have been added to the Book of Remembrance during 2020

In Thanksgiving

Dyrian Hope Abrams
Rebecca Albert's parents
Virginia Allen
Carol Baker's blessings in a backpack
The Rev. Linda & Adam Bartholomew
William H. Barutio
The Rev. Susan Bentley
Jonnae Benzel
Ms. Elizabeth Bittner
Derryk & Camille Brewster
Ruby Brewster's children
The Rev. Paul Briggs
Sandra Broadbent
Ann Bustard
Rev. Cynthia W. Caruso
Kyle Cheng acceptance into Boston University Business School
Mary Cole's grandchildren
Barbara Collins
Sandy Conway
Eloise and Arlo Deloria
Theresa Ann DeRosa
Phyllis Dombos
Anna Dunn
Pam Foster
Carol Gaskill
Rev. Catherine Gibson
Sue Hamblen
Victoria Hawkins
Ione Hodge
The Rev. Susan Hrostowski
Dianne Johnson's family & 61 years of marriage
Susan Keith

Georgia Etta Kennedy
David Lavallee
Natascha Lema
Charlotte Long
Jennifer Mariano
Rev. Monna Mayhall
Mrs. Lucille McLean
June Miller
Linda Miller
Mark Milliron
Nina Milton's family
Cathie Moore
The Rev. Lisa Musser
Lillian Na Smith's granddaughter
Sylvia Newby
Amy B. Nykamp
Ann Offen
Allie & Chase Pendleton
Mishelle Phillips
Jenny Porter
Karen Raine's family and friends
Cindy Roper
Marguerite Anne Samuels' ordination as a Vocational Deacon
Joanna Seibert
Nancy Severin
Helen Sharpe-Williams
Marjorie Shaw
Vicki Smahay
Paula Stewart
Evelyn Adelaide Stoddard
Kerry Thomas
April Adams Wallace's recovery from cancer
Jean Waltrip
Judy Wenzel
Mandy Wheeler
Lois Whittaker's mom's 96th birthday

Rev. John Mark Wiggers
The Rev. Emmanuel Williamson
The Rev. Bambi Willis
Julie Yowell
All blessings
All Daughters of the King and their families
Berkeley Divinity at Yale Class of 2020
Clergy of Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington, KY
Colorado Assembly's All Saints' Day Service
Covid-19 First Responders and DOK Volunteers
Daughters of Northern Mexico
Daughters of the Holy Spirit Chapter, Troy, NY - 15th Anniversary
Esther Chapter, Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal, Lecanto, FL
God
God's continued blessings
God's Grace
God's Great Goodness
God's Joy, Love and Peace
God's Mercy during COVID-19 pandemic
Good Health
Good Shepherd Disciples Chapter, Mobile, AL
Holy Comforter Chapter, Gadsden, AL
International Daughters
Louise De Marillac Chapter, Rio Rancho, NM - 27th Anniversary
Martha-Mary Chapter, St. James Episcopal, Knoxville, TN

Mother Teresa Junior Chapter, Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington KY
New Daughters in Petit Harpon, Haiti
Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
St. Barnabas Chapter, Havana, IL
St. Brigid of Ireland Chapter, St. Michael's Church, Little Rock, AR
St. Elizabeth of Hungary Chapter, St. Philip's Church, Nashville, TN
St. Francis Chapter, Holy Trinity Episcopal, Hot Springs Village, AR
St. Luke's Chapter, New York, NY - 47th Anniversary
St. Margaret of Scotland Chapter, Christ Church Episcopal, Tuscaloosa, AL
St. Martin of Tours' Chapter, Copperas Cove, Tx
St. Michael & All Angels, Yorktown, VA - past & present Chaplains
St. Monica's Chapter, St. Christopher's Episcopal, Perry, GA
St. Richard Chapter, Round Rock, TX
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The Order's Staff at the National Office
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Transfiguration Chapter, St. Peter's Episcopal, Jacksonville, FL

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Stephen Albert's Master's Degree from Texas A&M
Virginia Allen
Chris Barney
Emily Bost
Doris Bradley
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The Rev. E. Weyman Camp
Alina & Arabella Canales' birthdays
Kathy Collins
Lou Wheeler Dallas
Barbara Davis
Annemarie Delgado
Betty Doan
Zanette Douglas
Esther Engle's 90th birthday
Sue Farley
Angela Furlong
Ivette Garcia-Estrada
Sandy Gleaves
Mildred Hadley
Peggy Hale
Pauline Hall's 101st birthday
Mrs. Anne Healy
Marcia Hunter
Chris Jayne
Naomi Karchner
Lindy Kirk
Joyce Klava
Rev. Marcia Lockwood
Elizabeth Lowther
Dorothy Manning
Mary Hope Martin
Alyce Mason

Val McCarty
Dorothy McInnis
Jake O'Connor
Mishelle Phillips
Rev. Canon Patricia Powers
Stephanie Reid
Debbie Richardson
Nancie Schweikert
Martha Scott
Adrianne Shelton
Alix Stafford
David Stanislas
Jennifer Treadwell
Laura Van Ness
Judy Wehunt
Joy James Williams
Richard Wilt's faith and life
Linda Wyatt's leadership
Frances Ziegenhals
All Saints' Day
Bernice Laramore Chapter, St. Christopher's Episcopal, Fort Lauderdale, FL
Diocesan Assembly of East Carolina
Grace Chapter, St. Andrew on the Sound, Wilmington, NC
Mary Chapter, Holy Comforter Episcopal, Bloomfield, CO
New Beginnings at Trinity Church, Ambler, PA
New members of Katherine R Stintz Chapter, Lexington, KY
Ruth and Esther Chapter, Trinity Episcopal, Fuquay-Varina, NC
St Anne's Chapter, St. Matthias' Episcopal, Toccoa, GA
St Catherine of Siena, St Bartholomew's Episcopal, High Springs, FL
St. Bernadette Chapter, Church of the Good Shepherd, Brentwood, TN
The Believers Junior Chapter, St. Matthew's Church, Darlington, SC
Trinity Chapter, Marble Falls, TX

The following names have been added to the Book of Remembrance during 2020

In Memory

Rev. Edna Adkins
Mr. Adebaya A. Alkande
Shirley Alderete
Emma Alexander
Elizabeth Allison
Deb Aloia
Janet Archer
Joyce Archibald
Clara Baca
Angie Ballard
Patricia Barham
Doris Jane Barr
Margaret Barton
Caroline Bate
Rosamond R. Bee
Elizabeth "Betty" Gaunt Bell
Norma Bentley
Gloria Berendzen
Mrs. Clara Marie Bergen
Jeanna Blackmore
Patricia Borjesson
Velma Lettice Bowen
Blythe "Mickey" Boyes
Vivien Breed
Marcia Bremser
Bertram Brewster
Betty Brown
Keith & Lilieth Brown
Rev. Virginia Brown
The Rev. Linda Brown
Diane Carlson
Larry Carpenter
Helen F. Carr
Billye Carroll
Juanita A. Carter
Wynne Carter

Charles W. Cerny
Toni Cherney
Maria Christensen
Joyce Christian
Sophia Chukuocha
Barbara Collins
Victoria Collins
Martha Conaway
Frances Cooper
Mary Ellen Cotter
Karen Percy Cruttenden
Betsy Curry
Lou Wheeler Dallas
Martha Davidson
Betty Davis
Mrs. Jane W. Deese
Susan DeWitte
Susan Dodenhoff
Janice Downing
Dewey Drew
Annie Duncan-Ponvert
Mrs. Alice Dummler
Dorothy Dunstan
Ellen Edmondson
Ardie Belle Knowles Edwards
Susan Edwards
Ellen Jane Leister Elwood
Linda Ely
Mary Evans
Ms. Aurora Estrella Fafian-Akande
Carole Felciano
Cathy Fife
Nell Findley
Grace Fitzgerald
Sarah Loring-Clark Flowers
Juanita Floyd
Bette Forsyth
Ann Foxx
Harvey Frank
Todd Friedman
Jannette Frost

June Fulford
Adelaide Gage
Gail E. Garson
Jean Gillette
Norma Jean Givens
Linda Graves
Constance "Connie" Haas
Jeanette Folsom Hager
Sally M. Hancock
Dr. Edward Hanna
Ann Hardin
Pearl Harrison
Helen Elizabeth Harrod
Dee Hawksworth
Maria Hayward
Thelma Heil
Patrick Hennebery
Cornelia Hickman
Sybil Higginbotham
Bettye Hille
Johan Hille
Martha Gaynelle Hoover
The Rev. Martha Horn
The Rev. Robert Horn
Mildred Horne
Elizabeth Howard
Jan Howes
Jackie Hudson
Dorothy Hunt
Shirley Hurley
Anne W. Inman
Louis M. Ivey
Mattie Jackson
Celeste Johnson
Ida Johnson
Patricia Jones
Sidney Jones
Rose Ann Jordan
Timmy Kaigler
Naomi Karchner
Ellen Karins

Melissa Kean
Thomas Keehnen
James P. Keyser, III
Cynny King
Sandi Knight
Evelyn Kruger
Thomas LaFountain
Elizabeth Kaye Lain
Betty West Land
Charlene Lehman
Gloria Lemmons
Cynthia Lightner
Helen Limbacher
Wenona Lund
Patricia Ann Magee
Nonnie Marshall
Elaine Marten
James E. Mason
Louis R. Mathis, Sr.
Cynthia Matthews
Marilyn Matthews
Carol Matz
Georgia Mauldin
Carol McCall
Ruth McCallister
Nancy Ann McCarthy
Evelyn McCormick
Phyllis McDaniel
Gladys McDougall
Kathleen McDuffie
Phelan McElwrath
Patricia McGarry
Brenda McGintis
Charlie Mae McKeller
Louise "Lou" Mead
Grace Miller
Mary Mills
Jeanne C. Mitchell
Marcia Moneymaker
Fr. Cliff Moore
Alice Morris
Kathy Murphy
Willie & Lucille Murphy
Augusta Nadol
Mary Namey
Sarah Neeley
Joyce Nettles
Basil Roy Newman
Debbie Nixon
Vincent J. O'Connor
Lillian Odum

Alice A. Olson
Jane Omnes
Higouhi Owens
Marcie Owens
Otis Owens
Ann Palmer
Mary Anne Park
Susan Parker
Nancy Parks
Gladys Patrick
John Pforr
Denise Phillips
Marcy Pierson
Marcia Polsgrove
Barbara Potts
Mary Price
Elizabeth Proffitt
Sondra Rabone
Martha Ramsey
Fleetwood Range
Mr. Willie Ray
Clyde R. Reid, Sr.
Glenda Richardson
Brenda Riddle
Charles Lee Roberts
Mary Roberts
Theresa Roberts
Robin Ross
Richie Rottet
Leah Rowland
Marilyn Joyce Rutherford
Karen Sandburg
Patricia Sanford
Doris M. Santamour
Mary Jane Saunders
Mary Sayegh
Shawn Scanlon
Kathryn Schiff
Gerri Schutz
Patricia Schwartz
Gloria Scott
Teresa Scott
Mrs. Dana Seatret
The Rev. Johnson Shannon
George H. Shepperd
Clyde & Sara Simmons
Dr. Dazell Simpson
Maria Skelton
Dee Smith
Dick Smith
Dorothy Spalding

Beulah "Bea" Spangler
Shirley Sprinkle
Margaret Squire
Charles Lee Stanford, Jr.
Margy Strange
Memory Streeter
Mary Swanson
Lynn Swenson
Jane Taylor
Zelma Watson Taylor
Cicely Thomas
Linda Thomas
Mercy Thomas
Phyllis A. Thomas
Katherine Graham Townes
Donald Treadwell
Eileen Vyfhuis
Juddie Wachtel
Jan Walker
Mrs. Ruth Walkes
Edith Walter
Christy Warren
Ollie Grey Warren
Evette Waterman
Thomas Watson
Isabel Weathersby
Alicia Webber
Neal Webster
Vilma Weekes' sister
Alice Wheeler
Lydia White
Marilyn Will
Jessie "Petite" Williams
June Williams
Nancy Wilsonn
Eileen Wiltshire
Pat Winn
Maxine Woolard
Fracis X
William H. Young, Jr.
Dorothy Zahrt
Frances Jane Zibelin
All lives lost in the COVID-19 Pandemic
All who have died due to racism
Mother Teresa
St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Nashville, TN - members who have passed

By Lindy Kirk

International Daughters Remain Undaunted



DESPITE
VERY
DIFFICULT
circumstances
due to the
coronavirus
and local
politics,
many of our
International
Daughters
have continued

undaunted to extend God's Kingdom among women and girls. You will read in the articles which follow that there have been new Daughters admitted and even a new chapter about to be instituted. Candidates are in the midst of study, or are about to begin it, in several countries, and leaders have found ways to promote The Order electronically. We hope that as the pandemic wanes and life gets back to normal (whenever that may be, but quickly, Lord, we plead), many more activities will take place.

The International Committee recently spent many hours editing the new U.S. "Chapter Manual" guide for international use, and this international edition should be available shortly. It will also be translated into Spanish. There is a new U.S. "Leader's Guide" to accompany the "National Study Guide," and it is being edited for international use now – it also will be translated into Spanish.

God's work is never done, and our International sisters prove that to

us time and again. We pray for all Daughters everywhere but particularly for those who face additional burdens such as loss of employment and lack of supplies of food, medicine, water and vaccines. Add political dissent and terrorism to their burdens – and they have my utmost admiration and blessings, and, I hope, yours, too.

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A Challenge

AS INTERNATIONAL CHAIR for Province III Assembly, I have primarily communicated with Daughters at our annual Province III assemblies. During this unprecedented time of isolation due to COVID-19; however, I have not been able to discuss how various chapters are responding to choosing and praying for our sister international chapters on a personal basis.

Instead of conversations, I had to follow a solitary path to learn about our international sisters. I challenged myself to read every article written in *The Royal Cross* from 2014 to 2021 about the International Daughters and their chapters in order to understand the struggles and triumphs of these brave women. Here are some of my reflections.

- It often shames me to realize some International Daughters travel for miles on difficult roads to attend provincial meetings. Some chapters meet weekly. Others begin conferences with a procession through the town or village as a means of evangelism. All while Daughters in my own diocese cannot seem to make the effort to meet once a year in a central location in my state.
- Let's face it, we are privileged to

live comfortably, yet as a whole, we are often complacent and lack energy and vision. Being a Daughter is a call from God. I think International Daughters have a clearer vision of what they are called to do. We have a "token" chapter service project, while their service is a way of life.

- In other countries, being a Daughter holds the status of being a spiritual leader within her church family.
- Direct communication with international chapters is not easily managed, even with our technology, but choosing a country, learning about their culture, praying daily for them for an entire year will give us a new perspective and a closeness to them.

Editor's Note: Do you want to accept Johanna's challenge to learn more about our international sisters but don't have old copies of The Royal Cross? Archived issues are available on The Order's website under Resources > Communications > The Royal Cross. Also, you can read more news and information about our international sisters by clicking on a flag as it scrolls across the bottom of the homepage of the website. Answers to the Challenge Quiz (page 8) are below.

Challenge Quiz

Cross + Currents is a **quarterly** newsletter about **International** Chapters. It is written in four languages: **English, Spanish, French, and Portuguese**. It includes **photographs** and written articles.

A recent **Self Denial** grant was given to provide **food** for hungry families in areas hardest hit by **COVID-19**.

Reports From *Haiti*



New Study Groups in the Central Plateau

In mid-May, Haiti's National Daughters of the King President, Magdala Fleury, visited with two groups in the Central Plateau of Haiti to begin their Daughters' study program. Pictured here are the study group officers of Paroisse St Pierre in Mirebalais, Haiti;

there are 34 ladies in preparation in this group. A second study group at Saint André Church in Trianon, Haiti, has also been formed with 12 members. Praise God for this growth of The Order of the Daughters of the King® in Haiti.

16th Anniversary Celebration

On May 30, 2021, the members of St. Sauveur Chapter in Les Cayes, Haiti, celebrated their 16th anniversary and were honored by a special choral and dance program by their sweet daughters.



Reports From

Dominican Republic

Two Chapters Admit New Daughters

On July 14, 2021, seven new Daughters were admitted during a service at Iglesia Episcopal San José in Boca Chica. The Right Reverend Moisés Quezada presided at the service, along with other



Shown (l-r) are new Daughters Higinia Torres and Francisca García, Ysabel Lantigua, Rev. D. Isaac Pringles, Bishop Moisés Quezada, Rev. Sandino Sánchez, Rev. D. Susana Moreno, new Daughter Seneida Ozuna, and Ermita Reyes.

clergy and former National President Ysabel Lantigua. Four new Daughters were admitted to the San José Chapter and three Daughters were admitted to Santo Tomás Chapter, Gautier.



Pictured (l-r) are Rev. D. Isaac Pringles, new Daughters Grecia María Bodre and Atdalina Romero, Bishop Moisés Quezada, Rev. Sandino Sánchez, Rev. D. Susana Moreno, and new Daughters Miriam Rosario Cruz and Rosa García.



Holy Family Chapter in the Dominican Republic

On December 19, 2020, Holy Family Chapter was instituted in Santo Domingo East. Bishop Emeritus Julio C. Holguín presided over the institution of the chapter and the admission of three new Daughters.

Currently, in-person and virtual study groups are meeting to prepare for the institution of two more new chapters in the Dominican Republic.

Reports From *Mexico*

Serving Immigrants and the Homeless

by Reverend Maria Elena Cristerna Daniel, National Chaplain

A grant from the Self Denial Fund helped Daughters in Piedras Negras feed the hungry, and this is the banner we used to show everybody in the community that The Order of the Daughters of the King® cares for those in need! We were all over Piedras Negras feeding the immigrants and homeless, as well. We served 300 plates of food, 300 bottles of water and loaves of bread. While we were serving, I told the people that Daughters of the King serve, pray and love those in need. We were also able to buy medication prescribed by a doctor for the children and old people.



Over 300 plates of food and 300 bottles of water were given to immigrants and the homeless in Piedras Negras.

I feel so blessed being part of The Order of the Daughters of the King® as we honor our Rule of Life by praying and evangelizing! May our Lord continue to bless our Order throughout the world! Thank you for your love and support!



Six new Daughters were admitted to La Magnifica Chapter.



Rev. Maria Elena led the service from Piedras Negras (top left.) and Connie Bye attended from Texas (bottom left).

Virtual Admission Service in Mexico

In April 2021, six new Daughters of the King were admitted virtually to La Magnifica Chapter, San Pablo Apóstol Church in Monterrey, Mexico. National Chaplain of Mexico Rev. Maria
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Elena Cristerna Daniel and Mexico Liaison Connie Bye participated in the admission service. The new members had been waiting a year to be admitted, so this was a very joyous occasion!

Reports From Spain

International Daughters Stay Connected

Our international sisters have done an amazing job staying connected during the pandemic. Leaders in the Dominican Republic and Spain organized virtual and in-person gatherings during Lent.

In the Dominican Republic, National President Berkys Herrera held a special event via Zoom for all the Daughters in



the country titled, Prayer and Meditation on the Way to Easter.

In Spain, country Liaison, Rev. Jessica Coello organized an in-person Palm Sunday prayer service at Redentor Cathedral in Madrid. Daughters from three chapters and their chaplains attended (see photo above.)

Meeting in Navalcanero, Spain, in Times of Pandemic

by Reverend Jéssica Coello, National Chaplain

On July 10, 2021, Daughters from four chapters met together at San Miguel Arcángel Church, Navalcanero, to reflect and share personal experiences of their chapters during the pandemic. The meeting was organized by San Miguel Arcángel Chapter, their chaplain, Reverend Adalberto Zamora Salcedo and chapter president, Reverend Alicia Mancía López.

The meeting theme was: The Order of the Daughters of the King® in Spain in Times of Pandemic. Matthew 25:40 was the Scripture theme, *“And answering the King, he will say to them: ‘Truly I tell you that just as you did it to one of these little ones, you did it to me.’”*

Discussion focused on the three pillars



of The Order – evangelism, prayer and service – and how chapters have taken action during the pandemic. A beautiful summary was made after this time of sharing: “We can say that the hand of God has sustained us.”

Daughters from Redeemer Chapter, Madrid, and Good Shepherd Chapter, Mostoles, attended, as well as representatives from the new Messengers of Christ Chapter, which will be instituted in late August 2021 in Valladolid.



Help needed for Spanish literature review! ¡Se necesita ayuda para la revisión de la literatura española!

We are looking for Daughters who are fluent in both Spanish and English to help review our Spanish literature. Several of our publications have already been translated into Spanish by a translations company, but we need bilingual Daughters to make a final review. Some computer skills are necessary since the edits are made on Word documents. Please email the national office at DOK1885@doknational.org if you would like to volunteer.

The Chapter Manual is Now Available in Spanish!

Thanks to the financial support of Province VII Daughters and the efforts of several reviewers, the "Chapter Manual" is now available in Spanish. This is a wonderful resource for our U.S. Hispanic chapters and can be downloaded on the website or ordered through the national office.

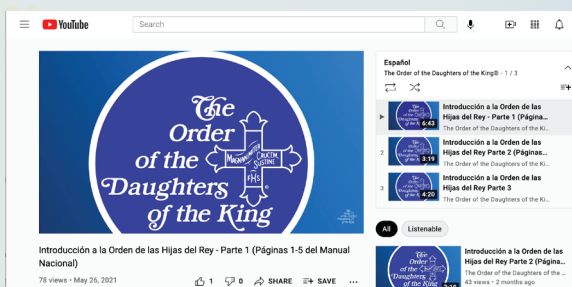
Spanish Videos Introduce The Order to Prospective Members

Nicol Sierra Molina, a chapter president from Colombia, was looking for a good way to introduce The Order to prospective members. She produced and narrated three

short videos and sent them to the International Committee for approval. With the help of Mandy Wheeler, Communication Coordinator in the national office, the videos were finalized and are now on The Order's YouTube channel. Two of the videos cover the first eight pages of the National Handbook, and the third video summarizes the key elements of The Order.

These videos can be used by both U.S. and international Spanish-speaking Daughters, so please share the availability of this resource with any Hispanic chapters in your area. The videos can be found on our YouTube channel under "Español", by scanning the qr code or by copying and pasting the following URL into your web browser,

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLyExEKkt1zXa8z9UGS1EPGNf5I88b2X1U>



FROM THE TRIENNIAL CHAIR

By Janet Papa

Triennial 2022 Update



AS YOUR TRIENNIAL CHAIR, I am writing

to provide an update for Triennial 2022 in Baltimore, Maryland. Due to COVID-19, National Council has faced several

obstacles, including changing the dates

of the event, while planning for the upcoming Triennial at the Hyatt

Regency Baltimore Inner Harbor Hotel.

The new dates for Triennial 2022 are Wednesday, June 22, until Sunday, June 26, 2022. For continued updates and forms relating to Triennial 2022, please visit the national website, www.doknational.org/page/Triennial2022 and

watch for more information in future issues of *The Royal Cross*.

The budget for an event such as Triennial is quite large and extensive. We are relying on the support of generous Daughters to help defray

Triennial costs, thus keeping the budget down. Donations are used to support many costs at Triennial. Examples of costs at Triennial which are supported through donations include the planned programs, speakers, worship expenses, and extending invitations to local Bishops.

Perhaps you don't plan to attend Triennial 2022, but you want to support others attending the event, or you feel generous and would like to make a donation, along with registering for

the event. You can visit the national website, www.doknational.org/donations, to make a donation to the Triennial 2022 event. Credit card payments are the only payment type currently accepted through the website. If you prefer, you can mail a check directly to The Order of the Daughters of the King® at

101 Weatherstone Drive, Suite 870, Woodstock, GA 30188. Please note on the memo line of your check: donation to Triennial.

Thank you so much for your kind consideration of our request and we hope to hear from you soon.

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FROM THE WORKSHOP CHAIR

By Ane Deister

Triennial 2022 Workshops

WHILE MANY OF US are still coping with ways to conduct our church and Daughters' business during the pandemic, a core group of Daughters continue to work behind the scenes to prepare for the highly anticipated re-gathering of all Daughters for Triennial, June 22 - 26, 2022, in Baltimore, Maryland. We have kept our eyes on the prize – to plan an uplifting spiritual gathering of Daughters from around the world to share God's love, to pray, evangelize and serve God together – in person, bathed in the Holy Spirit.

Triennial 2022 in Maryland is really happening! We have contracts with the open, airy, Hyatt Regency at Baltimore's inviting Inner Harbor. The banner has been designed and ordered. The keynote speakers are committed and lined up. The food has been selected. The rooms have been reserved. So, what is left to do?

Now is the time for you to begin preparing a workshop centered on our theme "Come to the Table." The workshop may be a training, a spiritual study session, an arts and craft event

– Daughters from around the world conduct and share all these activities at Triennial. These workshops are as unique and different as our Daughters. They are some of the most effective ways we connect with one another, share our talents and gifts and lift Daughters up. We plan, prepare and wait every three years

for this amazing gathering. Perhaps, though, the needs for 2022 reflect an urgency unlike past years as we continue to serve God even with the pandemic and the challengers of major social disruption occurring throughout 2020 and 2021.

The official

workshop request forms are now available on The Order's National website (www.doknational.org). You may also request a form from the national office by calling 770-517-8552. The forms need to be completed and submitted no later than **December 1, 2021**. We will post the workshop offerings for Daughters to review and select at the same time they register for Triennial, which will begin on **January 4, 2022**.

Why do we need to have your workshop requests in so early? In addition to



COME TO  THE TABLE

Luke 13:29
Daughters of the King
Triennial 2022
Baltimore, MD

helping smooth the registration process, there are two key reasons. First, so arrangements can be made with the hotel for workshop room set-up requirements to accommodate the workshop.. Also, as noted above, this early date allows Daughters to register for workshops when they register for the event. These are all necessary logistical considerations to ensure we match the workshop rooms

appropriately with the activity envisioned.

Please know how important you are to The Order of Daughters of the King®. You bring your own special prayerful energy, enthusiasm and experiences with God when we gather and meet as one Order. Please take that next important step and share your unique perspectives and gifts to the fulfillment of God's word as we raise our voices in joy in Baltimore, June 22 – 26, 2022.

CALLING FOR NOMINATIONS TO NATIONAL COUNCIL 2022-2024

DEADLINE: January 15, 2022

NOW IS THE TIME TO THINK about who you would nominate to stand for National Council. Every diocesan assembly is encouraged to nominate ONE member of The Order to stand for National Council, the administrative body of The Order. To be eligible for election to National Council, the nominee must have been a Daughter for at least three (3) years, must be current in the payment of her dues and must have served in an elected or appointed position at the diocesan or provincial assembly level.

Once the Daughter agrees to stand for Council, the diocesan assembly president submits her name and qualifications to the national office using the National Council Nominee Form. This form can be found under Events > Triennial on the National website, www.doknational.org. Once completed, the form should be mailed to: Triennial Nominee Chair, Margaret J. Franklin Center, 101 Weatherstone Drive, Suite 870, Woodstock, GA 30188. All forms must be postmarked no later than



The newly elected Council members at Triennial 2018

January 15, 2022.

Requests for additional information and follow-up instructional material will be sent directly to the nominee. Newly elected council members will stay until midday Tuesday, June 28, for orientation and first Council meeting.

Individually and corporately, pray, seek God's counsel. Whose name will your diocesan assembly put forward as a committed Daughter, a servant leader ready to serve God by working for the good of The Order?

THE JUNIOR MESSENGER

SUMMER/FALL 2021



FROM THE NATIONAL JUNIOR DAUGHTER CHAIR

By Tammy Boyd

The Words of My Mouth



“MAY
THE
WORDS
OF

*MY MOUTH and
the meditation
of my heart be
acceptable in your
sight, My Lord and
My Redeemer.”*

Psalm 19:14

I have often heard this Scripture used as a prayer before the delivery of a sermon. The speaker seeks help from the Holy Spirit with speaking God's truth and with getting a message across to the listeners for the collective benefit of all. This is a great application of the Scripture. However, there is a message for individuals as well. When I hear the phrase “the words of my mouth” it reminds me of the letter of James to the Church. In verse three we are warned “the tongue is a fire,” (3:6) and “a restless evil, impossible to tame.” (3:8) With it “we bless the Lord and curse men, who are made in God's likeness.” (3:9) We have all felt the sting of harsh words spoken to us, sometimes to our benefit and sometimes leaving wounds or permanent emotional scars. We have

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The Junior Messenger

also been comforted and built up by the words of others and have learned from wisdom shared with us. These are some of the negative and positive ways that words impact us, and that our words impact others. At times, we may withhold our words, but think badly of others within ourselves. In Matthew 15:18-19, Jesus makes it clear that the “meditation of our hearts” determines what comes out of us, and that wicked thoughts ultimately defile us, or bring us down. That is why it is so important for us to tame our thoughts as well as our tongues, because we cannot truly hide what lies within us.

How do we do this? The overall

message of Psalm 19:14 gives us the key. We pray for God’s help with keeping our hearts and minds in harmony with what is acceptable to Him, following the example Jesus set for us. We pray for strength in difficult situations, for grace to forgive others, for friends that help keep us on the right path, and for a change of heart for those who provoke us or try to put us down. Above all, we pray daily for the Holy Spirit to guide our thoughts and guard our words so that we can use them to build others up, sharing the Love of Christ with others. When we slip up, we ask God for forgiveness and a fresh start, and we rely on the promise of grace and mercy given to us through Jesus Christ our Lord.

MOTHER DEBORAH’S CORNER

By Reverend Dr. Deborah Jackson

Questions For Reflection



MOTHER DEBORAH JACKSON, National

Junior Daughter's Chaplain, submits questions for our Junior Daughters to reflect on and respond to in each issue of the Junior Messenger. Junior

Daughter Directresses are encouraged to read the question at one of their Junior Daughter chapter meetings and invite the girls to share their ideas. Individual or group responses can be emailed to tboyd@doknational.org and will be included in the next issue of the Junior Messenger section

of The Royal Cross. We hope our Junior Daughters will enjoy sharing their ideas and learning from each other through Mother Deborah's Corner.

First, read Luke 24:13-35, The Walk to Emmaus. Then answer these questions::

1. Why do you think the two disciples did not recognize Jesus?
2. What had the disciples hoped for? Have you ever hoped for something, but you ended up with something different?
3. What important thing did the women do in this story?
4. When did the disciples finally recognize Jesus?

The Junior Messenger

Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Admitted Eight New Members

It was with great joy that the Alpha Chapter of the Junior Daughters of the King at Christ Episcopal Church, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, admitted eight new members. A beautiful admission service was held in the courtyard and garden on Sunday, April 25, 2021, with The Reverend Dr. Catherine Collier leading us through our vows and blessings. Dr. Jane Searcy, President of Province IV Assembly, presented the Junior cross of The Order to each young lady. Mary Winston Laseter and Joanne Hawthorne are



co-directresses of the Junior Daughters chapter.

Pictured (l-r) are Emma Waits, Jonesy Musgrove, Lee Miller Melton, Virginia Melton, Libby Meriwether.

Deland, Florida, Junior Daughters Complete Banner Project

On Sunday, March 7, 2021, the Junior Daughters of the King at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Deland, Florida, completed their banner. A month earlier the girls gathered together to decide what they wanted to put on the banner and how to lay it out. The new handbook for Junior Daughters has a new logo with a butterfly designed in it, and we all believed that would be a nice addition to our banner. The banner turned out to be very colorful, and there will be a total of 11 butterflies applied onto the banner, one for each girl in the charter



group. A few girls were absent from that meeting so their butterflies have yet to be added, but soon their butterflies will be affixed and the banner will be complete.

JUNIOR DAUGHTERS WORD SEARCH

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BOATING	FLOWERS	FREEDOM
NATURE	SUMMER CAMP	SWIMMING
PRAYING		



AROUND THE PROVINCES: CURRENT SPOTLIGHT

by Nancy Kelly

Chapter Study

Using as their resource the book *"Bible Women: All Their Words and Why They Matter"* by Lindsay Freeman, the St. Michael the Archangel Chapter at St. Augustine of Canterbury, Vero Beach, Florida, studied the lives of several women in the Bible. Nancy Kelly wrote a poem capturing the chapter's discussion about the life of Rachel. The chapter definitely recommends this book to other chapters searching for such resources.

*It was the night of the wedding
in the home of Laban.*

Jacob would finally win Rachel's hand.

*After seven long years, he worked hard
for his bride,*

*But on that night something clouded his
eyes.*

*Leah snuck in and to Jacob she went
(we know what happened in that wedding
tent).*

*Morning comes and Jacob is furious,
But he agrees to wait seven more years,
which is curious.*

*Yet without this switching of the brides,
Israel would not have her 12 tribes.*

Once they are married, happy and mild

Jacob and Rachel cannot have a child.

Leah is fertile, time and again.

*Rachel offers her maid to Jacob
(He accepts with a grin).*

Finally to Rachel, Joseph is born

*The one Jacob loves most, the one he
adorns*

After many more years, Benjamin arrives.

While struggling in childbirth, dear



Daughters in Vero Beach, Florida spent time studying the lives of women in the bible.

Rachel dies.

*In the Bible, not only once, and more than
twice*

Significant births come at a price.

*Can you imagine the pain she had,
knowing someone else would raise the
lad?*

*The first in the Bible to die giving birth,
A sad punctuation of her time here on
earth.*

*Passion, children, grief and love,
Rachel's strength came from above.*

What can we learn from this age-old tale?

*There was much strength in the Bible's
females.*

*When one door closes, God opens
another.*

*The 12 tribes of Israel began with the
brothers.*

So in a way we should thank Laban.

His trickery on Jacob started this clan.

Patience and faith in God above

Is the lesson we learn in this story of love.

*So let's take a moment to think and
discuss,*

Does Rachel's story having meaning to us?



AROUND THE PROVINCES: CURRENT SPOTLIGHT

by Kathy Bussert-Webb

Growing Our Chapter during a Pandemic!

Two years ago we began plans to have Spanish-language training for our Hannah B Chapter at the Church of the Advent Episcopal in Brownsville, Texas, in the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas. Our church, located on the U.S./Mexico border, is about three hours south of Corpus Christi, Texas. We decided to vote “yes” to proceed with this Spanish-language training.

Blanca Marquez and Kathy Bussert-Webb (who were admitted into our Hannah B Chapter in 2019) led the Spanish-language discernment process. Initially, the candidates met at Blanca’s house on Saturday mornings, but when the COVID pandemic began, we completed the process via Zoom. Our priest, the Reverend Laurie McKim, and Jackie Lockett, President, Hannah B Chapter, were instrumental in supporting our Spanish-language candidates and in coordinating the visit of our Bishop, the Right Reverend David Reed, who performed laying on of hands for each candidate.

The Service of Admission took place in the gymnasium of the Episcopal Day School in Brownsville, Texas. The Day School’s gym has four garage doors, which have been kept open for church services during COVID. On January 17, 2021, these Spanish-language women were admitted into the Hannah B Chapter: Imelda Castañón, Chawua Flores, Maria Jaime, Cruz Mata, Lupita Salazar, and Guillermina San Miguel. Also featured in the photo, in addition to the newly admitted Daughters, are Bishop Reed, Mother Laurie, Jackie



Voting “Yes” to Offer Spanish-language Training

Lockett, and Blanca Marquez. In the photo one can see a beautiful light coming from the open garage door and flowing into our church service and The Order’s admission service.

This beautiful light demonstrates a special moment in Brownsville, Texas, as we could feel the presence of the Holy Spirit. Mother Laurie has sought to unify the Spanish and English services, and the new Daughters of the Hannah B Chapter helped her do so. This integration of languages began in the 1980s, when the Reverend Leonardo Céspedes served as our church rector. Father Céspedes held monthly *Ven y Ve* (Come and See) dinners that attracted both English- and Spanish-language participants. Thus, things evolve, depending on church leadership and congregational effort; don’t be discouraged to try something similar where you are.

The Hannah B Chapter now has 26 members and we continue to grow in Christ, our Redeemer. We are one of the first domestic (U.S.) chapters to use The Order’s official Spanish-language materials for the discernment



AROUND THE PROVINCES: SPOTLIGHT CONTINUED

process. It is a blessing that such a large group of Spanish-language women were admitted into The Order at the same time in the U.S. We encourage other chapters to consider inviting candidates to use these Spanish-language materials, (available at: <https://www.doknational.org/page/SpanishLiterature>)

Our chapter meets at 8 a.m. on the fourth Sunday of every month to pray for people on our bilingual prayer list and to offer new prayers. We are unique in having monthly meetings with simultaneous Spanish-English translations. We translate both English and Spanish either orally or through the Zoom chat feature. This past year, we've been meeting via Zoom because of COVID; before COVID we met



Admission of six Spanish-language Daughters

face-to-face in a room of our church. Additionally, our evolving prayer list has English on the left side and Spanish on the right; our monthly prayer list changes according to the needs of our Daughters and the congregation. As the Word says in **Philippians 4:13**, *I can do everything through Jesus Christ who strengthens me.*



AROUND THE PROVINCES: PROVINCE II



Four Admitted in Queens Village, New York

On June 5, 2021, four Daughters were admitted to Women of Faith Chapter at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church in Queens Village, New York.

Pictured are Pauline DeBourg-Parris, Ula Greene, Wilma DaCosta and Deborah Tyson.



AROUND THE PROVINCES: PROVINCE II



Scotia, New York, Admitted New Member

The St. Catherine of Sienna Chapter at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Scotia, New York, admitted new member Barbara Taylor-Roth.



AROUND THE PROVINCES: PROVINCE IV

Two Members Admitted in Conway, South Carolina

Debbie Spellerberg and Deborah Wright were admitted to the Women at the Well Chapter at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Conway, South Carolina.

Pictured (l-r) are Debbie Spellerberg, Father Jason Collins, and Deborah Wright.



Port St. Lucie, Florida, Admitted Two and Installed New Chapter President

On June 6, 2021, the Lighthouse Chapter at Holy Faith Episcopal Church in Port St. Lucie, Florida, admitted two new members, Eslon Bennett-Attwood and Olive P.H. Thomas, and installed Aquinda M. Toppin as the new chapter president. Mrs. Rhona Malcom, the outgoing President, presented the new Daughters and Reverend Dr. Muffett Barry administered their vows. Dr. Karen Adderly Clark, President of the Diocesan Assembly of Central Florida was their honored guest. Two other Daughters, Ms. Jane Oliver and Ms. Terry Walls, visited from Nativity Episcopal Church in Port St. Lucie, Florida.



AROUND THE PROVINCES: PROVINCE IV

One Admitted in McDonough, Georgia

St. Helen's Chapter at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church in McDonough, Georgia, admitted Sheryl Parsons on June 20, 2021. In the photo taken in the parish hall, Sheryl is the third from the left with Reverend Ann Barker on her left. Reverend Barker presided over the service.



AROUND THE PROVINCES: PROVINCE VII



One Admitted in Kaufman, Texas

On June 13, 2021, Carol Morgan became the newest member of the St. Therese of Lisieux Chapter at Our Merciful Saviour in Kaufman, Texas.

New Chaplain Installed in Albuquerque, New Mexico

The Light in the Desert Chapter at Hope in the Desert Episcopal Church in Albuquerque, New Mexico, installed their new chaplain, the Reverend Dr. Chloe Chavez, at their chapter meeting on May 18, 2021. Reverend Chloe is the vicar of Our Lady of the Valley Episcopal Church in the south valley of Albuquerque, and she is also on the staff of the Diocese of the Rio Grande as Missioner to the Displaced and Homeless. Our chapter provides our homeless hygiene bags to support her in this work. A warm welcome to our new chaplain!



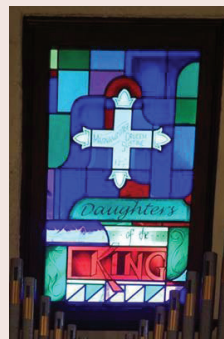


AROUND THE PROVINCES: PROVINCE VII

Junior and Senior Daughters Reunite in Dallas, Texas

On Sunday, April 25, 2021, senior and Junior Daughters at the Church of the Incarnation, Dallas, Texas, gathered for the first time in over a year.

We gathered to worship in the Memorial Chapel and celebrated together using a worship service created by Junior Directress Cathy Ammermann and led by Father John Sundara, our chaplain. (The stained glass window in the photo is installed in the Memorial Chapel.) After the service we gathered for a reception in one of the green spaces outside. It was a glorious morning spent together in worship and fellowship.



AROUND THE PROVINCES: PROVINCE VIII



Luncheon Held in Spokane Valley, Washington

The Elizabeth Chapter of the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection in Spokane Valley, Washington, held their annual end-of-the-year luncheon.

Four Admitted in Kapa'a Kaua'i, Hawaii

At the Service of Admission on June 13, 2021, at All Saints Church (Kapa'a, Kaua'i), Hawaii, the Mana'olana Chapter admitted four new Daughters.



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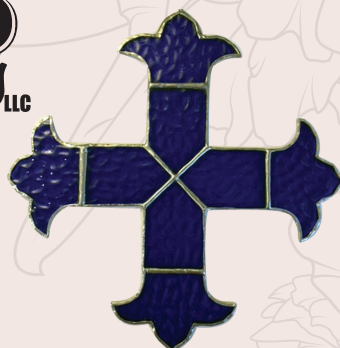
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