



THE ROYAL CROSS

Quarterly Magazine of The Order of the Daughters of the King®

*Come
to the
Table*



Volume 87, Issue 2 | Summer 2020

You Can Help

Daughters have always been quick to offer help in times of crisis and resulting need, like when we read about the troubles our sisters in Christ experience. Other than through the Self Denial Fund (see Lindy Kirk's article), The Order is not organized to forward contributions directly to our International sisters. However, nonprofit organizations do exist, organizations with mechanisms already in place to help the communities in which our International sisters reside. If you are in a position to donate, please consider one of the following organizations.



The Royal Cross Gift Subscription Form

A subscription to The Order's official publication is a great way to get the latest news and information about The Order of the Daughters of the King® nationally and worldwide. It's a great way to keep your clergy or chaplain involved in what's happening within The Order and is also available for purchase for Daughters who have been approved for Dues Relief. An annual gift subscription to *The Royal Cross* is just \$15. **Renewable annually—non-transferable.**

You may subscribe by completing and mailing in this form with payment or by subscribing online at <https://doknational.site-ym.com/store/> and selecting *The Royal Cross* at the bottom of the page.

Name on Subscription _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Given by _____ Province _____ Diocese _____
Chapter _____ Church _____
Check # _____ made payable to *The Order of the Daughters of the King®* [Note: There is a \$35 fee for each returned check.]
☐ Credit Card ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover
Card# _____ Exp. Date _____ CVV Code _____
Cardholder Signature _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Mail to: *The Order of the Daughters of the King®*, 101 Weatherstone Drive Ste 870, Woodstock, GA 30188.



THE ROYAL CROSS

Quarterly Magazine of The Order of the Daughters of the King®

Come
TO THE TABLE

"And they shall come from the east, and far from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God."
Luke 13:29

Volume 87, Issue 2 | Summer 2020

Table Of Contents

Come To The Table.....	3
Table Talk.....	4
You Are Invited.....	5-6
There is a Place at the Table for All.....	7
National Office Staff Works Remotely.....	8-9
Thank You for Being a Member.....	9
Self Denial Funds at Work.....	10
Master's Fund Ingathering.....	11
How Much Gift Are You Willing to Receive.....	13
Instilling a Spirituality of Giving.....	14-15
Practicing the Spirituality of Giving.....	16-17
#dokthrowbackthursday.....	17-18
135th Anniversary Celebration.....	20
Conversations With Daughters.....	19
Glory Bound Singers.....	21
Visiting Zella.....	21
The Blessing Blanket.....	22-23
My Mask Ministry.....	23-24
Book of Remembrance.....	25-28

International Daughters

International Daughters Join CWD.....	29
Outreach to Malawi and Cuba.....	30
Generous Gift Blesses Daughters.....	31-32
International Reports.....	33-36

Junior Daughters

Camp Allen Junior Daughters Retreat.....	37
A Year in Service.....	37-38
Living Through a Historic Pandemic.....	39
Questions for Reflection.....	40

Around the Provinces

All Angels Chapter In Yorktown, VA.....	41
Around the Provinces.....	42-51

How To Contact the National Office

Phone

(770) 517-8552

Fax

(770) 517-8066

Email

DOK1885@doknational.org

Website

www.doknational.org

Submitting News

The best way to submit news about your chapter, diocesan assembly, or province is online at: <http://www.doknational.org/?page=RoyalCross>

Fill in the form and at the bottom of the form you are requested to upload your JPG picture. Make sure you submit a high resolution (largest file) version of your digital color picture. We request JPG files between 200KB and 3MB in size.

You may want to write your article in a word processing program and then copy and paste it into the "article text" section of the online form.

Next deadline: October 1, 2020 for the Winter 2020 issue.

ON THE COVER

Design By Mandy Wheeler

ON THE INSIDE COVER

Design By Mandy Wheeler

FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Krisita Jackson

Come to the Table



ASI WRITE TODAY, we are in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are self-isolating, watching too much news on television (I am

rationing myself), fearful for the health of our families and friends, wearing masks and gloves if we are required to go outside our homes, social distancing, washing our hands, and attending church services virtually. I pray by the time you are reading this, these actions are memories and life has returned to some sense of normalcy.

"Come to the table." These words in Luke 13:29 say to us that those who come to sit at the heavenly banquet table will come from all parts of the world – from the east and west and from the north and south. They will be from all nations, all colors, a variety of ethnicities and cultures. A commentary states they "had broken through many difficulties and discouragements and strived to enter the kingdom. It is an invitation, no, a challenge to strive to live so each of us can enter the kingdom of heaven."

I can think of many ways that Daughters fit into this mold. Recently, we have renewed our relationship with the Brotherhood of St. Andrew to do ministry alongside one another. I have learned that this is not a new endeavor, but that Daughters and the Brotherhood served together as far back as the 1890s. I pray

that by now your diocesan assembly and chapter have reached out to Brotherhood chapters in your area. (Our national website has information to help you locate a chapter near you.) We have planned to share in the National Day of Service and National Day of Prayer. My hope is you will find many ways beyond these two days to serve together.

During the crisis, Daughters surely said, "Here I am, send me." I learned of the ways Daughters continued to serve even in our social isolation. Many made regular telephone calls and texted to stay in touch with parishioners and one another to insure the welfare of all. Cards were sent. Others delivered supplies to those in need. Many worked safely in food banks to continue to provide food to those in need. Many stayed in touch, prayed and studied together via conference calls and virtual meetings. We all prayed.

The pandemic has helped us to further live out the second goal of our Strategic Plan: strengthen our call to service and evangelism. You have lived the Gospel. You have shared and cared.

The Lord calls all Christians into community and we, as Daughters, have vowed to be part of a deeper community of faith. We live lives of hope. I have recently been reminded that we are told in **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

The plans for 2021 Triennial in Baltimore are well underway. I invite you all and pray that we will see many Daughters "Come to the Table."

Table Talk



Connect in New Ways

Or has it? As the season of separation and social distancing progressed, I have been profoundly touched and blessed by the creative ways individual churches and clergy, and specifically our Daughters, found to connect. No, we could not come to the table in the same ways we used to. Yes, we found methods of carrying out Christ's commands nonetheless.

I've never been more proud of the Daughters than as I've watched you step up during these months of change and uncertainty. Just after national leaders were forced to cancel the Daughters' 135th anniversary celebration, President Krisita Jackson called you to join in the Lord's Prayer daily at noon.

And because I trust the faithfulness of the Daughters, I believe hundreds of

I KNOW I'M NOT THE only one who sees the irony in this issue's theme, "Come to the Table," when the COVID-19 pandemic has kept us from doing just that.

thousands of utterings of Jesus' model prayer reached the throne room of heaven every day. Each time I heard about scientists finding innovative ways to sterilize masks, doctors devising groundbreaking treatments for life-threatening symptoms or patients experiencing miraculous healings, I remembered the Daughters' prayers. And I thanked God.

'Do This in Remembrance'

Our Lord Jesus Christ is the one who urges us to come to the table, to lay aside

"Then people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God."

Luke 23:19

our differences and celebrate our life in Him as a cohesive family in Christ: *"Then people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God" (Luke 23:19).* We will do this in eternity, but He calls us to *"do this in remembrance of me" (1 Cor.*

11:24b) because *"As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes" (1 Cor.*

11:26). When we come to the table, whether virtually or physically, we not only celebrate His work in our lives and the unity we have in Him, but we also declare the gospel.

Not even the coronavirus stopped the Lord's church or the Daughters from carrying out our mission to extend His kingdom. Let us keep coming to the table – and meeting Him there.

You are Invited



Daughters, to join us and your fellow

sisters in Christ for The Order's 48th National Convention (Triennial 2021) scheduled for Wednesday, June 23, through Sunday, June 27, 2021, at the Hyatt Regency Baltimore Hotel, 300 Light St., Inner Harbor, Baltimore, Maryland. At Triennial 2021 we will celebrate 128 years since the first national convention of The Order, called to order by Margaret Franklin in Baltimore.

Plan to attend this National Convention (Triennial) as if

ON BEHALF OF THE Triennial Committee and the National Council, it is my great honor and privilege to invite all of you, Junior and senior

you were going on vacation with family or friends. Delegates to National Convention, of course, participate in the official business of The Order by attending the Business Sessions, making this a "working" vacation for them. Activities to enjoy while not at "work" include workshops on Thursday and Friday – workshops that are designed around our theme of "Come to the Table." Other activities which we will be blessed to enjoy together include the celebration of Eucharists,

inspirational teachings, social time with friends from around the world, and breaking bread together at mealtime. There will be exhibits, Spirit-filled music, and the grand procession of banners at the closing Eucharist.

Triennial 2021 is far more than the business meeting when members of National Council are elected, Bylaws amended and reports given. It truly is designed to be a "Daughters' Reunion" for Daughters young and old, Daughters at Large,

Plan to attend this National Convention (Triennial) as if you were going on vacation with family or friends. Delegates to National Convention, of course, participate in the official business of The Order by attending the Business Sessions, making this a "working" vacation for them.

International Daughters, Junior Daughters, our chaplains and interested clergy. The event officially starts Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm. with Province Dinners, but everyone is invited to come a day or two early to get settled in and enjoy what Baltimore has to offer or extend your stay after Triennial 2021 ends to enjoy the beauty of the harbor and the hotel's facilities, visit with friends, or simply enjoy some alone time with God.

The Triennial Committee was able to negotiate appropriate pricing with the host hotel, so room costs are not as expensive as they could have been. Several pricing options are offered, depending on the number of persons in a room and meal package selected.

Hyatt Regency Baltimore Hotel

One person in a room: \$145 + tax = \$168 per night; \$672 for four nights

Two persons in a room: \$84 per person; \$336 per person for four nights

Three persons in a room: \$56 per person; \$224 per person for four nights

Four persons in a room: \$42 per person; \$168 per person for four nights

Registration

Senior Daughters with 11 meals



included: \$575 from opening of Registration in January 2021 through March 31, 2021

Senior Daughters with 11 meals included: \$625 April 1, 2021, through May 15, 2021

Senior Daughters with four

dinners only: \$350 from opening of Registration in January 2021 through May 15, 2021.

Guest Dinner ticket: \$60 per night per person (\$180 for three nights)

Guest Banquet ticket: \$70 per person

Commuter Day Rate: (All registrations due by May 15, 2021)

Registration with lunch only: \$150

Registration with lunch and dinner: \$210

Registration with lunch and Saturday Banquet: \$220

Junior Daughters ages 12 and under, registration with 11 meals included: \$230 due by May 15, 2021

Junior Daughters ages 13 and older, registration with 11 meals included: \$375 due by May 15, 2021

The Triennial Committee sincerely hope and pray that you will accept our invitation to "Come to the Table" for the upcoming 48th National Convention (Triennial 2021) of The Order of the Daughters of the King®. We will all be richly blessed by the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.

By Denise Rox

There is a Place at the Table for All



AS FAR BACK AS I CAN remember, my family has gathered for reunions. My mother has eight brothers and sisters so you can imagine how

big some of those reunions were. Over these many years, the gatherings have looked different. Different people would come, the places changed, but one thing was always the same: the food! At each reunion we gathered at the table to enjoy what others had brought. We sat with each other and remembered "the good old days," told and listened to stories or talked about what was happening in our lives. Over the years things changed, but I have pictures to look at to help me remember those times. Love brings us together as we continue to gather at the table with family.

I also have a wonderful church family. I have been attending St Timothy's Episcopal Church for over 30 years, and we gather for all kinds of events: fundraisers, special events in the community and, of course, weekly Holy Eucharist. We gather together with different people of our church family, tell and listen to stories or talk about what is going on in our lives. Food always seems to be involved in these gatherings, too! We listen about the life of Jesus and come together at the table (the altar) where we can be renewed week after week. We get to sit with Jesus and be in His presence. Just as Jesus comforted the

disciples in the Gospel of John in Chapter 14, Jesus comforts us. "My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for You? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am." Now you know that is a BIG family gathering! In one of those rooms, there must be a really big table! Until our time comes to see that table, Jesus meets us week after week, just where we are. He wants to be with us. His presence is known through the breaking of the bread and from the stories we hear in the readings.

If you read the beginning of the Gospel of Luke in Chapter 13, we hear Jesus teaching us about the Kingdom of God. We must turn from sin and trust in God to save us. All are welcome, no matter from where we come, the east and west and the north and south. We must seek the Kingdom of God above all else.

On earth God calls and welcomes us to "Come to the Table." He rejoices in His people when we give praise and thanksgiving. And He is there to meet us, even in the low times of our lives. So, hear His call to "Come to the Table."

Do this: Close your eyes and think about what Jesus told the disciples—that house with all those rooms and that really big table, where all are welcome. Can you see yourself sitting and talking with Jesus about something that makes you happy?

I pray you find peace and joy no matter where you are and know that Jesus meets you in that place. All will be well. And all the people said, "Amen."

National Office Staff Works Remotely



The National Office staff has adjusted well to working remotely during the pandemic.

BLESSINGS TO YOU and your families from the national office staff. This year, spring at the national office looked quite different from past years. Generally, the staff greet one another each morning and discuss the spring-like weather and the beautiful green grass, the flowers surrounding the office and the blooming tulip trees outside the office door. This year, the staff had to make adjustments in their work schedules and where they were working to abide with a shelter-in-place order put in place due to the current pandemic. We, the staff, worked remotely from our homes and staggered our schedules to come into the office one at a time, to follow the guidelines of social distancing.

During this unpredictable period, the staff used various resources to work remotely. Many of the staff had never worked from home, but they quickly learned how to support the organization. The organization implemented Office 365 in 2019 and the new technology allowed both the staff and the National Council to have many resources

available to reach out and support members. Using technology, the staff continued to communicate and work as a team with daily meetings and shared documentation. We were able to assist Daughters with paying their dues, submitting donations, placing store orders, and responding to questions about policies and procedures.

Working remotely and using staggered schedules, the staff worked on various projects and gained additional knowledge through online training. The projects and training will benefit the organization by adding new resources and new ways to communicate and creating new processes that will ease the use of features by the members. A few of the projects included creating new SharePoint sites for the Fund chairs to store and access their grant information, updating member records, and reaching out to Daughters to provide them with changes, new information, and to ask if they had recommendations for how they could be better served.

Social media accounts, including Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, were

continually updated with information from the staff and National Council to provide a place of online community and support. Daughters were also able to stay connected through the national website and bulk emails that contained updated information about virtual events, prayers for the pandemic, and messages from our National President, Krisita Jackson. During the early stages of the pandemic, The Order upgraded the Zoom account to allow groups including chapters, diocesan assemblies, provincial assemblies, Junior Daughters, and others to meet virtually.

Although some of the staff enjoyed

working remotely, they looked forward to the team working together again at one location. They were thankful that they were able to abide by the necessary measures to help prevent the spread of the virus and also to continue to serve The Order successfully.

We pray that each Daughter has been blessed with health and peace during this difficult time. Our staff continues to be available to take payments for dues, answer questions, and fulfill store orders. If you need assistance from the office, please email dok1885@doknational.org or call 770-517-8552. We are happy to continue serving you!

FROM THE NATIONAL OFFICE

Thank You for Being a Member

THANK YOU FOR BEING a member of The Order of the Daughters of the King®. In any community, it is important to stay connected to encourage one another as we serve. To connect with you, we need to be able to contact you. To ensure you receive all communication from the provincial assembly, diocesan assembly and the national office, please check your member record to confirm your contact information and chapter status are accurate. Have you moved or changed your email address or phone number? Have you transferred to another chapter or become a Daughter at Large? Did you remember to pay your annual dues?

Please review and update your contact information in your member profile. If you are not comfortable with using the website, you may contact your chapter president, diocesan assembly president, or Daughter at Large chair, any of whom



It is easy to pay your annual dues using the webstie, www.doknational.org.

can provide you with your information as it appears on the membership lists. A Transition Form can be completed and submitted to the national office to update your information and change your chapter status. All forms can be found on our website at www.doknational.org under Resources > Forms and Applications. Additionally, you can contact the national office at DOK1885@doknational.org or 770-517-8552.

Self Denial Funds at Work



MEETINGS
MY
SISTERS
IN

CHRIST. I
pray you are
doing well in
the midst of
the pandemic.
No matter
what your
circumstance,

and prayer, including Bibles, Christian pamphlets and videos. Daughters also sponsor a Vacation Bible School for five days over a week in July.

Self Denial Fund grants continue to support women in the Episcopal Diocese of Tolaria, Madagascar. A part of the Anglican Church of the Indian Ocean, the Bishop of the Diocese, the Right Reverend Todd McGregor, and his wife, Reverend Patsy McGregor (American missionaries with SAMS-USA) live in and lead the work of the church in

Tolaria. Feminine hygiene kits make it possible for women to travel and continue with their ministries during the menstruation portion of their menstrual cycles. Without the kits women would be confined to their community during this time, unable to spread the Good News. The Episcopal Diocese of Tolaria covers the entire province of Toliara. Madagascar

is one of the poorest countries in the world, and this province in the south of Madagascar is the poorest region of that country.

In spite of COVID-19, missions continue.

I Am ... among you as one who serves
Luke: 22:27

In most regions of the U.S., there are many resources to help those who suffer food and housing insecurities. In other parts of the world, there are limited resources, if any, to help those in need.

Thanks to your donations, The Order is able to feed the soul and body of those who would otherwise go without.

In Madrid, Spain, Reverend Jessica Coella, priest at the Iglesia del Buen Pastor (Good Shepherd), ministers to refugees, the elderly and the unemployed. Church members pick up food supplied by the government and then deliver the supplies with love

Master's Fund Ingathering: We Need You!



THE
DAY OF
Pentecost
is the
Ingathering for
the Master's
Fund, which
fell on May
31 this year.
Women from
all over the
country submit

spread the kingdom of God.

The monies in the Fund come from your individual CONTRIBUTIONS prayerfully given. The number and amount of the scholarships and grants given is determined by the amount of money in the Fund when the applications are reviewed. Since 1922, when the Fund was established as a thank offering, the ingathering has been held at Pentecost (Whitsuntide) to commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit.

applications for the academic scholarships and continuing education grants. Many applicants are Daughters, not only from the U.S. but from around the world. Their ministries within the church are to serve Him. Many of the women are seeking Holy Orders or other church-related work.

Each woman we support with monies from the Fund will impact and bless the Church as a whole in years to come and in ways we may not know. They will strive, in their own way, to continue their calling and to

The monies in the Fund come from your individual CONTRIBUTIONS prayerfully given. The number and amount of the scholarships and grants given is determined by the amount of money in the Fund when the applications are reviewed.

These women are on a spiritual path, so please remember that PRAYER is as important as the contributions. Keep the recipients in prayer, and, also, the Master's Fund Committee as they review and facilitate the distribution of the funds in the coming weeks.

This year's recipients were printed in the last issue of *The Royal Cross*.

Following are a "thank you" and a reflection from two of the 2019-2020 recipients.

By Grace Flint

A Grateful Recipient

I HAVE BEEN A grateful recipient of scholarship funds from the Master's Fund throughout my time in seminary. Your generosity has enabled me to reduce the amount of student loan debt I've accrued during my studies and will allow me to be more flexible when accepting a first call in ministry. As I turn the corner to my final semester in seminary and continue to prepare (although at this point a bit more intensely!) for ordination, I find myself returning to the thing that has grounded me during other times of transition: our baptismal covenant as laid out by "The Book of Common Prayer." God willing, later this year I will make new promises which will guide



Grace Flint was one of the 2019-20 Master's Fund recipients.

my life as an ordained person, but all those commitments are founded in the ones we share in baptism. The response to each of the covenant questions is "I will, with God's help." It is all too easy, in the preparation for ministry, to start to see checklists instead of formation opportunities, to see blocks of time on a calendar rather than the chance to meet face to face with a fellow child of God. The baptismal covenant brings me back to the recognition that everything I do is with God's help. I see my call to ordained life as one who facilitates reconciliation – of people to God, to each other, and to themselves. None of those connections are possible without the presence of God, for which I give great thanks. I also give thanks to God for the Daughters of the King and your support of my formation for ordained ministry!

God willing, later this year I will make new promises which will guide my life as an ordained person, but all those commitments are founded in the ones we share in baptism. The response to each of the covenant questions is "I will, with God's help."

By Corrie Cabes

How Much Gift Are You Willing to Receive?



ONE OF MY professors at the seminary offered a challenging question in class one day. A priest he knows asks this question, "How

much gift are you willing to receive?" This may seem to be a curious question. Why would we ever turn down a gift? I think this question encourages us to take each day, each moment, and each encounter with others as an opportunity to receive gifts. Even in the most trying or difficult situations, how might we see the abundance and opportunity to encounter Christ?

I began the discernment process to join The Order of the Daughters of the King® during my most stressful and busiest year of seminary. Classes and life at seminary left me feeling as if I barely had time to eat, much less focus on my studies or care for my family. It really did not make any sense for me to say "yes" when women from All Saints' Episcopal Church in Austin invited me to their Daughters' chapter meetings, but there was something so welcoming about the way these women built community together through prayer

and service. What could have felt like one more draining obligation became holy, life-sustaining manna from heaven.

When we gathered, I realized that resting in God was just as important as my studies. I began to prioritize Sabbath and I found myself reordering my life — with daily prayer and quiet meditation at the top of my "to-do list," even if it was just for a few minutes. I noticed I was more grateful for simple things like a good cup of coffee or a surprising breeze on a hot summer day. I also discovered that I had more room to receive people, even those who may be difficult to love or the stranger in the grocery store, as gifts from God. On

very tough days, this "gift mentality" has kept me focused on God's grace and mercy.

I am now a senior seminarian at Christ Episcopal Church in Cedar Park,

Texas, where I am facilitating a Daughters' discernment group. Our community is growing and women are coming together, sharing stories, and learning why, even today, there is room in our busy lives to be "Daughters." During our second meeting, one woman described our group as a tapestry, with the individual threads of our callings and gifts, distinct and rich, being woven together. What a beautiful offering this becomes!

As you go about your day, I ask you to consider: Where are the places God is calling you to receive gifts?

I realized that resting in God was just as important as my studies.

Instilling a Spirituality of Giving



The Order of the Daughters of the King® Finance Task Force

Back Row (l-r): Lynn Kimbrell, Kathy Schultz, Linda Rines, Katherine Marshall-Polite, Krisita Jackson, Lindy Kirk, Michelle Sabbato. Front Row (l-r): Annemarie Delgado, Anna Stevenson, Schatzi, Susan Keith.



“LET GIVING FLOW from your heart, not from a sense of religious duty. Let it spring up freely from the joy of giving—all because God loves hilarious

generosity!” **2 Corinthians 9:7-8**

- The Passion Translation

Opus Dei, the Work of God, happens through all of us using our talents and gifts. The Order provides us the opportunity to do God's work in the world as we focus on The Order's mission to spread Christ's Kingdom. This was the case last summer as we formed the Finance Task Force comprised of

the National President and Treasurer, the Finance Chair, the Fund Chairs, the National Enrichment Chair, and the National Office Manager and Accounting Officer. The task force met at the Margaret J. Franklin Center with two primary goals.

- 1. Perform a complete review of and institute new processes and policies for the Funds of The Order.**
- 2. Develop plans to accomplish several of the Strategic Plan Actions under the Strategic Plan Goal #6, Instill a Spirituality of Giving.**

Intentional prayer, reading of Scripture, and sharing reflections together before each of the sessions guided the intense work undertaken. Thoughtful and comprehensive discussions resulted in establishing

new procedures and policy that are now incorporated in the management of the Funds and in the related products described below. Available to the members of The Order through a labor of love, it is the pleasure of the Finance Task Force to introduce the following:

- **Annual goals for each of the Funds of The Order** (see details in this issue of *The Royal Cross* and on The Order's Funds website pages)
- **Revised grant and scholarship applications for each of the Funds with complete and detailed instructions** (Find the new applications on the individual Fund website pages or under the Resources tab on the website.)
- **Updated and comprehensive Funds of The Order brochure with an attached contribution form and envelope**

Sharing stories helps us build community locally and around the world. The revised Funds materials implement a process that asks for more background information from applicants before a grant is approved and related feedback after a grant has been issued. The specific requirements are particular to the type of grant and are included on the application to aid in ensuring a complete packet is submitted for approval. Stories and pictures are required from the grant recipient to ensure the activities contributed to the building of God's community before additional grants will be considered for approval.

This year, The Order is blessed to celebrate its 135th anniversary. Over these many years, The Order has supported mission and ministry through its Funds. The grant process has continued to evolve and adjust to meet the needs of the times. To that end we have empowered each Fund committee to determine how to best meet the

mandate of the Fund. This allows us the flexibility to accomplish the purpose of the Fund while meeting the needs of today's world.

Going forward, the Finance Task Force is working on the following items that support the purpose of Strategic Plan Goal #6 – to see our giving as an integral part of our ministry.

- **Planned Giving** process and information
- Plans for the best use of the **National Enrichment Program Account**
- Promoting **Lifetime Memberships**
- Revised **Treasurer's Manual**

Your support of The Order, the Strategic Plan, and the Finance Task Force efforts are needed to help us achieve the vision to know Jesus Christ, to make Him known to others, and to become reflections of God's love throughout the world. Please pray with us as we continue with this work that asks us all to consider the intentional giving of our financial resources through which we minister to each other, share our gifts, and work together to spread the Kingdom of Christ.

All things come from you, O Lord ~ the breath of our being, the wonder of our senses, the stardust of heaven in the essence of every cell. What we have is yours, who we are is yours. May deep gratitude guide our response to your abundant grace in our daily living, the labors of our hands, our every ordinary and extraordinary effort. Pour out your Spirit upon our gifts! May we use up our lives, spending our wealth of love, giving every ounce of joy and compassion, while lovingly investing in the future of those who will follow for your sake. Amen **Prayer for Goal #6, written by Nancy Severin**

If you have questions about the work of the Finance Task Force, please contact Annemarie Delgado, Finance Chair, at adelgado@doknational.org.

Practicing a Spirituality of Giving

THE FUNDS OF THE ORDER speak to Daughters' commitment to the mission. We commit to giving intentionally of our financial resources and through our support we proclaim our dedication to the tenets most important to us.

As part of Goal #6, The Strategic Plan Companion challenges us to offer our

gifts and take specific action to help instill and practice a "Spirituality of Giving." This year The Order has set annual goals for donations to each Fund. As you and/or your chapter prayerfully engage with the Strategic Plan of The Order, consider donating to help meet these goals by the end of the fiscal year, August 2020.

Alpha Fund

Goal: Fund 100 new Junior Chapters

Help us to color the butterflies. For every five Junior chapters funded through donations to the Alpha Fund, a butterfly will come to life with color.

As of the end of December 2019 we have funded 37 new Junior Chapters.



Master's Fund

Goal: Sponsor books for 40 students for one year.

Help us change the gray books to ones of vibrant colors. For every student's books funded, another book will become color.

As of the end of December 2019, we have funded ten students' books.



Self Denial Fund

Goal: Fund 20 mission projects

Help us color the hearts representing the spread of Christ's love. Each colored heart represents one mission project.

As of the end of December 2019 we have funded three mission projects.



Endowment Fund

Goal: Foster community by enabling a regional meeting of Latin American Daughters in the Dominican Republic.

Help the plane full of Daughters land safely in the Dominican Republic.

As of the end of December 2019 we were 88% of the way to the Dominican Republic.

* The Endowment Fund is a permanent trust fund. Donations to the Endowment Fund are a perpetual gift since the principal remains in the Fund and only the earnings on the principal are available for use as needed. Currently, a portion of the earnings from the Endowment Fund are designated



to be used to support the International Daughters' regional meeting in the Dominican Republic in fiscal year 2019-2020.

"A gift opens the way and ushers the giver into the presence of the great."
Proverbs 18:16 NRSV

Thank you for sharing your gifts in support of The Order's mission and for praying for the recipients of grants and scholarships.

A LOOK BACK AT HISTORY

#dokthrowbackthursday

NOTE: EVERY WEEK an inspiring tidbit of The Order's history is being shared on our social media accounts at #dokthrowbackthursday. Knowing that not all Daughters have access to social media, the favorite tidbits will also be shared in this recurring column of The Royal Cross.



Ada Loaring-Clark served as the National President of The Order from 1934 – 1936. In 1919, she was appointed to The Episcopal Church's Department of Missions and Church Extension as an associate member of the National Council to the Presiding Bishop—the first woman to serve on the Council. She also served two terms on the National Executive Board of the Women's Auxiliary. She then became publisher of *The Royal Cross* and held office on The Order's National Council from 1925 until her death on Christmas Day, 1936, with half a year remaining in her term.

A LOOK BACK AT HISTORY

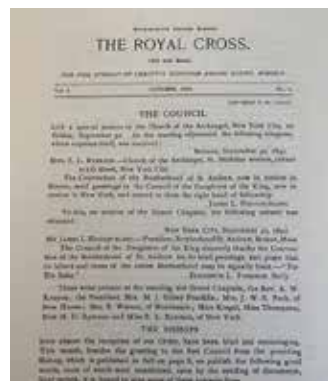


The 1996 Summer issue of *The Royal Cross* pictured Mrs. Elsie D. Alleyne, along with The Reverend M. Moran Weston and five charter members of the St. Phillip's Junior Chapter in New York City. Mrs. Alleyne was a special Daughter who exemplified in many ways what it means to be a Daughter of the King. She was elected to the National Council of The Order in 1964. She also served in many positions in her diocesan assembly, as the chapter president of her chapter at St. Phillip's, and was the driving force in organizing

the Junior Daughters Chapter at her parish.

In addition to her service to The Order, Mrs. Alleyne was a member of the Woman's Auxiliary to the famous 369th Regiment. She was awarded a special citation for her patriotic service during World War II. Mrs. Alleyne was also the vice-chairman and then chairman of the World Day of Prayer committee, volunteered her time for the Hospital Volunteer Service, was an Altar Guild member, and led the Parent Education Group in her parish.

A page in an 1892 issue of *The Royal Cross* depicts telegrams sent between The Order of the Daughters of the King® and the Brotherhood of St. Andrew while both were in Council sessions. The exchange of telegrams included words of encouragement while The Order was meeting in New York and The Brotherhood was meeting in Boston.



DAUGHTERS IN SERVICE



THE CELEBRATION OF the 135th anniversary of The Order went virtual at 4:00 pm Saturday, April 4, 2020, with the first national meeting to use the Zoom platform. Festivities originally planned for an in-person gathering at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in New York City were moved to this virtual celebration due to stay-at-home orders in place for the novel coronavirus pandemic. Joanne McCormack, President, Diocesan Assembly of Northern California shares her experience of the celebration.

"On April 4, I was able to access the Zoom presentation of the 135th anniversary celebration. Sharon Lundgren, past National President of The Order (2003-2006) portrayed Margaret Franklin and spoke of our history. Other past Presidents of The Order gave talks. Fun fact: we have over 6,000 International Daughters.

There was a request for prayers for these sisters, in particular for the lack of food and medicine during this time. I learned about the early relationship of the Daughters and the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. It was suggested we work with the Brothers when they do their annual community service project. Lastly, I heard of ways to help others during this pandemic: call parishioners from church, call sisters to see if they need anything, email others, and post positive and humorous stories on social media."

If you would like to see the video Joanne describes, it is available on the national website at doknational.org. Near the bottom of the home page is the "Latest News" column, which lists some of the "Conversations with Daughters." Click on "more" until the link for the 135th Virtual Celebration is shown. It's never too late to celebrate and learn other "fun facts" about The Order.

Conversations With Daughters

FROM COMMENTS MADE following the virtual celebration of The Order's 135th anniversary on Zoom, the planning committee for that event decided that continuing these virtual gatherings would be a wonderful way to stay connected during the COVID-19 pandemic. Called "Conversations with Daughters" (CWD), this series of video conferences on Zoom allow Daughters from around the world to meet to talk about issues common to all of us as we live out our vows of prayer and service during a time of pandemic. Invitations to these conversations are emailed to every Daughter with a valid email address.

The Conversation with Daughters on April 18, 2020, focused on how Daughters were staying connected and serving during this pandemic. Examples of staying connected offered during the call included Daughters helping clergy livestream church services and Daughters helping elderly Daughters learn how to use Zoom and other social media. Examples of Daughters serving included establishing telephone trees to call parishioners to check on them and taking devotional booklets to nursing homes and shelters.

Wanda Dunwoody, President, Diocesan Assembly of Arkansas, gave this detailed report of Daughters' activities.

"Daughters of the Diocesan Assembly of Arkansas have been creatively finding ways to live their life-long vows of service to their parishes and communities. The following actions are acts of kindness that, in many cases, first took an act of courage. It is not always easy to call strangers to pray with them, and it certainly is an act of courage to leave the

safety of one's home to run errands for those who need assistance. Examples of service by DOK chapters are:

- Dividing up the names on church directories and calling each church member. Out of these calls, additional prayer requests are being received and sent to the appropriate group.
- Writing and mailing cards, handwritten notes, and letters to parishioners, letting them know they are being prayed for and remembered. Always included in these communications is a prayer.
- Leading online enneagram lectures and yoga classes.
- Running errands for high-risk church members.
- Supporting nonprofit organizations with donations of food and other essential items.
- Writing "Words of Encouragement" articles for church newsletters.
- Offering online Stations of the Cross (two chapters). Members of one chapter recorded each Station on their phones. The church compiled the recordings, added graphics, and sent the video link to parishioners. Members of the other chapter donned masks and gloves and recorded themselves walking the Stations of the Cross with their priest.

"These acts of service may seem small, but each has value. As chapters continue to grow and develop during these challenging times, Daughters in Arkansas remember the words of Saint Francis de Sales, 'There is nothing small in the service of God.'"

By Sharon Lundgren

Glory Bound Singers



the National Day of Prayer. Three of the singers sang solos: "The National Anthem," "American the Beautiful," and "God Bless America."

Our theme came from the brochure

ON MAY 7, 2020, the National Day of Prayer, 20 Glory Bound Singers gathered together via a ZOOM conference and celebrated

published by the National Day of Prayer Committee:

"Pray God's Glory across the Earth; for the earth will be filled with the Glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."

Ten singers agreed to write their own prayers to cover the following issues: the Church; Families; the Military; Educators and Students; Business Owners, Employees and Workers; Government; Nurses, Doctors, Caregivers, First Responders; and All Who Are Ill and Suffering. After each prayer we all would say, "Lord, hear our prayer."

Our sister from Nigeria, Dr. Deborah Ajakaiye, gave the closing prayer!

By Pamela Runyon

Visiting Zella



Zella Stiles looks forward to weekly visits from other members of her chapter.

MEMBERS OF THE Sara Lawter Ferebee Chapter at St. Alban's Church in Hickory, North Carolina, take great joy in weekly visits to Zella Stiles, a chapter member



Pamela Runyon holds a sign made for Zella and signed by other chapter members.

who resides in a nursing home. Because visitors aren't allowed inside, several chapter members arrive at her window every week, taking turns talking and praying for her over the phone.

The Blessing Blanket

THIS IS A SHORT, but fascinating, article about a Daughter of the King, Tory Arnold, in the Province VII Assembly, Diocesan Assembly of Texas.

God has put in her heart to knit “Blessing Blankets.” While she knits these blankets, she is in prayer for the recipient of the blanket. As I learned from personal experience, these blankets are a great comfort to the people who have received them. In July 2018 I had major foot surgery and while recuperating, I received an unexpected package in the mail. It was a “Blessing Blanket” sent to me from Tory. I wrapped the blanket around me, and it was like the arms of our Lord and Savior around me, comforting my pain.

When I asked for prayers for my daughter Rachel, who was going through a difficult time, Tory jumped into action and asked for her address and sent her a blanket. Rachel was blown away by the thoughtfulness Tory showed when she took the time to do so. Then my granddaughter, Sarah, had a tonsillectomy and suffered complications; before long I learned that Tory had sent my Sarah a blanket and that Sarah had wrapped herself in it for comfort.

Just lately, I asked for prayers for my friend's daughter, Sandy Torrez, after she was told she has stage 4 stomach cancer. Tory again jumped on the prayer request and asked for Sandy's address in order to send her a blanket. Sandy was so blown away by this gesture. Sandy was scared and kept the blanket wrapped around herself for comfort. Subsequently, Sandy was hospitalized to have her stomach drained and was told she



Helen's “Blessing Blanket” received from Tory Arnold.

would not be going home. Sandy kept that blanket around her. On December 27, 2019, her mother, my very good friend, spent the night with Sandy at the hospital. In the morning when the nurse came in to check on a stent in Sandy, she asked her mother, Linda, to step out of the room. Not knowing why, Linda grabbed Sandy's blanket on her way into the hall of the hospital to sit on a bench. Just across the hall from where she was sitting, a black man sat on a chair; he appeared very distraught and was crying. Linda asked the man to come sit by her on the bench; he was reluctant at first, but Linda insisted. So, he got up and sat next to her. Linda asked the man what was wrong. He told her that he had just been told that his daughter

was not going to make it through the day. Linda put her hand on his and began to explain that she had a dear friend who was a Daughter of the King, and told him my name. She explained our ministry of Prayer and Service, that I was a faithful Daughter and that another friend, who was also a Daughter, had made this very special blanket. She then put the blanket over the man's shoulder and arm and began to pray for him. She said the

blanket was such a soothing comfort to the man, and it surprised her that she was able to pray for him.

Tory's ministry has touched so many lives. She has told me that she has heard how it comforts but was really touched by the way it helped this distraught father as he was losing his own daughter.

A sister in Christ asked me to write this story to share with all of you.

DAUGHTERS IN SERVICE

By Linda Rines

My Mask Ministry



I AM BUT ONE, BUT I AM ONE.

I cannot do everything, but I can do something.

What I can do, I ought to do.

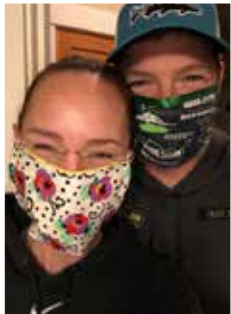
What I ought to do, by the grace of God, I WILL do!

That's where it all started, with our Motto!

My mother and grandmother taught me to sew while they made most of my clothes growing up. Since I am retired, I realized that I have time to sew cotton face masks. So, I have been doing “what I ought to do.”

Service

In late March, I started sewing adult and child-sized cotton face masks for my family and friends around the U.S., including staff at a family-owned restaurant and a friend's veterinary clinic. It was just one of my many “COVID-19” projects. After delivering or mailing 180 masks, the rector of my church asked if I would be willing to make masks for parishioners and our neighbors. I said yes, and by early April we were distributing free face masks from our 24-hour chapel so people could pick them up at any time.



And then, during our "Conversations with Daughters" on April 18, I offered to sew and mail blue and white face masks to Daughters across the country.

On May 1, I mailed my 500th face mask to a Daughter in Ohio and in mid-May, I provided 50 masks to the Navajo Nation, which had a huge need. I am lucky that several people have provided donations for fabric and postage, so these efforts are not totally funded by me.

Evangelism

Since I am the Evangelism Ministry Chair at my church and responsible for the outside groups that use our church facilities, I offered to make face masks for the four AA groups that could no longer meet in our church buildings. While talking with one of the AA leaders who volunteers at our local food bank, he suggested that the food bank's clients would also appreciate masks. So by mid-April I was making regular trips to my church and the food bank to replenish their supply of adult and child face masks. Going into June, I was taking 60-70 masks per week to the food bank.

These masks are examples of evangelism since each mask is individually packed in a Ziploc bag with a note reading that the mask is being provided by my church, St John's Episcopal Church in Gig Harbor, Washington. Our approach to evangelism is to show we are Christians by our Love.

As I write this article, I have distributed more than 1100 cotton face masks and it is clear to me that God put these people in my path so I would realize that I have a responsibility and talent to share during this crazy time of isolation and social distancing.

Linda delivering adult and child face masks to local Food Bank.

The following names have been added to the Book of Remembrance during 2019

In Thanksgiving

Anita Louise Anderson	Ethel Lachicotte Boyle Ripley
Jeffrey Hudson Andrews' birth	Rev. Rodney Roehner
Mary Blair's daughters - Elizabeth and Suzanne	Rev. Kim Seidman
Ruby Brewster	Lilian Na Campbell Smith
Ruby Brewster's children	Phyllis Thompson
Monica Burden	Dale Tweed
Tommy Bynum	Darla Wier's grandson Jones
Barbara Carter's daughters and granddaughters	Mary Westcott
Laurie Clark	Kylo White
Brittany Guinevere Ann Conkle	Levin Rankin Whitworth's birth
Ealen Ann Crain's birth	Chris and Jan Wicker
Monroe Cranford	All children
Barbara Dailey	All Daughters
Sally Dailey	All God's Blessings
Mary Agnes Grissom Dawson	All our Saints
The Very Rev. Canon Bill Dunn, Vicar	Elizabeth Chapter, Carmel, CA
Winifred Whitcomb Edgecomb	Future Junior Daughter Chapters
Charlotte Edwards' service as chapter president	Gloria Deo Chapter, Fort Myers, FL
Stacey Forte-Dupre's ordination discernment	God's Graces
Jeanette Gillison's Family	God's Love and Mercy
Father Michael Gray	Grace and St. Stephen's Episcopal, Colorado Springs, CO
Reda Hoth	Joy to the World Kindergarten, Namibia, Africa
Krisita Jackson	Mary and Martha Chapter, St. James Episcopal, Hendersonville, NC
Jean Jackson's service as Junior Directress	Our International Sisters in Christ
The Rev. Amanda Kotval's ordination into the Sacred Order of Priests	Pentecost Sunday
The Right Rev. Jay Lambert	Province III Fall Assembly
Dorothy Manning's 101st birthday	Saint Hildegard Chapter, Reno, NV
Valerie McCarty	St. Clare's, Piedmont Episcopal, Madison, VA
Anna Heck McCue's recovery	St. Elizabeth of Hungary Chapter, Nashville, TN - 20th Anniversary
Irma McKenzie	St. Helen's Chapter, McDonough, GA
Nelya McKenzie	The Holy Spirit
Marcia White's son and his family	The work of our missionaries
Deacon Janice Miller	Trinity Anglican Fellowship, Temple, TX
The Rev. Jack & Mrs. Myers	
Lou Nutter	
Allie Pendleton	

The following names have been added to the Book of Remembrance during 2019

In Memory

Roberta Abstein
Ruth Adams
Barbara Adams
Avis L. Alexander
Dorothy Alexander
Lillian Alfriend
Carol Amaki
France R. Anderson
Rachel Andrews
Joanne Arnold
Deb Ash
Judy Aycock
Barbara Bailey
DeGloria Bailey
Nona Bally
Mary Glenn Beane
Victoria "Queen" Beldo
Rosenel Bequette
Fleming Best
Daisy Bevelhymmer
Joan Bonner
Carol Booth
Virginia "Ginny" Borowitz
Margaret Broerman
Mr. and Mrs. L.K. Brown
Elizabeth F. Brown
Jean Bryant
Shirley Beal Burks
Barbara Burrows
Ricky Byrne
Mary Campbell's father
Diane Carlson
Edna Carroll
Olga Christie
Robert Church
The Rev. Norman Cilley

Nan Clayton
Lee Collins
Jean N. Cooper
Mary Ellen Cotter
Patrick Coyne
Martha Cuenod
Michael Richard Cutter
Adrienne Daly
Cornelia Danels
George Davidson
William Day
Michele Debevic
Martha Denson
Nina C. Dent
Dorothy Doll
Peggy Dowdy
Nancy Drummond
Jill Duke
Mrs. Dorothy Dunstan
Lois Dupler
Connie Dyer
Cersa Ekern
Charles Elbert
Sheila Elder
Hyacinth Ellis
Jane Elwood
Helene Erhart
Eveline Feltz
Molly Ann Ferguson
Judy Fisher
Cynthia Flach
Herbert Fralix
Jane Marie Ganz
Alton Garner
Margie Garrett
Jean Gillette

Paul Goehrs
Eleanor "Ellie" Goldsmith
Mary Alice Gordon
Melinda Gray
Marie Greber
Nancy Grinstead
Milford Hall
Earlene Ham
Jean N. Haselbarth
Doris Haston
Denise Hempstead
Mrs. Henderson
Doris Henkhaus
Betty Hetzel
Dee Hickman
Mary Jane Hock
Dorothy Hollis
Evelyn Howell
Katherine Hoyt
Betty Hray
Barbara Huffer
Doris Hunter
George Hunter Jr
Becky Hutcheson
The Very Rev. Larry D. Jackson
Ruby S. Jackson
Martha Dabney Jeanes
Lucy Rose Johnson
Lois Jones
Ruth Hope Jordan
Lilian Joseph
Naomi Karchner
Lillian M. Kaye
Frank Kebbell
Nancy Kent
Donna Kezar

Carolyn J. Koeppen
Louise Kohr
Elizabeth Kaye Lain
Marianna Laney
Kate Lapczynski
Florence Le Lann's family
Gloria L. Lemmons
Roberta Elaine Lewin
Althea Lewis
Dorothy Lomison
Shirley Lumm
Myrta Macdonald
Carla Taylor MacDonald
Jane Maggard
The Rev. Joseph A. Maher
Carl Marshall
Alyce Mason
Gwelda Matheny
Cynthia Matthews
Lillian Mayes
Diane McDonald
Mildred McMullen
Betty Melfia
Ginnie Middleton
Deacon Janice Miller
Catherine Larkin Miller
Elizabeth Millington's sister
Annette Ruth Mills
Barbara Mobley
Michael Morgan
Patsy Murray
Jack Murray
Augusta Nadol
Basil Roy Newman
Patricia Nielson
Debbie Nixon
Fleta Nockels
Reatha Odum
Mr. and Mrs. Oroghere
Faustina Osborne's sister
Marcie Owens

Marjorie Parsons
Lenora Rogers Perrine
Norma Perry
Lillian Petrucelli
Annie King Phillips
Elaine Pickens
Nancy Jane Potter
Petey Pratt
Bertha Prewitt
Charlotte Qualls
Rosanna Quann
Mrs. Shirley Rarden
Betty Reavis
Barbara Reid
Theresa Rentfro
Ethel Lachicotte Boyle Ripley
Darlene Robertson
Sherry Robinson
Anne Ross
Enid Rouse
Cynthia Rowothom
Eleanor Russell
Clayton Rutherford
Tannie Rylander
Patricia Sanford
Virginia Savedra
Shawn Scanlon
Billie Marie Scheel
Lillie and Swinton Scott
Gale Seanz
Ella Seate
John Seddon
George H. Shepherd
Anne Shepherd
Barbara Shields
Joanne Shonk
Carmen Singer
Nancy Sjolholm
Alyce Skoog
Betsy Slyker
Martha Smith

Steve Smith
Trudy Smith
Edna Kennedy St.Clair
Patty Sterling
Cynthia Strehorn
Jean Stuckey
Fred Stumpf
Athena Theodore
Patsy Thomas
Phyllis A. Thomas
Virginia Lee Thompson
Patsy Thomson
Jody Tiffany
Helene Tish
Jean Tittle
Antionette Toppin
Malachi Troup
Virginia Turner
Lucille Ulry
Gloria "Sherry" Vanlandingham
Jacqueline Vigola
Melanie Voris
Vera Walker
Sam S. Walker III
Dianna Walton
Valerie Ward
Aurelia Waters
Wilma Watts
Johanna Moerman Webster
Kelly V. Weisbruch
Edna L. Willete
Ken Witt
Donna Wood
Joan Woolard
William H Young, Jr.
Ruthann Menut Zeak
Jane Coggins Zibelin
Frank Ziron
Barbara J Zuber

The following names have been added to the Book of Remembrance during 2019 *In Honor*

Connie E. Austin	Terri Johnson
Margaret Barton	Cynthia B. Kapp
Christine Berggren	Heather Lake's mother
The Rev. Dr. Kristine Blaess	Lynn F. Laystrom
The Rev. Elizabeth Buck	The Right Rev. Rosa Lindahl
Monica Burden's dedication to The Order	Cynthia K. Matthews
Roberta A. Burnett	Carolyn McClintock
Rozan Chisholm	The Rev. Willetta McGowen
Nancy Davis	Deacon Janice Miller
Vicki de Martinez	Sondra Miller
Carleen Dixon	Stephanie Reid
Rev Mary Ellen Doran	Rosaleen Runnals
Janeth N. Dossett	Elaine Sanberg
Judith Ewing	Ann Saunders
Rev. Marian Fortner	Jack Scanlon
Shannon Fox	Martha Scott
Patricia Franco	Matthew Eric Small
Louvinia I. Gaskill	Beth Thigpen
Sandra Graves	Nancy Thompson
Jane L. Hagy	Patsy Thomson
Barbara Hass	Linda Tolliver
Alice Herrman	Gloria Trlica
Celeste Hilliard	Anne Marie Wanasek
Linda K. Hirschfeld	Carleen Webb, Director of Music Ministries for 9 years
Tom Humphreys' work as a Jr Warden	Elizabeth Wheeler
Jean Jackson	All Daughters
Mary Q. Jansen	All Junior Daughter Chapters



Photo by Olivia Snow, Unsplash

FROM THE INTERNATIONAL CHAIR

By Lindy Kirk

International Daughters Join Conversations With Daughters



RECENTLY, DURING A Conversations with Daughters (CWD) conference call, we were blessed to be able to gather a few of our International representatives. We now have so many countries

this traumatic time?" The responses had several things in common – one of them being terrible food shortages. Chapters were helping with food distribution where they could but were short of money to be able to buy supplies. We are glad to say that The Order can offer some grants through the Self Denial Fund, which is supported by U.S. Daughters. International Presidents are asked to contact their country liaison or other member of the International Committee for assistance in applying for a grant.

with chapters of Daughters that there

was not enough time to hear from all of them, much as we would have liked to. God was truly with us as connections were made with Africa, Europe, Central and South America and the Caribbean. Technology is a wonderful thing, but the Zoom software program can be difficult to use on a phone, so some videos and/or audio messages were sent to us earlier to use during the CWD call. You can watch the recording of Conversations with Daughters using a link on The Order's website.

The theme of this Conversation was "How is the COVID-19 virus affecting your country and what are some of the things that chapters are doing to help at

How is the COVID-19 virus affecting your country and what are some of the things that chapters are doing to help at this traumatic time?

Another common theme was the use of technology to hold services, devotions and just to be able to communicate with one another in this time of lockdown and keeping one's distance. This distancing is particularly hard for Daughters since we are modeled around a community – being together, praying together and rejoicing and crying together.

Psalm 91:14 says: "Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name." May we all trust that the Lord will protect and rescue us from our present difficulties and lead us back to a normal, healthy and fruitful life soon.

One Diocesan Assembly's Amazing International Outreach to Malawi & Cuba



Daughters in the Dioceses of Southern Malawi (photo on the left) and Northern Malawi (photo on the right) received their Bibles.

KAREN ADDERLY CLARK, President of the Diocesan Assembly of Central Florida gave the following remarks during the Conversations with Daughters Zoom meeting held May 16, 2020.

This afternoon I will give a brief overview of how God's desire to use the Daughters of Central Florida was a blessing to Daughters in Malawi and Cuba. Our annual outreach project for the 2018-2019 fiscal year was the Malawi Bible Project. Through the sacrificial giving of chapters and deaneries throughout the year, we collected \$26,880 and sent it to the Malawi National President for her to purchase 2,688 Bibles in Chichewa, the national language of Malawi.

In response to a financial partnership we formed with the Right Reverend Gregory O. Brewer, our Diocesan Bishop and The Order's National Chaplain, we began our journey to support The Order's evangelism efforts in Cuba. With the aid of Lindy Kirk, we were able to connect with Daughters from St. Luke Episcopal Church in Live Oak, Florida, who already had an established outreach ministry in Cuba. By early April 2020, we donated \$5,000 to be divided among three Daughters' chapters in Cuba. The Daughters plan to use this gift to purchase food (including livestock) and medicine and to create gardens for the communities they serve.

May God's love continue to move forth in us to bless others.

Generous Gift Blesses Cuban Daughters

GOD'S JOY AND PEACE Be with You ALL, my Dear Sisters in Christ!

My name is Lydia Bush. I have been a Daughter since 2005 and have been blessed to serve as the International Country Liaison to our sisters in The Order in Cuba since 2014.

I bring a heartfelt "Hola and gracias" to all Daughters from our Sisters in Cuba! It is wonderful to be able to share with you God's amazing miracle for our dear Cuban sisters and brothers in Christ! God's wondrous miracle arrived in April 2020 from the Daughters of the Central Florida Diocesan Assembly, who so generously gifted \$5,000 to the Daughters in Cuba.

This amazing gift came just at the time when COVID-19 had hit Cuba! They, like us, were under quarantine. However, they, unlike us, have little protection and they fear daily for their lives, not so much fear of the virus as much as they fear starvation. Unlike most of us here in the U.S., there is extraordinarily little food for a majority of their people. They must stand in long lines, only to get to the end of the line and find little or no food left for them to take home to their families.

In Cuba, they are now allowed to receive money from sources outside Cuba. Yet receipt of outside money continues to be restricted by the government. No more than \$1,000 in a quarter can be sent by any one person to another person. Even then you must be vigilant for you are subject to being robbed or otherwise harmed. Banks

do exist but they are not necessarily a safe place for your money. Life in Cuba is definitely not the same as it is in America.

Now, imagine that you live in Cuba where you and your family and your community have truly little to eat, not some of the time but every day. These humble, brave and courageous women and men are receiving money from their sisters in Christ, in The Order, which will be used to provide nourishment to save not just their own lives but the lives of many in their communities.

Thanks be to God, the miracle money from Daughters in the Diocesan Assembly of Central Florida came just at the right time ... they were going hungry and literally did not know where their next meal might come. Mother Tulia Sanchez and the Daughters at Fieles a Jesus in Matanzas and Father Juan Carlos and the Daughters at La Trinidad in Los Arabos and San Pedro Apostol in Zorilla prayed, asking God for direction on how they might use His



The gift allowed Father Juan to purchase sesame seed and rice for planting.



The farm animals purchased with the gift will provide meals for Daughters.

generous gift.

Father Juan's chapters of Daughters are planting the two most needed crops – sesame seed and rice! Why sesame seed, you might ask? They use the oil from the sesame seed in pretty much everything they cook. My research revealed that sesame seed oil is high in antioxidants, good for the heart and has strong anti-inflammatory properties. While Cuba has free health care, the people have minimal medicines available, and many Cubans have health issues due to the lack of cleaning products and hygiene essentials, so sesame seed oil is used.

The three chapters of Daughters under Father Juan Carlos' guidance have purchased chickens, cows, and pigs to provide children with milk, eggs, and protein. In Cuba, parents of children around the age of two years no longer receive a milk subsidy from the government for their children. Then, at around age five years, their government no longer provides protein to the little ones. The protein these families are able to purchase must be bought from stores which have a lesser quality and

quantity of meats and products than we would even consider purchasing. Meals consist of an extremely limited amount of protein (if any) and the protein is most often prepared in a soup or stew or with rice meal that is then shared with the entire family. When in season and available, families have fresh fruit and vegetables – if they started standing in line early enough to be so lucky.

The Daughters in Matanzas at Fieles a Jesus do not have any land upon which they can farm. Their iglesia is in the middle of concrete streets, and their church walls are shared with neighbors' homes on the other side of the wall. Built in 1883, this church is actually the first and oldest Episcopal Church in Cuba. These Daughters are using their share of the Daughter's gift to feed their families and community, as well as provide care for the sick, elderly and those who are without.

My parish (St. Luke's) has sent missionaries to Cuba for almost ten years. Ann Thompson, Marie Brian, Deacon Phyllis Doty and I went to Cuba in 2013 (my first mission trip) when we brought the Daughter's Study Guide to them. They quickly became a chapter and they have fed the poor, provided water for the thirsty and cared for the sick and orphans ever since. They are God's amazing servants whose faith astounds me every single day!

Thank you for reading and I humbly implore each of you, my dear sisters in Christ, to pray for Daughters in Cuba as they serve the people our faithful God sends to them.

Yes, Dios es Bueno Todo el Tiempo!

We praise GOD for His Blessings of Mercy and Grace upon us All!

Conversations with Daughters: International Reports

Malawi



President Bahati Kaliati, Malawi.

President Bahati Kaliati sent greetings from the Daughters in Malawi and explained how they have been affected by COVID-19. They are not allowed to have large gatherings, but are meeting at the chapter level, though attendance is low for fear of the virus. Transportation is also limited, and expensive, so some places are hard to reach. Normally, the Daughters support their activities by taking collections at large gatherings of Daughters, but because they cannot have those meetings right now, their finances are affected.

Bahati asks for prayer for Malawi and says they pray for us. On a different note, Daughters in Malawi are very happy to have received the Bibles in the Chichewa language (the national language); the Bibles were gifts from Daughters in the Diocesan Assembly of Central Florida. Bahati thanked those Daughters, especially.

Spain



Daughters in Spain continue to deliver food to those in need.

Spain has three senior chapters, one Junior chapter, and one chapter in formation. The Country Liaison for Spain is the Reverend Jessica Coello, a dedicated priest and Daughter who has played a major role in planting chapters in Spain. During this difficult time, she has stayed in touch with all the chapters through video calls, and she shares meditations and holds video prayer meetings. Reverend Jessica Coello reported that, as you may be aware, the situation has been desperate in Spain, but the Daughters continue to deliver food and clothing to the most vulnerable, while taking all necessary precautions. They also share the love of Christ by providing Bibles and devotionals and by offering prayer when they deliver food.

Three times a year, Reverend Jessica's church picks up food from the government to distribute to the needy in the community, but it's not enough.

International Daughters

When the food runs out, Reverend Jessica and the Daughters purchase food themselves, as they are able. This is not a wealthy church and there are many immigrants, refugees and unemployed in the community. Please pray for these faithful Daughters as they offer physical and spiritual food to their neighbors in need.

Brazil



Helena Gastal is the National President in Brazil.



Elisabeth Sherrill is the Daughters Representative in Rio de Janeiro.

Helena Gastal, National President, and Elisabeth Sherrill, Representative for Rio de Janeiro, reported that the Daughters in Brazil have remained connected through Bible studies, prayer meetings, devotionals and celebrations held over the internet. They also stay in touch via WhatsApp, receiving regular prayers and news from the President.

Due to the quarantine, many Daughters in the South of Brazil have more opportunity to knit and crochet, producing many layettes for babies, which are distributed to needy mothers in hospitals. They also have gathered together to take food and masks, which they have made, to the most vulnerable, especially the homeless.



Cecelia (Spain) wears protective gear to safely deliver supplies.

The greatest problem the Daughters have encountered is the distribution of these donations, for most are elderly and cannot leave their homes. Their parishes have been helping solve this problem.

In Rio de Janeiro, Daughters joined with their local parish to donate food and masks to a local orphanage, to an initiative that freely distributes food to people from a stand set up in a poor neighborhood, and to a needy nursing home. We ask for your prayers for Brazil as it goes through a very difficult period in its political history, which has greatly affected actions to combat the pandemic.

Uganda

Laura Katwesigye, President of the Diocesan Assembly of Kigezi, reported that in Uganda they have been confined to their homes and there has been no activity due to the lockdown. All public gatherings have been prohibited, so Daughters cannot meet to pray or do anything together in a group exceeding five people. Besides, there is no way some of them can travel as they are without any means of transport. Only medical vehicles and cargo trucks are allowed to move. Laura said, "We wanted to admit some new members

International Daughters



Laura Katweigye serves as the President of the Diocesan Assembly of Kigezi.

in the nearby parish in Bubaare archdeaconry but, alas, it couldn't take place because of this pandemic. I can only call some of the chairpersons, but no activity is taking place as they are all locked up in their houses."

Laura continued, "We are praying that God will open a way for us to be able to meet one day. Our president keeps extending the lockdown every time he addresses the nation and many people are actually dying of hunger in their houses. The government has tried to supply food to all juvenile groups, but the number is overwhelmingly big! Some good items have been donated by able people and companies, but it is still not enough. Please pray that we all survive this terrible coronavirus. We believe our God still reigns and is in control. We hope to see light at the end of the tunnel."

Guatemala

Training for women in the Northeast on March 7 By Glenda de Cordon

Before the lockdown, women from the Northeast region of Guatemala met in Bananera for a Daughters of the King training on Women's Day. The theme was the Samaritan woman drawing water for Jesus. The women were shown the *Cross+Currents* issue featuring Daughters in Guatemala. We were very happy to see this, and it encourages us in our service to our Lord Jesus.

Junior Daughters Serving in Bananera

By Glenda de Cordon



In this time of COVID-19, the Junior Daughters of the King in Rocio de Angeles Chapter at San Miguel y Todos Los Angeles Church in Bananeras, are organizing and packaging food and asking the markets to donate to the most vulnerable. It is very difficult because they must stay one meter from each person they help, but it is a pleasure to see the impact the young women are having as they help the mayor of Morales Izabal. Pray for the Junior Daughters of the King that they

International Daughters

have the gift to serve forever.

We are at home, but we have not stopped worshipping our God. We do it virtually through Facebook Live. On March 21, 2020, we led a morning service with Bishop Sylvestre Donato Romero for the glory of the Lord. We have a prayer chain and we communicate through a WhatsApp group to share our petitions or needs. In this time of COVID-19, this is our priority. We love each other through Jesus Christ.

Honduras



The Reverend Canon Connie Sanchez

The Reverend Canon Connie Sanchez reported on the need for face masks in Honduras. Reverend Maria Elena Cristerna in Mexico immediately responded with an offer to help. Daughters in five chapters in Mexico had been making face masks as part of their sewing ministries, and Reverend Maria Elena offered to send masks to Honduras. Next, Teresa Staal-Cowley, a Daughter from Washington, U.S.A., offered to send fabric and supplies to Mexico for their sewing ministries. Thus a special connection was made through this Conversations with Daughters on



As part of their sewing ministry, Daughters in Mexico make masks to distribute.

May 16 and as a result by May 28, 475 masks were sent to Honduras!

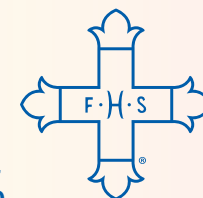
Excerpt from article in *Cross+Currents*

by Pamela Runyon, Editor

We have been receiving news from Daughters around the world about how they have used technology to connect with each other during this pandemic. Reverend Lourdes Inapanta in Ecuador, and Reverend Jessica Coello in Spain have been meeting online with their members and chaplains to support and pray for each other. Agnes O'Sullivan has conducted Zoom meetings with Daughters in Germany and has been joined by Yvette Manigold and Daughters in Italy. Reverend Canon Connie Sanchez in Honduras, and many other chaplains, have been sending daily devotions to Daughters in their chapters and countries. Haitian Daughters join together in prayer every night at 8 PM. Daughters in the Dominican Republic have participated in daily virtual services and are lifting up their communities' prayer requests through prayer chains. And a chapter in formation has continued the Study online.

THE JUNIOR MESSENGER

SUMMER 2020



FROM THE NATIONAL JUNIOR DAUGHTERS CO-CHAIR

By Kathy Schultz

Camp Allen Junior Daughters Retreat



IN JANUARY 2020, I had the privilege of attending the Diocesan Assembly of Texas Junior Daughters Retreat at Camp Allen,

near Houston, Texas. Despite the chilly, rainy welcome to Camp Area #3, the camp truly is a beautiful, wooded setting. The theme of the retreat (a take on Harry Potter and Hogwarts) was "God-Words School of Spirituality & Mysticism." The school's headmistresses, Adele McKinstry and

Vicki Terrell (both Junior Daughters directresses) led the Juniors and volunteers on an exciting journey.

Worship, music and workshops were centered on the vision for the weekend, using spiritual gifts to share His light. God's words were truly a part of every activity. The girls, all 60+ of them, participated in the activities joyfully – so many smiles, so much energy. The weekend was filled with morning devotions, crafts, skit planning, Bible studies, singing, worship, and even quidditch!

I was so happy to be able to both observe and participate as a volunteer. Thank you, Diocesan Assembly of Texas Junior Directresses and volunteers for a wonderful retreat!

A Year of Service

By Melania and Giada Laubsch

EVEN THOUGH OUR NATION is dealing with COVID-19 this year, the Little Flower Chapter of Junior Daughters at Trinity Episcopal Church in The Woodlands, Texas, has had a very busy year of service. In addition to monthly meetings, our chapter has participated in many service projects since autumn

2019. We held a booth at Rally Day to tell everyone about our chapter and what we do. We served food and cake to guests at the annual 50+ Wedding Anniversary party. We volunteered at our annual Angel Gift Market by helping church members learn about the event and serving a traditional English tea for our big sisters in the senior chapter.

We decorated our fellowship hall for Advent, and we participated in the greening of the church for Christmas by decorating the tree, setting up the nativity and bringing in poinsettias.

Our spring service events were cancelled due to COVID-19, but we have found many other ways to serve. Two girls collected donations to purchase Girl Scout cookies to donate to Abundant Harvest Kitchen (the Kitchen prepares and serves food to those in need, both in their food truck and in their kitchen, and they also serve as a local food pantry). Enough funds were collected to donate over 150 packages of cookies this year. Our chapter collects quarters for Laundry Love, as well. Laundry Love is a part of St. Isadore (our “daughter” church) where, among many other things, they meet once a month and provide laundry services for those in need. One officer of our chapter collects and counts all of these quarters at each meeting. This year we collected over \$50 to help Laundry Love.

During our time in quarantine, some of the older girls contributed to the church services by recording songs for choir, playing hymns on their instruments, creating artwork for the Good Friday service, participating in the Passion Play



Despite cancellations of events due to COVID-19, Junior Daughters are still serving.

and services for Palm Sunday and Good Friday, and by being layreaders. Younger girls recorded videos of themselves shouting “Alleluia” that were used in the children’s service on Easter morning. Girls have also been donating food to Abundant Harvest Kitchen, writing letters to senior citizens, drawing and coloring pictures and making cards for senior living communities to spread joy, and chalking sidewalks with positive messages.

Our senior Daughters and Junior Daughters chapters started a program pairing Junior Daughters with senior members as little sisters and big sisters. The sisters pray for each other, send each other cards and drawings, and take the time to talk with each other at church. During the quarantine, we have been staying in touch through writing letters and talking on the phone. The relationships between the big sisters and the little sisters has had a great impact on both groups. We are very much looking forward to getting back together and having a luncheon when this is over. We are also looking forward to the admission of four new members to our Junior Daughters chapter as soon as we can be back together in our church!



Junior Daughters delivering laundry love to Father Scott.

Living Through a Historic Pandemic

By Isabelle Poston

I SHARED MY EXPERIENCES during this pandemic in the first virtual meeting for Conversations with Daughters. I would like to share some of the things I spoke of at the meeting.

I am an 11-year-old girl who enjoys riding my bike, reading, drawing, seeing some of the neighborhood kids, talking with them while social distancing, listening to music, and keeping in touch with friends. These are the ways I passed the time during the stay-at-home orders.

When we started staying home, I began to have more time to read my Bible. I also started to write in a spare notebook about what I am experiencing during the pandemic. It has impacted me by helping me grow closer to God. I have been learning more about the Bible and reading it more at night.

My church has been recording weekly services. My family and I use our prayer books instead of the printed Sunday bulletins to follow along with the service. It is helpful having the “Book of Common Prayer” and a hymnal at home. Our rectors, church singers, and music director compile the videos together to make a nice worship service. They also continue to create children’s and youth services for Children’s Liturgy and Youth Sundays. The youth get to participate in creating the service by reading the Scripture passages, singing the hymns, and a high school student delivers the sermon.

Lazarus Ministry is our church’s charitable giving ministry. They have been meeting on a video conferencing

app to continue helping people in our community meet their basic needs.

I think the pandemic has impacted my neighborhood by causing people to help each other. My neighbors have been social distancing like us. A few weeks ago, at the start of the stay-at-home orders, I saw one of the teenagers help an older woman with groceries at her door. I think my neighbors are trying to help others because we all need care and kindness.

I was attending a private school at the start of the pandemic. When the stay-at-home orders were issued, we began Spring Break. Soon after that, the governor issued the shelter-at-home orders so students were not able to return to the school campus for classes. We had to use a video conferencing app for all our main subjects and other apps to complete assignments. There were many technical problems because of bad internet connections. Our daily assignments were fewer. My classmates were confused and not used to virtual learning. They were distracted because of the chat feature. I feel like this school year ended with much disappointment and sadness. However, I learned how to use new apps and keep up with my homework better. I also enjoy spending more time with my family and preparing meals with my mom.

These are some of the ways I have been impacted by this pandemic. I think that my experiences during the pandemic will be memorable. I have adapted to staying at home and I am generally happy and looking forward to the time when we can go places without worrying about the pandemic.

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.

Sara Heck, Junior Directress of the

Rebekah and Esther Chapter of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Strum, Wisconsin, reports that the Junior Daughters discussed two of Mother Deborah's questions, as posed in past issues of the Junior Messenger, during their last few meetings. Answers to the question of "When is your favorite time to pray?" included: "My favorite time to pray is at night before I sleep." "My rocking chair, and I sit with my mom and we do it together." "In a hammock in the spring or summer or by the water because it is relaxing." To the question, "What I am thankful for," answers included: "Family – they take care of me and love me." "Jesus – He died on the cross for us." "Living – I wouldn't be here." "I'm thankful for my Mom and Dad because they feed me and take care of me." "I'm thankful for my friends and family because they help me, no matter what." "I am thankful for God's holy house because it's where we praise God."

Junior Daughters Chapter Reinstated

On Sunday, March 8, 2020, at Trinity Episcopal Church, Morgantown, West Virginia, Esther Junior Chapter was reinstated and three new members were admitted: Amelia Doerner, Chloe Manley and Claire Manley. Irene Muffy is the Junior Directress of the chapter.



AROUND THE PROVINCES: SPOTLIGHT

All Angels Chapter Serves Cancer Patients

The St. Michael and All Angels Chapter at Grace Episcopal Church in Yorktown, Virginia, has a special ministry of providing a monthly lunch to cancer patients and their families at the Virginia Cancer Center's Infusion Center.

Chemotherapy by infusion requires that patients receive medication and other supportive treatments through the bloodstream. Depending on their individual needs, a patient's treatment can take all day to complete or stretch over several hours, making lunch a challenge.

Since July 2015, dedicated Daughters at Grace Episcopal Church in Yorktown, Virginia, have gone to the Infusion Center every second Tuesday with comfort, care, and – most of all – homemade sandwiches, cookies, and snacks. Along with other dedicated volunteer groups, they work with the Cancer Care Foundation of Tidewater. This organization sponsors the related Acts of Kindness program, furnishing drinks, paper products and other supplies that support this ministry.

Daughter and lay minister Liz Landgraf first learned about the Cancer Care Foundation of Tidewater at an Episcopal Church Women-sponsored gathering in Fall 2014. Inspired, she went to observe another church group's service to learn more.

"As soon as I learned about this ministry, I realized that almost every one of us at Grace Church had experienced cancer and its treatment in our families or with friends," Landgraf says. "This seemed like a service of love that would give us a chance to bring some comfort and caring to these patients and their caregivers."

According to Landgraf, the response has been very positive with the number of patients increasing. "It is always so very rewarding to receive the patients'



expressions of appreciation as we offer a word of hope and encouragement and love (along with the lunch we bring) to the very diverse group we encounter with each visit."

Appreciation for this service goes beyond patients and family members to the Infusion Center staff, who welcome whatever treats are left. "This ministry gives us a wonderful opportunity to live out our vow of prayer, service, and evangelism."

In addition to this ministry, the 41 Daughters serve the parish with a wide variety of service projects. "Our individual members serve the parish in many ways, supporting the priests in worship as Altar Guild, acolytes, Healing Prayer and Eucharistic Ministers," says Diana Mason-Smelt, who currently serves as co-president with Laura Boice. Other Daughters dedicate time to Pastoral Care, Knitting, Meal, and Student Backpack ministries.

"Members serve in the Pastoral Care Ministry and Meal Ministry, providing support for the homebound and sick. Individuals participate in the Knitting Ministry, Backpack Ministry, and many other aspects of the life of the parish. Mason-Smelt notes, "Participation as a Daughter is a natural extension of who these women are." Any chapters wishing to learn more about Grace Church's ministries are welcome to contact Co-President Laura Boice at laura.a.boice@gmail.com.



AROUND THE PROVINCES: PROVINCE II

Co-President Welcomed in Delmar, New York

The St. Teresa of Avila Chapter of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Delmar, New York, welcomed Wendy Lindskoog as Co-President with Jennifer King in September 2019. The day included a pot-luck dinner and Eucharist celebrated by the Reverend Scott Garno and our Chaplain, the Reverend Justine Guernsey.



AROUND THE PROVINCES: PROVINCE III

New Member Welcomed in Reading, Pennsylvania

Christus Chapter from Christ Episcopal Church in Reading, Pennsylvania, with overwhelming joy, welcomed a new member, Judith Hodgkinson, on December 8, 2019. Judith can be seen sitting (but busy) in the photo as Daughters gathered to pack toiletries, as requested by the Episcopal Diocese of Texas to help welcome people at the border.

The Right Reverend Kevin Nichols, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem, made a plea last summer for outreach programs to respond to refugee needs. In a multi-faceted effort, generous contributions were added from the Episcopal Diocese of New Hampshire, specifically, St. Andrew's in the Valley, Tamworth, New Hampshire. Also participating in the gathering, dedicated Episcopal Church Women joined us for outdoor work time and shared a meal. One of the accompanying photos shows the singing of the Doxology before the meal. Our motto is fitting: "... I can do something." Together, we did!



Second Annual Fall Gathering Held in Easton, Maryland

The Diocesan Assembly of Easton, Maryland, held its second annual Fall Gathering on November 2, 2019. We were happy that Kathy Paulo, Province III Assembly President

(third from left), was able to join us for lunch and the afternoon. The day's program, "Pray As You Are," was influenced by "Paths to Prayer: Finding Your Own Way to the Presence of God" by Patricia D. Brown. The author led a workshop using her book at the Province III Retreat in May 2019.

Light of Zion Chapter Instituted in Beltsville, Maryland

The Light of Zion Chapter was instituted on Sunday, November 10, 2019, at St. John's Episcopal Church in Beltsville, Maryland. The chapter charter was presented by Carolyn Dent, the Diocesan Assembly President, to Father Joseph Constant, St. John's rector. Newly admitted Daughters were (front row, l-r) Elsie Kirton, Darlene Jones, Melissa Sites, Pamela Bryant-Hollins, Euraline Watson, Kathleen Davis, and Elaine Knight; (back row, l-r) Lynette Siewe, Mardell Hinds, Jacqueline Gibson-Barrow, Beverly Badley, and Dawn Cave. (Not pictured: transferred Daughter Nydia Coleman.) Darlene Jones was instrumental in starting the chapter, and she transitioned into the chapter from Daughter at Large status. Crosses were presented to the newly admitted members by Carolyn, assisted by Brenda Neal, Diocesan Assembly Treasurer, and Marie Queen. Chapter officers who were installed were President Darlene Jones, Vice President Euraline Watson, Chaplain Pamela Bryant-Hollins, Secretary Jacqueline Gibson-Barrow and Treasurer Mardelle Hinds.



Pancakes Served in Chester, Virginia

The St. Veronica Chapter at St. John's Episcopal Church in Chester, Virginia, prepared and served pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, 2020. Pictured: (back row) Tamara Evans, Becky Farr, Pat Frazer, Angela Howsmon, Jackie Colonna, Kim Courington, Fontaine Gibbons, Teresa Duncan; (front row) Mentha Carpenter, Nancy Fast, and Hazel Sloane.





AROUND THE PROVINCES: PROVINCE IV

Five New Daughters Admitted in Port Orange, Florida

The St. Monica Chapter at Grace Episcopal Church in Port Orange, Florida, was blessed with the admission of five new Daughters! The new Daughters were admitted by The Order's National Chaplain, The Right Reverend Gregory Brewer. Special guests in attendance included The Order's National President, Krisita Jackson, and Central Florida's Diocesan Assembly President, Dr. Karen Adderly Clark. Those admitted were Pauline Brown, Janet Carrico, Glenda Poarch, Betty Stecker, and Judith Tabb. The chapter is so happy with the joining of the new members as they start a very busy, spirit-filled year.



Three Members Admitted in Leesburg, Florida

The Martha and Mary Chapter at St. James in Leesburg, Florida, admitted three new members: JoAnne Statts, Carolyn Hoth, and Judy Bedell. To welcome them as new Daughters were Krisita Jackson, National President, and Dr. Karen Adderly Clark, President of Central Florida's Diocesan Assembly.

A 117-Year-Old Chapter

It is a privilege to be a member of the oldest chapter in the Diocesan Assembly of Central Florida and one of the few chapters in the country that is over 100 years old.

The St. Mary Chapter at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Daytona Beach, Florida, began in 1903 when six women were admitted. The women taught Sunday School, served on Altar Guild, baked bread for communion and provided altar flowers from their gardens (there were no florists in Daytona Beach back then).

One of our members from the 1930s to 1940s, Katherine Travers, bequeathed \$110 from her estate. This directed bequest was used to purchase a cross, which in turn was to be worn by an outstanding Daughter as chosen by the diocesan assembly each year. This same cross is now worn by our diocesan assembly presidents!

We also have in our chapter's possession a document signed by The Order's founder, Margaret J. Franklin! The document was given to the Reverend Ralph Wood Kenyon, First Grand Chaplain of The Order, on November 28, 1893, in recognition for his support. We do not know how this document came to St. Mary's, but we are honored to have it hanging in our meeting room!

We are very blessed to carry on the work that our precious sisters started over 100 years ago!! Thanks be unto God for them.



New Daughters Admitted in Jacksonville, Florida

The St. Lydia Chapter of St. Paul's Episcopal Church by the Creek, Jacksonville, Florida, admitted new Daughters on August 18, 2019.

Bishop's Cross Received in Sebastian, Florida

Valerie Nubi-Collins, from St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church, in Sebastian, Florida, was chosen to receive the Bishop's Cross at the Fall Assembly for Daughters in the Diocesan Assembly of Central Florida. The Fall Assembly occurred September 21, 2019, at Christ the King Episcopal Church in Orlando, Florida.

In the tradition of the Bishop's Cross, each chapter, before the assembly, prays for the presence of the Holy Spirit during the selection and then draws a name from all the active members of the chapter.



At the assembly, the names of each chapter representative are placed together and, after praying for the presence of the Holy Spirit, the name of the recipient is drawn. The Daughter, thus selected by the Holy Spirit, wears the Bishop's cross for a year. At the next assembly, she shares her story of living with the cross.

The Bishop's cross is not a reward but is to be worn by the Daughter with humility and thankfulness that God is doing great work in her life, in the chapter's life and in the life of her parish. The wearing of this cross gives the Daughter a greater dependence on God's Spirit. This Order was guided into existence by God's Spirit, and this tradition helps us to keep our eyes on Him as the Selector and on His work.

In some parishes where a Daughter has worn the Cross, the Spirit has brought renewal, strengthening and a greater awareness of God's love and the working of His Spirit. Valerie is looking forward to a year of God's spiritual direction for St. Elizabeth's.

Immanuel Chapter Instituted in Keystone Heights, Florida

The first church affiliated with the Anglican Free Communion instituted the Immanuel Chapter at Immanuel Anglican Church in Keystone Heights, Florida. Eight women taking their vows were admitted and two women transferred from another chapter. The church pastor and chaplain is the Right Reverend Raul E. Toro, Jr.



Service of Admission Held in Lexington, Kentucky

On February 2, 2020, the Christ Church Chapter of Christ Church Cathedral in Lexington, Kentucky, held a Service of Admission and a Chapter Banner Blessing. The chapter welcomed new members Linda House and Emily Nantz.

Pictured are members and clergy:

Priscilla Lynd, Linda House, Flo Mayer, Martha Park, Janis Gilbert, BJ Stull, Emily Nantz, the Reverend Canon Dr. Helen Van Koevering, Malinda Owens, the Reverend Brent Owens, Sharon Stumbo, the Very Reverend Carol Wade, Joanna Walsh, Carolyn Ware, Sherry Ferguson, Linda Robinson, and Windy Roscoe.



New Officers Installed in Charlotte, North Carolina

In February at St. John the Evangelist in Charlotte, North Carolina, The Reverend Peter Floyd installed new officers of the Mary Magdalene Thapter.

Pictured are Carol Clark, Mary Catherine Coon, Anna Louise Fitzgerald, Nell Fraser, Kathleen Harrington, Barbara Matteson, Hedy Maus, Justine McAbee, Wendy Merrill (chaplain), Nancy Nye, and Janie Wooten. Not pictured are Lynn Armstrong and Mary Swiggum.

Three New Members Admitted in Spartanburg, South Carolina

The St. Angela Chapter of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Spartanburg, South Carolina, congratulates its three newly admitted members: Karen Carpenter, Atha McBride, and Peggy Scruggs. We are proud of their dedication and commitment throughout the study and are looking forward to sharing God's love through this ministry!



Three Members Admitted in Ridgeland, Mississippi

The St. Mary's Chapter of St. Columb's Episcopal Church in Ridgeland, Mississippi, admitted three new members on December 8, 2019. The Reverend C.J. Meaders officiated at the Service of Admission. Pictured are new members (l-r): Bonnie Crocker, Becky Hawkins and Stephanie Grady.



AROUND THE PROVINCES: PROVINCE V



Daughters listened to God's Word.



Daughters responded in song.



Daughters kept silence to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit.



The Quiet Morning ended with a Eucharist, a time for fellowship and lunch.

Daughters in Chicago, Illinois, Gathered for a Quiet Morning

On February 29, 2020, Daughters in the Diocesan Assembly of Chicago gathered at St. John's, Naperville, for a Quiet Morning. In a program inspired by the book "Seeds of Trust: Reflecting on the Bible in Silence and Song" by the Taizé Community, Daughters listened to God's Word (Scripture reading), responded in song (a Taizé chant), then kept silence to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit (reflection on suggested questions). The Quiet Morning ended with Eucharist, a time for fellowship and lunch.



AROUND THE PROVINCES: PROVINCE VII



Two Members Admitted in McKinney, Texas

The St. Peter Chapter of St Peter's Episcopal Church in McKinney, Texas, admitted Alice Landers and Lynn Christensen to the chapter.

Three New Members Welcomed in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Almost a year and a half after the St. Julian of Norwich chapter was established at the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, three admitted members were welcomed on January 12, 2020. Two members were new and one was received as a transfer. Sisters from nearby chapters and Diocesan Assembly President Suzanne Spradling attended the service to celebrate and support the new members. We are grateful to God for the blessing of these new Sisters. New chapter members are Ann Cantrell and Katherine Horton (new) and Kimberly Webb (received).



Christmas Tea Held for all in Albuquerque, New Mexico

The St. Agnes Chapter of St John's Cathedral in Albuquerque, New Mexico, held a Christmas Tea for all women of the Cathedral to learn more about our Order and for fellowship with Daughters from chapters within the diocesan assembly. We were delighted to have nine different chapters represented. Dean Kristie shared her personal journey as a Daughter and Elizabeth Bayne shared her ministry of Tuneful Truths.

150th Jubilee Celebration Held in Huntsville, Texas

The G.R.A.C.E. chapter in Huntsville, Texas, played an integral part in the 150th Jubilee Celebration of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Daughters worked for months to research church history, led the building of a new playground and labyrinth, orchestrated landscaping projects, and decorated the church and parish hall for the big event. The weekend celebration brought many former clergy and guests. Daughters participated in a Pilgrimage of Remembrance, the baptismal service, and a community feast. As Daughters, we share our prayers and our service as we strive to make Christ known to others.



Lenten Dinner Served in Nacogdoches, Texas

The Christ Chapter at Christ Episcopal Church in Nacogdoches, Texas, prepared soups and salads for our first Lenten dinner of 2020. Dr. Todd Still, Dean of Baylor University, spoke on the Bible. It was a wonderful evening.

Diocesan Assembly Took Place in West Texas

The Diocesan Assembly of West Texas held a Winter Assembly from January 24 to January 25, 2020. Hosted by St. Albans, our topic was "The Breathe of God," taught by the rector of St. Albans, Father John Inserra. Friday's schedule included a meet-and-greet and introduction of the topic. Saturday Morning Prayer was led by Father Bruce Wilson; Kim Najera, Diocesan Assembly President; and Andrea Knight, Diocesan Assembly Vice-President. Following the study on "The Breathe of God," Father Bruce Wilson delved into the topic of Breath Prayer. Thank you, Holy Spirit, for spending that time with us.



Eleven Admitted in Kerrville, Texas

On January 12, 2020, on the Baptism of our Lord, the St. Peter Chapter of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Kerrville, Texas, admitted 12 Daughters. The Reverend Bert Baetz officiated the service and special guests included Kim Najera, Diocesan Assembly President, and Kathy Paulo, National Membership Chair.



A donation was given to the Endowment Fund of The Order in memory of and in thanksgiving for Daughter Jane Elwood, wife of Reverend Elwood, who died last year.

Pictured are: (front row, l-r) Leslie Eastland and Mary Ellen Cook; (middle row, l-r) Sarah Hilburn, Sandra Chapman, Kay Hayes and Marla Coffee-Key; (back row, l-r) Barbara Jansen, Abby Blacklock, Heather Stebbins, Beverly Dodds and Reverend Dick Elwood (retired).



85th Anniversary Celebrated in Corpus Christi, Texas

The Sara Belle Clark Chapter of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Corpus Christi, Texas, celebrated its 85th anniversary on February 16, 2020. The chapter also admitted two new Daughters on this special occasion.

Service of Admission Held in Camdenton, Missouri

The St. Clare Chapter at St. George's Episcopal Church in Camdenton, Missouri, held a special Service of Admission on January 20, 2020. Becky Doak was admitted to The Order and welcomed into the chapter with the assistance of her service dog, Doc, who is seen praying for members during the service. The chapter is thankful for our rector, Mother Laura Hughes.



AROUND THE PROVINCES: PROVINCE VIII



Three New Members Admitted in Sun City West, Arizona

On Sunday, January 19, 2020, the Clare of Assisi Chapter at Advent Episcopal Church in Sun City West, Arizona, admitted three new Daughters. They are Maureen Haskell, Jenni Payne and Judy Williams. The admission of these women brings our total chapter membership to 32 members.

Four Daughters Admitted in Aptos, California

In June, 2019, Karen Greenleaf and the Reverend Joan Anderson admitted four new members to the St. Clare Chapter at St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church in Aptos, California. New members include Ann Cowan, Malou Knapp, Diane Scofield, and Nancy Shepherd. The church's rector, the Reverend Tracy Miller, participated in the ceremony.



In November, 2019, three members of the chapter, the Reverend Joan Anderson, Kathy Butler and Karen Greenleaf, assisted at El Camino Real's annual Diocesan Convention by hosting a prayer chapel. They collected and prayed for all the participants' concerns. The submitted prayers were then forwarded to other chapters in the diocesan assembly to continue praying for the requests.

New Resurrection Chapter Instituted in San Diego, California

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in San Diego, California, was thrilled to receive their charter for a new Resurrection Chapter. The institution was held on December 1, 2019. A reception followed with a beautiful cake and delicious food. The chapter looks forward to doing a lot of good work for St. Timothy's.



Our Past National Presidents:

Anne Whitfield(Whitty), Bohmer Herman, Sue Z. Schlanbusch,
Sharon Lundgren, Joan Dalrymple, Grace Sears,
Pamela Runyon, Susan O'Brien



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE ORDER

EXECUTIVE BOARD

National President: **Krisita Jackson** 407-888-2198

1st Vice President, Triennial Chair: **Janet Papa** 518-248-3276

2nd Vice President, Alpha Fund Chair, Trademark Chair: **Anna Marie Stevenson** 210-912-5505

National Secretary, Events Coordinator, Cross+Links Editor: **Pamela Sebura** 765-215-5518

National Treasurer: **Linda Rines** 443-534-8791

Strategic Planning Chair: **Ane Deister** 530-863-0750

National Chaplain, **The Right Reverend Gregory Brewer**

Junior Daughters Chaplain, **The Reverend Dr. Deborah Jackson** 904-945-2893

Executive Board Advisor, Communications Oversight Chair: **Chesley Vohden** 434-665-9320

NATIONAL COUNCIL CHAIRS

Daughters At Large Chair: **Helen Bhagwandin** 305-253-0477

Service & Evangelism Chair: **Pat Hind** 214-226-7146

National Enrichment Chair: **Susan Keith** 828-980-5552

International Chair, Endowment Fund Chair: **Lindy Kirk** 843-869-4339

Self Denial Fund Chair: **Katherine Marshall-Polite** 212-283-2728

Worship & Devotions Chair: **Denise Rox** 318-443-6264

Literature Chair, Triennial Site Chair: **Susan Towson** 904-367-4457

PROVINCE PRESIDENTS

Province I, Public Relations Chair: **Monica Burden** 859-893-7715

Province II, Junior Daughters Chair: **Tammy Boyd** 518-705-9171

Province III, Membership Chair: **Kathy Paulo** 814-437-6368

Province IV, Bylaws Chair: **Jane Searcy** 502-758-3918

Province V, Junior Daughters Co-Chair, Master's Fund Chair: **Kathy Schultz** 630-553-0698

Province VI, Province President Facilitator: **Nancy Severin** 970-867-6826

Province VII, International Assistant Chair: **Judy Bordelon** 318-664-7844

Province VIII, Strategic Planning Chair: **Ane Deister** 530-863-0750

*For contact information, please visit our website, www.doknational.org,
or contact the National Office.*

1885 Designs^{LLC}



**Daughters 135 Year
Anniversary Bookmarks,**
Packages of 12. **\$2.75**



Hand Held Fans. Fans fold up small
enough to carry in a purse **\$4.00**



Daughters Heart Box
Great gift idea:
Anglican Rosary fits
nicely in the heart
shaped box. **\$35.00**



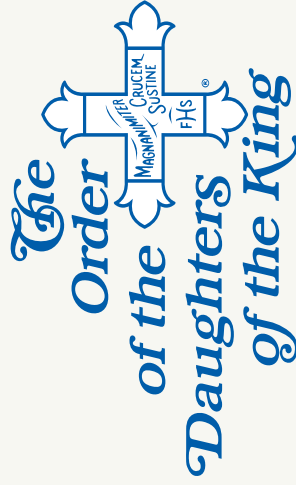
**Junior Daughter
Long Sleeve T-shirt,**
95% Cotton/5% Spandex
\$25.00 - \$27.00



**Hand Beaded Bracelets Blue
with a Silver Cross,** beautifully
handcrafted, three wrist sizes: 6-7",
7-8" and 8-9". **\$35.00**

Go to 1885designs.com to place your order

1885 Designs, LLC • 262 Eastgate Drive Suite #345 Aiken, South Carolina 29803
sales@1885designs.com • 803-270-6352 • Visit us online at <http://1885designs.com>
(1885 Designs replaced CCI as the official supplier of DOK emblazoned
gift, apparel, and specialty items)



Margaret J. Franklin Center
101 Weatherstone Drive, Suite 870
Woodstock, GA 30188-7007

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. POSTAGE

PAID

DENVER, CO
PERMIT #5377

