



The Messenger

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The Labyrinth at Kanuga Conference Center

Photograph by Pamela Napier

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Psalm 46:11

**PROVINCE IV DAUGHTERS OF THE KING
FALL ASSEMBLY/RETREAT**

October 6-8, 2020

Register online at – <http://provinceiv-dok.org/>



President's Message

"The Lord Almighty is With Us Always"

Psalm 46:11

Be still and Know that I am God...

Be still and Know that I am...

Be still and Know...

Be still...

Be...

And so begins the path that leads from St. Francis Chapel into the woods of Kanuga Conference Center, through the fourteen Stations of the Cross and back.

I have been to Kanuga many times in the past 18 years, but I have never walked this way before. I will go back there someday soon, I hope. I want to be there for Province IV Fall Assembly/Retreat this year, just like every other year. And I want to celebrate the ways God walked with me there. I want to see the leaves change colors and relive the way He changed me there. I want to see my friends and sisters in Christ, worship God in the Chapel and at the lake, rock on the big front porch, eat Kanuga Toast... And I want to walk the path behind St. Francis Chapel and Be Still and Know God's Love. I want you to know Kanuga and feel the Spirit there, too.

But I will have to wait awhile. Now Kanuga is closed for large groups like ours due to COVID-19. We will have to meet some other way this year. Maybe this is God's way of bringing His message home to us. The spirit of Kanuga is always in my heart, and The Lord Almighty is always with us. Perhaps it is His way of calling us back into the world to serve, to witness, to share His Love.

Saint Benedict taught us to "Listen with the ear of our heart." Jesus taught us to "Love one another as God loves us." As Christians, that is what we are called to do. As Daughters of the King, we are in the heart of Christ's Church. We vow to pray, serve and evangelize for the spread of Christ's Kingdom throughout the world. Every day, we are called to rededicate ourselves to God's service in faith and joy and love. Knowing that the Lord Almighty is with us Always, we are called to action. We have been to the woods and back. It is time now to BE what God is calling us to be in the world and to DO what He would have us do...

In His Love & For His Sake, *Jane*

...Lord, what will you have me do?



Chaplain's Message



The world and life as we knew it has changed radically. The “new normal” calls for continuing the quarantine, social distancing, masks, washing our hands, and using disinfectant. The bidding is not only how are you but be blessed and be safe.

The scriptural call to pray unceasingly becomes more of a mandate as the numbers grow and the visual reminders of this pandemic are ever before us.

As I was quietly considering what I would say, I came across an “Opening Prayer During a Pandemic” titled PRAYER OF APPROACH, written by Ann Harbridge, Minister at Trinity Centennial United Church in Rosemont, Ontario, Canada. This powerful prayer inspired by Luke 24:13-35 spoke my prayer better than I could express it.

*O God, you come to us in unexpected places
In isolation, behind closed doors
On dusty roads as we go from place to place
In video chats, (Zoom) with friends and telephone conversation with loved ones.
You come bringing us peace, where there is no peace.
You come bringing us hope when everything seems hopeless.
You come bringing us courage when we are afraid.
Come and be among us now, in every place where we are.
Open our eyes to see you, open our hearts to know you.
In the name of the Risen Christ we pray. Amen*

The coronavirus pandemic (Covid-19) is now affecting every part of the world, disrupting people's lives, and creating fear, anxiety, sorrow, and hardship. Where do we find strength and hope in this troubling time? What might faith look like in a time of Covid-19? How might God be calling us as Daughters of the King to respond to the impacts of the pandemic?

The Motto of our Order is a powerful reminder.

*For His sake, 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.
Lord what will you have me do?*

I am reminded of a young priest from Liberia, whose story might be a source of encouragement. I met him when he was a student at Vorhees College, one of the Episcopal Church's predominately Black colleges In Denmark, South Carolina. I was serving as Bishop Suffragan with the responsibility of oversight over our work in higher education.

A bright young man who had come to study in the United States fleeing the turmoil and unrest that was prevalent in his home country of Liberia. I found myself identifying with him as my departure from my home in Cuba was also due to turmoil and unrest.

Coming from low church Evangelical roots I was impressed by his deep expressed reverence referring to me as Lord Bishop and Your Grace and even greeting (trying!) me on one knee and the kissing of my Episcopal Ring. Bishops in our culture don't get that very often.

After completing his studies at Vorhees, Anthony Kowbeidu studied at the School of Theology of the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee and returned to serve in The Diocese of South Carolina. He presently serves as Associate Rector for Mission and Evangelism at Saint Andrews (Anglican) Church in Mount Pleasant, S.C.

In late March of this year Anthony and his Bishop/Rector tested positive for the Covid-19 virus and were hospitalized and put in isolation. A few weeks later Anthony was declared cured and went home to recuperate. Bishop Steve Wood remained and was on a ventilator for some time before he was declared cured and could return home.

I was drawn to a "post" that Anthony republished from one posted in 2011 and taken from "Streams in the Desert" (Devotional by Mrs. Charles Cowan).

That is all God asks of you as His dear child. When you become weak through the fierce fires of affliction, do not try to "be strong", just "be still, and know that He is God" and that He will sustain you and bring you through the fire.

God reserves the best medicine for our times of deepest despair.

Blessings,
+Bill



Keynote Speaker

Michael R. Sullivan

Michael Sullivan became Kanuga's 10th president in November 2016. In his first years, he has built upon the historic traditions of this special place while also guiding us to think more strategically about our future.

A native of Seneca, South Carolina, Michael holds a Master of Divinity from The University of the South–Sewanee, Tennessee; a Juris Doctor cum laude, from the University of South Carolina–Columbia, South Carolina; and a Bachelor of Arts summa cum laude, Wofford College–Spartanburg, South Carolina (Phi Beta Kappa).

“Sometimes I pinch myself when driving on property. We have inherited such a spectacular place on this planet, a place used for centuries to gather people. From the ancient indigenous people of this land to the founding of present-day Kanuga in 1928, our inheritance is truly inspiring. This is the place where people dared to gather everyone as they were created to be, a place that seeks to honor and respect all whoever they are and wherever they might come from. I get to work with people from literally all over the world while living and breathing in the beauty of Western North Carolina. Our past has been tremendous, but our future is all the brighter.”

Michael is the author of two books and numerous articles. *Windows into the Soul* and *Windows into the Light*, both published by Morehouse, a division of Church Publishing, explore the place of art in spirituality. He has served on numerous boards, most recently Regent, University of the South (Sewanee) and the Board of Directors of the Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes.

In his spare time, he enjoys cooking, fitness, fishing, hiking, and writing.



SCHEDULE

Province IV Daughters of the King

VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY/RETREAT



OCTOBER 5, 6, 7 & 8, 2020

MORNING SESSIONS

10 am – 1 pm Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)
9 am – 12 noon Central Daylight Time (CDT)

Monday, Oct.5	Tuesday, Oct 6, 2020	Wednesday Oct 7, 2020	Thursday, Oct 8, 2020
<u>PRAYER</u>	<u>10am EDT/ 9am CDT</u>	<u>10am EDT/ 9am CDT</u>	<u>10am EDT/ 9am CDT</u>
Pray for our Retreat, those who plan and provide it, those who attend and make it worth the effort – It begins tomorrow!	Opening Worship Service Welcome & Orientation Bishop's Meditation I	Memorial Service Bishop's Meditation II	Worship Service Bishop's Meditation III Rededication Memories from Kanuga
	<u>11:30am EDT/10:30am CDT</u> Keynote Speaker, Session I	<u>11:30am EDT/ 10:30am CDT</u> Keynote Speaker, Session II	<u>11:30am EDT/ 10:30am CDT</u> Keynote Speaker, Session III Closing Prayer & Benediction

AFTERNOON SESSIONS

2 pm - 5 pm Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)
1 pm-4 pm Central Daylight Time (CDT)

Monday, Oct 5	Tuesday, Oct 6, 2020	Wednesday, Oct 7, 2020	Thursday, Oct 8, 2020
<u>2pm EDT/ 1pm CDT</u>	<u>2pm EDT/1pm CDT</u>	<u>2pm EDT/1pm CDT</u>	<u>2pm EDT/1pm CDT</u>
Assembly Board Mtg. (Diocesan Assembly Presidents & Chairs only)	Assembly Business Meeting Part 1 (Delegates & Visitors)	Workshop Walking the Stations of the Cross at Kanuga <i>Hosted by Robin Smith</i>	Assembly Business Meeting Part 2 (Voting Delegates) (Visitors Welcome to Observe)



Offerings Information

It is our custom when we gather during retreats and assemblies, to take up offerings for various entities. The Executive Committee decided this year's offerings will be used for the benefit of Kanuga and disaster-related needs.

At press time, the committee has not decided where the disaster funds will go. We ask you to put on your thinking caps and give us input for consideration. Covid-19 caused food insecurities for many children due to school closures, in addition to many other issues for those on the frontlines and in isolation. Hurricanes Marco and Laura have caused major damage to Louisiana and Texas. There may be other disasters of which we are not aware that could use some help.

There is no charge for the Retreat this year. Likewise, you will have no travel related expenses. We ask you to prayerfully consider how you will respond to the needs we find before us this year.

Send your ideas for offerings to: vickypatterson@gmail.com.

Send checks (please, **no cash**) for offerings made payable to **Province IV DOK**, to Vicky Patterson, PO Box 779, Chipley, FL 32428.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

...Lord, what will you have me do?



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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration will take place on our website:
<http://provinceiv-dok.org>

Upon registration, you will be given ZOOM instructions and log-in information. (If you have never used Zoom, the instructions will walk you through.)

Delegates: Please check the box to indicate you are a delegate (either for your chapter or assembly.)

Daughters at Large: Please check the box to indicate you are a DAL. We want to get to know you!

WORKSHOP INFORMATION

In addition to the live Stations of the Cross workshop on Wednesday afternoon, the following recorded workshops will be available on our website for you to view at your convenience.

- Bible Study with Fr. Jonathan Archer
- Spiritual Forgiveness with Ellen Van Nagell
- Mandala Workshop: Be Still with Nancy Rodriguez

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