



**Recommended Slate of Officers for Province IV
Triennium 2024 - 2027**

President – Ruth Foss

1st Vice President – Ellen van Nagell

2nd Vice President – Margaret Dunstan

Treasurer – Idalia Adams

DAL Triennial Delegate – Vicky Patterson

Respectfully submitted,

Nominating Committee

Gayle Happell
Malvern Mathis
Sueson Vess

President – Ruth Foss



One of my greatest blessings and joys is being a Daughter of the King with you. In my walk with Christ, I realize that every thought, prayer and event in this pilgrimage is transformative and not a one-time incident. I pray that each Daughter shares this view and we grow to be more like Christ each moment. The vow I took at my Admission service to the Order to be a woman of prayer, service and evangelism strengthens me to be of service to Him to the end.

I was blessed to be raised in a loving Christian family where day-to-day Christianity was a given and church and Bible study a priority. After university graduation, my secular career was in non-profit, transportation, communication and marketing fields. After becoming a Daughter and serving in Atlanta, I married and moved to Florida in 1999. I am now a member of St. Christopher's By the Sea Episcopal Church, Key Biscayne, FL where I serve on the Vestry, in hospitality, as a Lay Reader, LEM and acting DOK chapter president. I've served as chapter president, Diocese of Southeast Florida, 2nd VP, 1st VP and President and subsequently serving in Prov. IV as Funds and DAL chair, 2nd VP and 1st VP. Each opportunity for service led me into the company of Daughters of great mission, love and faith.

Under God's guidance and the power of the Holy Spirit, I pray and believe that the work of the Order in Province IV will grow to lead many women to Christ, strengthen present Daughters for mission, empower Junior Daughters – our future – and spread the Light of Christ to all. God gives us power to be "fishers of women" by example and speech to accomplish His will. So, let's charge forward to share His love and stand strong as Daughters of the King! If elected to serve as your President, with God's grace and your prayers, I will do my best, always asking, "Lord, what would you have me do?" and always listening for God's answer.

1st Vice President – Ellen van Nagell



I have been a member of The Order of the Daughters of the King® since 2007 when our priest asked me to help start a chapter at St James' Episcopal, Pewee Valley, KY. I was elected the first President. I have chaired/served on the following committees: Prayer Garden; Spiritual Life; International Prayer Partner; New Member Training/Discernment; Chapter Retreats; Nominating and Cookbook. On a mission trip to the Dominican Republic, I established an international Prayer Partner relationship with a DOK in Santiago on behalf of my chapter. My

husband and I support homeless neighbors living in tent camps with in-person visits, prayer requests, food, clothing and supplies.

In 2018-2022 I served as VP of the KY Diocesan Assembly. We increased communication, provided officer training, assemblies and retreats. I chaired a committee that resulted in our KY Diocesan Assembly installing an outdoor Chartres labyrinth at our Diocesan camp and retreat center for youth and adults.

During a pilgrimage thru Israel and Egypt I met with the president of Christ Church DOK, Jerusalem and took her 200 origami doves made by St Mary's DOK in KY for the children of Jerusalem. Christ Church, Jerusalem is the donation recipient of our October 1 Opening Eucharist at Kanuga.

My husband and I moved to Marco Island in October 2022; I am now a member at St Mark's in the Diocese of SWF. I have started leading programs on the meditation benefits of labyrinths, joined EfM, gave a program on my Holy Land pilgrimage and attend weekly Bible study. I still continue to present my program on "Spiritual Forgiveness" to DOK chapters in Province IV.

In May 2023 I joined spiritual/pilgrim Rev Dee de Montmollin on the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage walking thru Portugal and Spain. Our DOK cross is our blessing and reminds me that God is with me on each step of my life on "The Way." "Just as He who called you is Holy, be holy, in all you do." (1Peter 1:15)

I am honored to be nominated for 1st Vice President of DOK Province IV. It is humbling and if chosen I look forward to serving for His sake, with God's help.

2nd Vice President – Margaret Dunstan



On November 1, 2007, I was admitted into The Order of the Daughters of The King® in the Diocese of Southeast Florida. I am a member of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Tequesta, Florida for the last eighteen years. In the sixteen years I have been a Daughter, I have been blessed to serve the Order in many ways. I helped form the Rev. Wendy A. Williams Chapter at Good Shepherd and held both Vice President and President offices in our chapter. I served as Palm Beach Deanery Coordinator for three years in assisting the Assembly President.

In 2019 I was nominated and asked to stand as the 1st Vice President of the Assembly and served for three years. During that time, I also served as the Intercessory Prayer Chair. In 2021 I was again nominated and asked to stand as the President of the Assembly which I am currently serving. As I served these different positions, I have helped plan retreats, workshops, quiet days, and our Annual Assembly.

My spiritual gift from God is Exhortation and I pray through God's help to serve Province IV with the skills and gifts God has given me to help our Order to continue to grow and to do the work He has called us all to do together as a community of sisters.

Treasurer – Idalia Adams



I have been a member of St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in West Palm Beach, Florida since 2002. I was admitted to The Order of the Daughters of the King®, Mary Mother of Our Lord Chapter in July 2020. In my short time as a Daughter, I have assisted our chapter leadership in our admission process, prayer breakfast and organizing meetings. On a Diocesan level I am responsible for creating and maintaining our website as the Communications Chair.

I have volunteered at St. Christopher's as Treasurer and Parish Administrator since 2017.

I recently transitioned from a 30-year career in accounting to work at St. Mark's in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida as a Parish Coordinator where I assist clergy in all matters pertaining to the church.

I am currently the only postulant in the diocese of Southeast Florida seeking Holy Orders. After completing the course requirements, I hope to be ordained a Deacon in 2024.

As Daughters we are called to obey the rules of prayer and service. Our mission calls us to extend Christ's Kingdom through Prayer, Service and Evangelism. As Treasurer I hope to have an opportunity to highlight our fiscal responsibility to all Daughters in order to continue our mission.

I believe if you consider yourself blessed then you must bless others. Serving within the Church gives me an opportunity to pay my blessings forward. My faith was instilled in me as a child and continues to be the foundation of my life. I try to live by the words of one of our more popular and one of my favorite hymns, "They will know we are Christians by our love." It is an honor and a privilege to be nominated as Treasurer of DOK Province IV.

DAL Triennial Delegate – Vicky Patterson



I was born in Mobile, Alabama. My family moved to Panama City, Florida, when I was four years old. The sugar white sand has been in my shoes ever since, no matter where I live. I'll always consider myself a Florida Native! I attended Florida State University and graduated with a BS in Criminology. (However, my diploma is the only thing I own that is Garnet and Gold; my house is All-in for the Clemson Tigers! Go Tigers!!)

Although raised a Baptist, I knew I was “home” the first time I stepped into an Episcopal church. I went through confirmation and was received in St Luke’s Episcopal Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana in the late 1970’s. I currently attend St Matthew’s Episcopal Church, Chipley, Florida, where I serve as a Licensed Worship Leader, Preacher, Lay Eucharistic Minister, and vestry member.

I was admitted to The Order of the Daughters of the King® in 1998 and will celebrate my 25th anniversary on November 1. During my years as a Daughter, I have served in the following capacity:

- Chapter: President, New Member Instructor
- Diocesan Assembly of the Central Gulf Coast: President, New Member Instructor
- Province IV: Treasurer, Editor of Province IV newsletter, Triennial committee
- National Council: Member (2015-2018), International Prayer Partner, Self Denial Fund committee
- DALI (Diocesan Assembly Leadership Instruction): Facilitator
- National Enrichment Program: Certified Instructor for all training modules

I have been a Daughter at Large approximately eight years and understand the feelings of being unconnected many Daughters at Large experience. It will be my pleasure and honor to represent you and all of Province IV as the Daughter-at-Large delegate to Triennial 2024 in Louisville.