

The Messenger



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Triennial Edition



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Province Assembly President

Dear sisters in Christ,

Have you thought about coming to Triennial, 2024, to be held in Louisville, KY, June 26-30, 2024? The theme is A New Day Dawns and is based on Psalm 65:8

*"The whole earth is filled with awe at Your wonders;
where morning dawns, where evening fades, You call forth songs of joy."
Psalm 65:8 (NIV)*

If you have decided to come, that's wonderful!! If you are still thinking about it, consider that you would have the opportunity to meet Daughters from across the United States and around the world as we pray, worship, and learn together about ways the Holy Spirit is directing us as we move forward in the 21st Century as Daughters of the King.

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Lent 2024

Dear Daughters:

Many years ago, I traveled to Kenya to visit a missionary my church supported named Yetem. He served countless churches across eleven countries in Western Africa. In our short visit, we concentrated on seeing his work in several slums in Nairobi. And we traveled to rural areas outside Nairobi to meet the Massai tribe.

Whenever the children in the villages saw us, two white skinned people and their friend Yetem, they ran lickity split to meet our car. They were dressed in rags and very dirty. They had runny noses and bare feet, but these little ones all bowed to have Pastor Yetem and once introduced, Pastor Glenda, touched their heads and said, Praise Jesus, as a sign of blessing.

At one of those village visits, I was asked to pray with a Massai woman who was lying near death, under a tree, covered with a red Massai blanket. I knew I didn't speak her language, so I instinctively grabbed my oil container, so I could anoint her when I prayed. When she saw me, she smiled weakly, and we communicated with our eyes. I pressed my thumb in the oil and made the sign of the cross on her forehead. She sighed and peacefully closed her eyes. We prayed in whatever language we spoke that God would be with her and heal her.

As I walked away from this sick woman, I felt a little hand holding onto my pants. A little boy, about five years old, had reached into the pocket where I put my oil stock. As I pulled it out, he pointed to his little forehead. He wanted a blessing too. So, I touched the oil and placed a cross on his dirty little face. The other dozen or so Massai children lined up behind him, each wanting a cross on their heads too.



The Rt. Rev. Glenda S. Curry
Bishop of the Episcopal
Diocese of Alabama

Chaplain to the Province IV
Daughters of the King

[Read More from Bishop
Glenda](#)

Triennial 2024 is coming soon!

Let's welcome everyone to Louisville!!

I am so excited about the items for the goodie bags y'all are making, purchasing, or putting together. Y'all are just the best ever!!

It seems every time I turn around the number of expected participants increases. We are now expecting 700-750 attendees! As I said before, don't feel obligated to contribute that many items.

All contributions will be welcomed. We just want enough things to put in all bags.

Are you looking for ideas? Here's just a few:

- Bookmarks or Prayer cards
- Anglican rosaries
- Pens/notepads
- Small/handcrafted items (prayer squares, painted rocks, etc.)
- Bags of mints/candy/gum
- Souvenirs or Snacks that represent your geographical area
- Other Triennial mementos
- Personalized notes with a prayer for the recipient

Let's get creative with ideas. This is meant to be fun! Please try to identify the chapter or diocesan assembly that contributed the item. We want the entire DOK community to get a flavor of Southern love and hospitality!

We have decided to use paper gift bags for the contributions rather than the Triennial the tote bags. I'll be selecting and ordering the bags soon. If you are contributing something larger than a candy bar, please let me know.

Contributions can be mailed or delivered to me until June 1. My address is 1770 Duncan Community Road, Chipley, Florida 32428. Packages can also be shipped directly to the hotel. **Please contact me for directions before shipping to the hotel.** You can always reach me at 850-596-0776 or vickypatterson@gmail.com. I look forward to seeing you all in Louisville!

With love, FHS,
Vicky

Help Needed During Triennial!

Province IV is the host province for Triennial in June!

As the host province, we want to help all Daughters and guests who attend to know we are thrilled to have them with us and to give them a fine welcome to Louisville!

There are so many ways to help! From preparing gift bags, welcoming International Daughters, being hostesses and helping with worship!



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Need Some Financial Assistance to Attend Triennial?

Province IV has some funds available to assist Daughters with the Registration cost to attend Triennial, 2024 in Louisville.

Please email Kathy House kfhouse1@gmail.com and request an **Application for Triennial Assistance**. Complete the application and return it to Kathy. Remember the Early Bird special rate for registration is good through March 31, 2024 before increasing by \$50.

Around Province IV



Summer Retreat for Junior Daughters, Canterbury Conference Center, Oviedo, FL, June 22-25, 2023

This was the first "in person" Province IV retreat for Junior Daughters since 2019. The retreat was for Junior Daughters, girls in training to become Junior Daughters, and friends of Juniors interested in Junior Daughters. Alpha Fund Grants helped to make this Junior Retreat for 30 girls possible. One grant helped to lower the cost for participation, and the other grant paid for a bus from the Miami area to bring the girls.

Also, directresses, other senior Daughters, and some relatives of the Juniors came and helped with the retreat. We were very thankful for the Alpha Fund Grants!



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Fall Assembly and Retreat at Kanuga, Oct. 1-4, 2023

Fall Assembly and Retreat was a special time for Province IV to gather as a community for worship, teaching, remembering our departed sisters, and doing the business of the province. Our attendance was over 130 this year, the highest since the end of the pandemic. It was a time of wonderful fellowship, and we had many Daughters making their first trip to Kanuga!

The Rev. Jean DeVaty, from the Diocese of Albany, was the speaker for Fall Kanuga. Her topic was the Power of the Holy Spirit based on our Province IV scripture for this triennium, Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

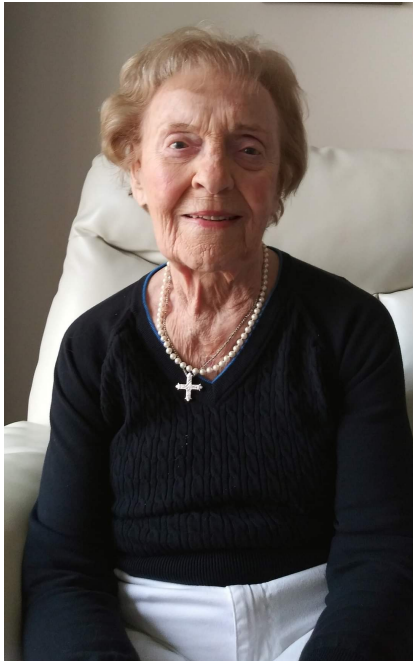


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"Well done faithful servant. Enter the kingdom of heaven and experience the love of your Heavenly Father."

Daughter Edith Fletcher dies at 110 years old



It is with a heavy heart that I share the news of the passing of our beloved sister, Edith Fletcher who recently died at 110 years old. Edith was a faithful member of St. Wilfred's Episcopal Church in Sarasota, Florida and beloved Daughter of the King. She worked very hard for St. Wilfred Church. Her final ministry was to pray each day for the clergy and mission of our church.

She had a zest for life and adventurous spirit. Who can forget her riding around laughing with Fran Roberts in Fran's Italian sports car with the top down? Together, they were ready for anything, preferably mischievous antics. Edith taught early elementary school and greeted each child with loving words of encouragement. Her former students welcomed her home to be in the presence of her Savior with loving words and a healing embrace.



**Installation of DOK Chapter Officers at Church of the Nativity
Huntsville, Alabama**

Left to Right:

Rev. Virginia Monroe (she installed us)

Amanda Kiep - Secretary

Gail Brown - Treasurer

Mitzi Roess - Lay Chaplain

Kay Tate - President

Laura Pierce - 1st Vice President

Not pictured - Q Wirtz - 2nd Vice President

Funeral services for Krisita Jackson, our beloved Past National President, were held on February 3, 2024, at her



home church, The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist, Orlando, FL. It was a bittersweet day for all of us in attendance. We recognized and celebrated her incredible life and contributions to her church, the City of Orlando, Episcopal Diocese of Central FL and The Order of the Daughters of the King. She lived her life courageously answering God's call for her always asking, "Lord, What will you have me do?"

May Krisita Rest In Peace.



The Central Florida Diocesan Assembly

meeting was held at St. Francis of Assisi, Lake Placid, FL on January 13, 2024. The Rev. Marcia Allison, Deacon and DOK member from St. James, Ormond Beach, FL was the Guest Speaker. Marcia conducted a workshop on Praying with Icons. Attendees got information and a hands-on opportunity to create an icon for prayer. The Diocesan Outreach Project, Family Renew was present with a truck and attendees brought items to "stuff the truck."



From The Diocese of Southeast Florida

Service of Admission - St. Paul



Service of Admission - Church of the Incarnation, Miami Florida, Southeast Florida (SEF) Assembly

On Sunday, January 7, 2024, the Church of the Incarnation, Miami, Florida, Southeast Florida Assembly, held Service of Admission to the Order of the Daughters of the King for ten Senior Daughters to Saint Monica's Chapter, and Service of Admission to the Order of the Daughters of the King for six Junior Daughters to the Susan B. Williams Junior Daughters Chapter. As well two new Junior Daughter Directresses were also installed.

Pictured above are the ten new Daughters, The Rector, Assembly President, Assembly Treasurer, and other Senior Daughters.

Pictured below are the six new Junior Daughters along with The Reverend Roberta Knowles, Rector, one of the newly installed Junior Daughter Directresses, Karen Moore, St. Monica's Chapter President, Cynthia Burroughs, Senior Warden, Ruth Foss, Province IV First Vice President, Margaret Dunstan, Diocesan Assembly President, Barbara Harris, Diocesan Assembly Treasurer, Malvern Mathis, Province IV DAL Chair and Dade Deanery Coordinator, SEFL.

et les Martyrs, Southeast Florida (SEF) Assembly

On Sunday, February 18, 2024, Service of Admission was held at St. Paul et les Martyrs, Southeast Florida Assembly for six Senior Daughters. A new Junior Chapter, Esther, was also instituted at that service. Three Junior Daughters were admitted and two Junior Daughter Directresses were installed.

Pictured above are the three Junior Daughters (Malissa Bien-Aime, Mia Leandre, theisha Altenor), the two newly installed Directresses and Province IV DAL Chair and Dade Deanery Coordinator who presented the Charter for the newly instituted Junior Chapter, Esther.

Pictured below are the three new Juniors, the six Senior Daughters, Lucie Joseph, Chapter President, other Senior Daughters in attendance, Reverend Smith Milien, St. Paul's Priest in Charge and Reverend Marivel Milian (who is also a Daughter), Assistant and Priest in Charge at Iglesia Santisima Trinidad.



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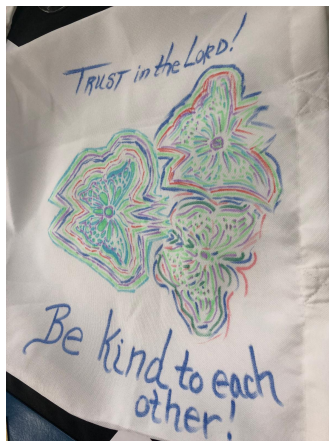
The Western North Carolina Fall Assembly was held on November 3rd, 2023 at St. Francis Episcopal Church, Rutherfordton NC.

The Phoebe chapter hosted 23 Daughters from seven WNC chapters. During this Assembly officers for the 2024-2027 Triennium were elected along with chairs appointed. Newly elected officers are: Rachel Varriale, DAP; Sis Kinney 1st Vice President and Communications Chair; Mary Alice Phillips 2nd Vice President; Lori Slater Clark Treasurer; Rebecca Melton Secretary; Jerri Griffith Membership Chair, Anita Quinley will continue to serve as DAL Chair.

Melinda Medina with Rutherford County Department of Social Services presented a program on the current need for foster families in our area and emergency housing for children awaiting placement in foster homes. She is the new LINKS and SAYSO (strong able youth speaking out) coordinator for Rutherford County.



The Saint James chapter in Lenoir, North Carolina have chosen to do some service projects this year. One of our daughters showed us a fleece blanket that took no sewing and a few hours of work. Two sheets of fleece were spread out on a table...corners and fringe were cut. Then the fringe was tied and the blankets were ready. Our area was hit by below freezing temperatures



Saint Andrew's chapter, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Canton, NC provided An Advent Quiet Day: Engaging Our Senses Through Icon, Chant, and Prayer. Participants were invited on a multi-sensory journey, connecting with sacred icons, experiencing ancient and modern chants, and centering through silence and prayer. The



Trinity Chapter at Trinity Episcopal Church in Asheville, NC supports a student in Haiti by paying her tuition. She is in her third year of nursing school. We made bookmarks to be given out at the Triennial Convention in June.

We collected needed items for the supply closet at the Church of the Advocate contributing items such as shoes, socks, bandaids, rain ponchos, cosmetic bags, etc. We collected food for our homebound member and fixed Christmas baskets for three members who can no

and a warming station” for the homeless was opened by a local church. We have delivered these blankets to be given to the homeless in the warming station or as they leave when the weather gets a little warmer. It was a time of fellowship for our Daughters and a labor of love and service.

day concluded with Eucharist and Taize chants.

The Saint Andrew’s chapter also installed a new Daughter, Cherie James. Rachel Varriale, WNC Assembly President presented the cross to Cherie. A reception followed with cake, a basket of welcoming cards, and tons of celebration!

longer attend meetings. We send birthday and anniversary postcards to each member of the church on their birthday/anniversary.

The WNC Spring Retreat will be hosted by Trinity Chapter, Trinity Episcopal Church in Asheville, NC on May 4th 2024. We will welcome Joyce Pipkin of Education Equals Hope as our speaker and Kathy House, Province IV president as our special guest!!

The Diocese of Southwest Florida Spring Retreat, March 23, 2024

THE DIOCESE OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA
DAUGHTERS OF THE KING SPRING RETREAT 2024
Presented by the Rev. Carol Fleming with dance instructor Julia Lunardo

If you were able to choose one dance with God, what would it be?
COME THIS MARCH TO OUR 2024 SPRING RETREAT AS WE ENTER GOD'S DANCE STUDIO FOR OUR FIRST OVERNIGHT RETREAT OF FELLOWSHIP, SONG, AND PRAYER... NO TU-TU REQUIRED!

March 22nd & 23rd
DaySpring Conference Center
Kline Hall
8411 25th Street East
Parrish, Florida 34219

Friday
4:00 pm Registration Opens for overnight guests
5:30 pm Doors Open for Commuters, reception
6:00 pm Dinner
7:00 pm Evening Compline/Taizé, music circle

Saturday
8:00 am Breakfast
8:30 am Commuter Registration and Refreshments
8:45 am Gathering Music
9:00 am Opening prayer and welcome
9:30 am Business Meeting
* Break
10:00 am Lord, Won't You Dance With Me (1 & 2)
12:00 pm Lunch at Curry Hall (included in registration fee)
1:00 pm Lord, Won't You Dance With Me (3)
2:00 pm Afternoon service

 **Registration is now open!**

Single and Double Occupancy overnight accommodations with meals are available, as well as Saturday Retreat Only tickets. Lunch is included.
Register online or by mail

REGISTRATION AND FEES MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 15, 2024

All are welcome to join this retreat. The program is on Saturday, March 23 at DaySpring Episcopal Conference Center in Parrish Florida. **1885 Designs will be there with all their goodies!**

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The Daughters of the King from Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Hampstead lovingly created Valentine Bags



The senior clients of the 4 C's Food Pantry got a little boost this Valentine's Day. The Daughters of the King from Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Hampstead lovingly created Valentine Bags for our seniors who sometimes don't always feel the love. Included in the bags were socks, toiletries, some healthy snacks and lots of candy! The Pantry, which serves seniors as well as families in Eastern Pender County, says the bags are a hit with their elderly clients, many of whom live alone.

Looking Ahead!!

Leadership Training at the January, 2024, Province IV Board Meeting in Atlanta



The outgoing and incoming Province IV officers and diocesan assembly presidents met in Atlanta, Jan 18-21, for a leadership meeting. The purpose for this meeting was to give the opportunity for the Province IV outgoing and incoming officers and diocesan assembly presidents to begin working together for a smooth transition when the 2024-2027 Triennium starts on Sept. 1, 2024.

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The Philadelphia Eleven: The First Women who Became Episcopal Priests in 1974

The **ONLINE premiere** of the feature length documentary film **The Philadelphia Eleven** will be on **March 8th at 8pm ET / 5pm PT**, in honor of **International Women's Day**.

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