

The Messenger



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A Publication of The Assembly Board of Province IV

From our President

Dear sisters in Christ,
We have traveled together as a community of sisters for the last three years in Province IV with guidance from our National Council, support from the national office in Woodstock, GA, our executive committee, chairs of committees, diocesan assembly presidents and their boards, as well as all Chapter presidents, members of chapters, Daughters at Large, and of course, our Junior Daughters! This journey from 2021-2024 has taken us out of the Covid pandemic and into "A New Day Dawns". Our theme for 2021-2024 in Province IV was 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 peace.

*Kathy House, Province IV President, 2021-24
and Ruth Foss, Province IV President, 2024-2027*



I hope this theme has helped us understand the great blessing our God of hope gives us each day. The world we live in can be a scary place that doesn't appear to have many good things happening sometimes. However, as women of faith, we are women of hope, always looking for the way forward, knowing that we never travel alone because God is always with us.

The Triennial, 2024 theme of "A New Day Dawns" is filled with hope, joy, and peace. We continue to be ready to move forward. We are in for an incredible "new day" as Ruth Foss becomes our Province IV President. Ruth is a strong, caring, dedicated, woman of faith and as your president, she will work to encourage each Daughter use the gifts God has given to be used for His glory. Our new executive board and committee chairs are devoted to working together and doing what God asks them to do to move forward. Your incoming diocesan assembly presidents are ready to learn new ways to assist, encourage and support all Daughters as they move forward. We want our Daughters at Large to have a community of support and when possible to start a chapter in parishes without one. Our Juniors are maturing and becoming the women of faith of the future. We are responsible with God's help, to mentor them and be ready to learn from them, too!

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Chaplain's Letter

Dear Daughters:

This is the time of year when many things are in transition. You could call this time of year, transition season. A new school year begins with all those “other things”, like sports, scouts, band, piano lessons, etc. and the list is longer each year. The weather moderates and our traveling slows so we can get back to the rhythm of school year and church year. This time of year we notice that children are growing up and changing. We notice our gains and our losses from summer vacations as nothing ever stops evolving.

In the midst of all this, The Daughters of the King is completing another Triennium and new officers have taken on responsibilities and are looking ahead. I am delighted your leaders have asked me to continue as your chaplain and can't wait till we gather at Kanuga in the Fall.

I am very grateful for the leadership of those kind and hardworking leaders that are transitioning to a new call. We give hearty thanks for their leadership and guidance of us and pray for the strength and vitality of those who are now entrusted with “stepping up”.

As Daughters, our Province has made much progress toward finding our new footing after the pandemic in recent years. We were faithful to our theme of “A New Day Dawns”. We had some losses and we changed in helpful, even unexpected ways. Through all the ups and downs, we focused on the power of our Lord to help us and Jesus made us new in many ways.

When my own daughter moved to New York after college, I saw this prayer written by C. Day Lewis about saying goodbye to his maturing son:

“I have had worse partings, but none that so
Gnaws at my mind still. Perhaps it is roughly.
Saying what God alone could perfectly show
How selfhood begins with a walking away,
And love is proved in the letting go.”

The apostle Paul tells us in several of his letters that Christians are to “grow up in Christ”. In Christ, we become a new creation. He describes how followers of Jesus are changed by the Holy Spirit and made mature, given the ministry of reconciliation in the world. The Holy Spirit changes Paul from a persecutor of Christians to an apostle. In John's gospel, Jesus prays for us, “Be protected, be sanctified, be witnesses to me, be one. And this will lead to total joy.”

The Spirit is always working on us, leading us, molding us. Focusing on Jesus as we live in our post-modern world is a challenge. The world calls us to remember our independence and autonomy, rather than God's plans or Jesus' teaching. But “growing up in Christ” doesn't stop during summer breaks or school vacations. And



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Bishop of the Episcopal
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Chaplain to the Province IV
Daughters of the King

while church should be a place where you get help and support, I don't think people come to church to get their problems fixed. I think we come together to worship and hear that Jesus is the bread of life. When we know we are loved, forgiven and wanted by God, our problems aren't so overwhelming.

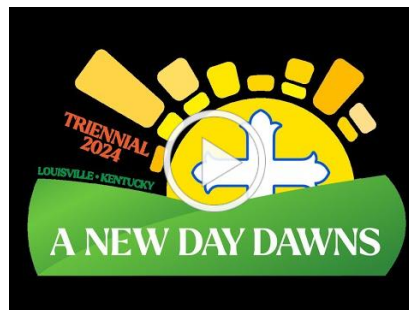
So as we look ahead, letting go of fear, doubt and uncertainty, let us remember Jesus is working on us all. He has placed us together in prayer and service to live out His call. When we meet in our chapters, our Province, our zoom gatherings, we will do our best to be present in the work ahead. Christ is wonderfully richer when we are present. Only the hope and love of Jesus can heal the world and bring the kingdom to reign. No matter the time or season, that is what we most need. So, I hope I see you at church, soon.
Blessings, +G

Triennial 2024 - WOW!! *Did That JUST Happen??*

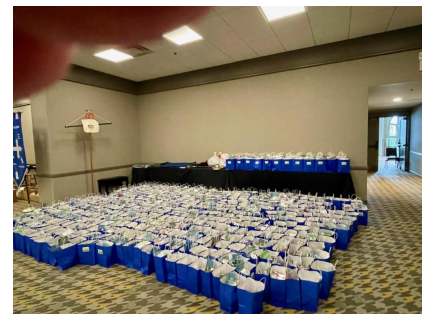
Click on the video below to see a wonderful and inspiring slide show of our time together at Triennial!!

***Thank you to Southeast Florida for sharing the two videos with us.
Thank you to Elaine Conger for the beautiful original song and music for "A New Day Dawns".***

Make sure you watch the Junior Daughter video as well!



"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches." - Matthew 13:31-32



As planning for Triennial 2024 began, I had the desire to welcome participants with a big ol' taste of Southern hospitality. An idea began forming to have each assembly donate something that represented their diocese. I met with representatives from all twenty of our diocesan assemblies where we discussed what this might look like. Honestly, I thought I'd be pleased if we had 50% participation.

Fast forward to a year later when I began receiving box after box of items for the goodie bags. As boxes accumulated, my dining room began to look like an Amazon distribution center! Our Daughters showed up and supported this effort wholeheartedly. Individuals, chapters, and assemblies all worked separately and collectively to make, sort, purchase, sew, knit, paint, and assemble all sorts of things for the goodie bags.

As a result of your efforts, we sorted over **23,000** items to put into the goodie bags! That's right – 23,000 items! On the two days before Triennial, our committee unpacked and sorted goodies and then filled 600 bags with everything from candy and recipe cards to hand painted bookmarks and blessing bracelets; oyster shell ornaments and prayer squares to crosses and journals; post-it notes and pens to angel ornaments and Moon Pies!

I had the pleasure to watch as God took my little mustard seed of an idea and planted it in the hearts of Daughters across Province IV. The result was something I could not imagine, and it humbled me greatly to see how all of you responded.

I pass on to all of you the accolades I heard after participants looked through their bags. And I thank you all from the bottom of my heart! *"Well done, good and faithful servant!"*

Peace, FHS,
Vicky Patterson

Way to Go, Province IV!
Host Province at Triennial, 2024!
Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Province IV's goal as the Host Province for Triennial, 2024, in Louisville was to help everyone who attended feel welcome and comfortable! That began with volunteers greeting Daughters at the airport and hotel as they arrived from all over the world! Ruth Foss organized the airport and hotel volunteers. Lauri Stone designed and made all the cute fascinators and badges the greeters and other volunteers wore. Even other guests at the Galt House said, "This is the most welcoming group I've ever seen!!!"



Ruth Foss, Ellen van Nagell, and Debbie Stover welcome Daughters at the Louisville airport.



Daughters Welcoming International Daughter, Glenda Cordon, from Guatemala.

International Daughters had special Daughters (shepherds) who volunteered to assist them as they learned their way around the very large Galt House Hotel. Province IV Daughters and those from other provinces enjoyed meeting and helping International Daughters find the different locations for the Province Dinners they attended.

Vicky Patterson coordinated the collection and packing of the Welcome Bags with enthusiastic Daughters filling 600+ bags with all they would hold! Diocesan Assemblies and Chapters from all over Province IV made inspiring scripture cards, prayer cards, recipes for goodies from different areas of Province IV, bookmarks, tea bags, moon pies, peanuts, and that was just the start!! Lots of smiles were seen when each Daughter attending Triennial received her Welcome Bag during registration.



Vicky Patterson's dining room table covered with Welcome Bags and goodies that Diocesan Assemblies and chapters sent as part of the Province IV welcome!



Jacque Murray surveys the Welcome Bags!

The Province IV Dinner was incredible! Nadine Craig and her committee did an outstanding

job with the beautiful decorations, special lantern gifts, a terrific program, and making the evening a wonderful way to begin Triennial. Talented Province IV musicians Brenda Albinger, Margaret Dunstan, and Elaine Conger entertained Province IV Daughters and guests. Elaine Conger wrote a wonderful song, "A New Day Dawns" that everyone is still singing! Bishop Skilton was honored with a beautiful stained glass Daughter's cross as he retired as the International Chaplain for many years! Bishop Bill installed the new 2024-2027 Province IV officers during the program at the Province IV Dinner. **Province IV welcomed International Daughters from Cuba, Dominican Republic, and Honduras.**



The gift to all Province IV Daughters and guests was a special lantern to be a reminder of Isaiah 60:19:

...the Lord will be your everlasting light...

We had volunteers who were assistants for the speakers and clergy. **Province IV assisted with Daughters who served as pages during the business meetings, and some Daughters helped with the DOK Booth at General Convention.** We had Province IV helpers for the photographer. He was able to have his own assistant with him most of the time, but Province IV was ready to assist at a moment's notice.

Thank you all for making everyone feel at home and welcome at Triennial! All of you went the extra mile to do that!

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TRIENNIAL REFLECTIONS FOR JUNIOR DAUGHTERS



Lauri Stone and Beverly Lloyd assembled the display of comments Daughters shared using words that described the way they felt about the amazing talks made by the speakers and the wonderful workshops. The new day dawned with much joy!



Recently, I had the incredible opportunity to attend the Daughters of the King Triennial held in Louisville, Kentucky (June 26 – 30). This Triennial was all about embracing our identity as beloved Junior Daughters of the King and deepening our relationship with Him. From the moment I arrived, I could feel the sense of community and shared purpose among the attendees.

The retreat was held in the beautiful Galt House Hotel. The setting was perfect for reflection and spiritual growth. We started each day with uplifting worship sessions that filled the room with joy and reverence. The international daughters from Haiti, Cuba, Spain, Ghana, were truly inspiring. They shared powerful messages about God's love and grace and showed us how with having faith, wisdom and love for God will have great wonders. Their words resonated deeply with me and encouraged me to embrace my identity as a Junior Daughter of the King with confidence and faith.

We started our days with morning devotions, where we read scripture and shared our thoughts and reflections as well as curiosity about our faith. We also had various workshops and activities that



I am Danielle Inman, a Junior Daughter of the King from the Church of the Incarnation's Susan B. Williams Chapter. On Wednesday June 26th through Sunday June 30th, I attended the Daughters of the King Triennial that was held in Louisville, Kentucky.

Upon arrival at the opening session, I looked out onto a sea of faces, all glowing with love. It was unexpected and welcoming. It really began to shape what it meant to be a part of the Order of The Daughters of the King!

During the assembly, I was most profoundly impacted as a teenager by seeing how a group of Daughters who had just met could worship together as one big church family. I also participated and witnessed how we, as teenagers, successfully conducted a worship and healing service.

While in Kentucky, I visited the Muhammad Ali Museum with my fellow Junior Daughters. At the museum, we learned about the people Muhammad Ali inspired, what he stood for, and what he opposed. We also discovered that although Ali was known for his bold statements, he could back them up.

focused on building our understanding of what it means to be a Daughter of the King. These included Bible study sessions, crafting projects that symbolized different aspects of our faith, and team-building exercises.

One of the most impactful parts of the retreat was the small group discussions. These intimate sessions allowed us to share our personal journeys, struggles, and triumphs. It was incredibly comforting to connect with other young adults and girls who were on similar paths and to support each other in our faith. By the end of the retreat, I felt more connected to God and to my fellow sisters in Christ, ready to return home with a renewed sense of purpose and spread the word of the lord with a heart full of gratitude.

Visiting the Muhammad Ali Museum in Louisville, Kentucky was a great experience and one of the highlights of my visit. The museum is a beautiful tribute to the life and legacy of Muhammad Ali, and it offers a deep dive into his incredible journey both inside and outside the boxing ring. My visit to the museum was both educational and inspiring. It offered a profound insight into the life of one of the most influential figures of the 20th century and left me with a deep appreciation. The center is filled with memorabilia, including his championship belts, gloves, and other personal items that tell the story of his legendary career.

I am very appreciative for having been given the opportunity to attend this 2024 A New Day Dawns Triennial and I thank my St. Cecelia's ECW and Senior Daughter of the King Chapter for their support in helping to make this trip possible. The memories of this experience will

We created a prayer labyrinth, a place to walk and pray. We used paper, yarn, prayer beads, and Jesus crosses to create it; we then painted it and gave to the International Daughters. They, in turn, shared their experiences with us, discussing the challenges they face in their countries and the number of members and juniors they have.

The Triennial was a wonderful experience, one might even call it a "New Day Dawns" type of experience! Thanks to my church family for helping me experience this event.

Danielle Inman

Susan B. Williams Junior Chapter
Church of the Incarnation, SEFL

always be treasured.

Fredericka Harrell

St. Cecelia's Junior Chapter
The Historic St. Agnes Episcopal
Church, SEFL

***Dont miss the video below with the Junior Daughters procession!
Click on the Video below!!***



Juniors at Triennial with new National President, Jane Searcy

Surely the Presence of the Lord was at Triennial

During our 49th Triennial gathering this past June, there was an abundance of joy, reflection, faith and hope across all events. Junior Daughters/Senior Daughters/International Daughters/Clergy connected, reacquainted, and prayed with and for one another.

There were many “Holy Spirit” moments, and here are a few:

We were so very blessed to have many countries represented at Triennial, and Thursday night was “International Night” where traditionally International DOK share unique stories about their countries, their chapters, their lives, their walks with God. Many International Daughters shared that they are interested in praying together with other Daughters of the King across the globe and are looking for a prayer partner. If you or your chapter are interested in praying with and praying for an International Daughter or chapter, please go to the DOK national website under “Membership” then “Our Members” then “International Daughters”.

On Thursday, Bishop Skilton spent time with the Junior Daughters, sharing his background and explaining the role of International Chaplain, and teaching them how to say “God is good, all the time” in Spanish (con gusto). Then on Sunday, we

watched as he “passed the torch” to our DOK sister, the Rev. Dr. Margaret Short, as our new International Chaplain.

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**A New Dawn for New
Opportunities in Prayer and
Service for a first time Triennial
DOK Participant,
Molly Phillips, Diocesan Assembly
President of Louisiana.**



Attending a Triennial for the first time was exciting and a little bit overwhelming. It was filled with positive energy and wonderful Daughters from everywhere. My name is Molly Phillips and I hail from the Louisiana Assembly, Province IV. I volunteered to be a part of the Friday night Healing Service when I registered for Triennial. Little did I know I would be chosen to be an intercessor. It was an honor to serve as an intercessor as this is a person who prays for the request and needs of other Daughters who are attending the Healing Service. We were divided into 12 groups, with three Intercessors in each group. One of the Intercessors was clergy and the other two were Daughters. It is an emotional and moving experience to pray extemporaneously for the needs of people you've never met who pour out their hearts, their fears and thanks as they want to pray with others that will hold them up in prayer and in spirit. As I prayed for others I could feel the Holy Spirit and the love of Christ flowing through all that we prayed. It felt as if our hands passed this energy through touch and our voices. I had never been an intercessor in a healing service, but I felt I was praying the words that God was giving me to use as I served these holy women and their needs. It was a blessing to be able to give of myself in such a caring and spiritual way. I look forward to Triennial, 2027, as an opportunity to connect with Daughters from all over the world and to experience the love and life of our King and Savior, Jesus Christ, in new and holy ways.

From the National Office

New National Council, 2024-2027

Jane Searcy, First VP of National Council, Triennial 2024 Chair, and Province IV Advisor was elected as our new National President. The new National Council takes office on Sept. 1, 2024.



Congratulations! Jane Searcy being installed as our new National President for 2024-2027



Province IV had several Daughters who were elected to the 2024-2027 National Council.

Executive Board:

Jane Searcy, President, Chris Thorowgood, First VP, and Sueson Vess, Second VP.

National Council Chairs: Sue McIlrath, Nadine Craig, Jackie Smith, and Province IV President, Ruth Foss.

Congratulations!



Past National President, Grace Sears is honored with having the National Archives Suite named for her.

The National Archives at The Margaret J. Franklin Center has been named in honor of Past National President, Grace Sears, for her dedicated work as National Archives Chair.

Past National President, Grace Sears, from Berea, KY in Province IV, continues to be very active in The Order. One of her many talents is working with the archives of The Order and organizing the pictures, reports, articles, *The Royal Cross* magazines, etc., so we will have our history preserved. Grace has been the **chair of**

the National Archives Committee for many years. During that time, she has worked with her committee to do many things to preserve the archives of The Order. One very special project that she and her committee accomplished is having digital archives for all the issues of *The Royal Cross* from 1947 to today. They are available to access on the national website. What a treasure!

During Triennial, 2024, as Grace retires as the chair of the National Archives Committee, she was presented with a brass plaque that says "**The Grace Sears Archives Suite**". While visiting the Margaret J. Franklin Center in Woodstock, GA, the national office of The Order, please ask to visit the Archives room, which is named in honor of Grace Sears.

Grace, we thank you for the loving work you have done for all of us by preserving the history of The Order of the Daughters of the King® and making it possible for that work to continue.

CLICK HERE TO SEE THE Bylaw Changes & Resolutions at Triennial 2024

International Daughters

Bishop Bill Skilton Honored at Triennial as He Retires as International Chaplain



International Night at Triennial 2024, Bishop Skilton, his wife, Debbe, with the International Daughters and International Committee

Bishop Bill Skilton has served as our International Chaplain for almost 20 years. As he retires, we thank him for his dedicated service to the International Program of The Order as International Chaplain. Bishop Bill's enthusiasm for the growth of Daughters of the King throughout the world has been a blessing for The Order. Bishop Bill has been named International Chaplain Emeritus.

Congratulations, Bishop Bill!

God is good, all the time. All the time, God is good! We will not forget those special words and will



Bishop Bill Skilton, International Chaplain Emeritus



Rev. Dr. Margaret Short, new International Chaplain, with International Chaplain Emeritus, Bishop Bill Skilton

New International Chaplain Installed at Triennial

The Rev. Dr. Margaret Short was installed as the new International Chaplain during Triennial. She had been serving as the assistant International Chaplain.

Rev. Margaret is beginning her service as International Chaplain with visits to Uganda and India.

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT Rev. Margaret's upcoming trips to Uganda and India](#)

Our International Chaplain, The Rev. Dr. Margaret Short, all those involved with presenting the conferences, and those attending the conferences in Uganda and India, need our prayers. Here are some requests:

*** For the protection of the Holy Spirit for Rev. Margaret and all who travel to attend the conferences.**

* Grant Rev. Margaret and all those who speak, the words to use that will help all who hear, to love and follow Jesus.

* For good health and energy for Rev. Margaret, all those on the ministry teams, and all who will be attending the conferences

* For joy and celebration that the word of the Lord is being shared with sisters and brothers around the world and that more DOK and Jr. DOK chapters will be instituted for women and girls

International Daughters at Triennial

There were representatives from 14 countries at Triennial, 2024: Dominican Republic, Haiti, Honduras, Columbia, Cuba, Germany, Guatemala, India, Spain, Italy, Mexico, Panama, The Gambia, and Uganda. Sue McIlrath, International Committee chair, and the International Committee worked for many months to plan the program for International Daughters. International Daughters had to get their passports, visas, or any travel documents in order so they could come. That is not an easy job when the consulate is miles from your home!



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From the Province

Membership

“Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it?”
Luke 14:28

It's that time of year when we start looking forward to the new fiscal year and begin making plans for retreats and other work of The Order. Your incoming Province IV officers take office on September 1 and are already planning the Fall Retreat and Assembly (September 30-October 4, 2024). As the outgoing treasurer, I, too, am wrapping up the duties for which I am responsible. One of those tasks is preparing the budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

As I plan for the upcoming year, I review our membership roll to determine the number of Daughters in Province IV and their dues status. We currently have approximately 9,050 senior Daughters in our membership. Of those, 1,249 Daughters have unpaid dues and are not in good standing with The Order.

At the province level, we hold two annual retreats (one retreat in the triennial

year) and an additional board meeting. A portion of the costs for these retreats is paid by registration fees but Province IV pays a significant portion of the costs. Our budget also covers expenses for the province president to visit our diocesan assemblies, publish our newsletter, and outreach, among other things. The budget also provides funds for dues assistance and grants to assist members attend events.

Should you need assistance with dues payment for yourself or a member, there are several avenues for you to take. You should first look to your chapter by speaking with your chapter president and/or clergy. The chapter may have funds to help with dues or the clergy may be able to help through a discretionary account. The next step would be to contact your diocesan assembly president to determine if the assembly can help with payment, followed by contacting the provincial president. Once all these avenues have been exhausted with no assistance, the member can apply for dues assistance through the national office. A member seeking assistance can rest assured that she will be treated with respect and dignity and all requests for assistance will be held in confidence.

Thank you for your commitment to spread Christ's Kingdom through prayer, service, and evangelism, and for enabling The Order to support the work of Daughters through prompt payment of dues.

Peace, FHS,

Vicky Patterson
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At long last, The Order's treasurer's manual made its debut in Louisville at Triennial. The Committee held a workshop to discuss the manual and seek feedback. The Finance Committee plans to publish the manual in September 2024 and hopes this manual will be a valuable resource to chapters and assemblies of all sizes.

In addition to discussing routine duties of a treasurer, the treasurer's manual discusses specific requirements we all must take to protect The Order's 501(c)(3) status. One of these requirements is annual financial reporting. These requirements were developed under consultation with The Order's tax attorney and **all treasurers must adhere to them.**

Please review the following information to determine what type of report you need to prepare, when to submit that report, and to whom it should be sent. Sample forms of reports will be available in the treasurer's manual.

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE TREASURER'S MANUAL THAT WILL BE PUBLISHED SOON!](#)

Looking Ahead!!

*Province IV Fall Assembly and Retreat at Kanuga Episcopal Conference
Center in Hendersonville NC!*

*Virtual Registration is still open!
Last Chance to Register Virtually!!*

In-person registration has reached its capacity.

But you can still enjoy so much by attending virtually. Registration will close soon, so **ACT NOW!**

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Click below or visit our [website](#) to register virtually for our Province IV Fall Assembly and Retreat

September 30 - October 4, 2024

Kanuga Episcopal Conference Center in Hendersonville NC.

Please let us know what is happening in your Diocese! If you would like to submit an article about upcoming or past events, or special moments, please email the article and any photos to: dokprovivnl@gmail.com

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