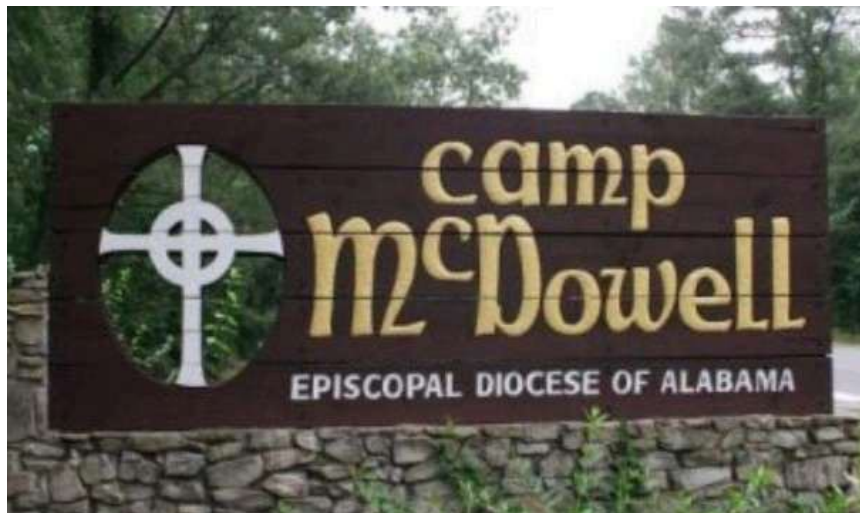


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Province IV Fall Assembly and Retreat at Camp McDowell Nauvoo, AL



It is almost time for our Province IV Fall Assembly and Retreat! We are thrilled you are coming to Camp McDowell with opportunities for learning, prayer, worship, workshops, retreat, speakers, meditation and being together. We pray this will expand your ways to love and serve Christ.

You may have questions about our Assembly, so we want to share information before you arrive. Always feel free to ask any Daughter regarding questions. If you have specific questions or concerns, see our on-site Coordinator Miki Heaton and for food concerns, see Sueson Vess.

Our 2026 Assembly is especially important as you elect our Province IV Officers for the upcoming Triennium of 2027-2030. Elected delegates from each diocese vote for the new officers and are required to attend the Province IV Business meetings. The new officers have a year time to transition to take office in September 1, 2027. Check to confirm your Delegates' names and report them to Pam Measel, Registrar.

Our Theme for this Triennium 2024-2027

"Let your light so shine before people that they will see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5: 16

Each of us is a "light" to reflect God's glory. Each action, thought or prayer reflects His light. While here, I hope

you will see many “lights” that glorify God and learn how to more fully use your own to call other women to their journey with Christ. As we journey, we also ask, “How do we keep our clear lighthouse window panes clean so all may see our light shine”

Speaker

We are blessed to have Dr. Kristin D. Lazo as our main speaker. Kristin is a Daughter of the King, author, a C.S. Lewis Scholar and a professional freelance writer. She will focus on Servant Leadership and lead a C. S. Lewis workshop.

What to Bring

The weather at Camp McDowell will be warm during the day and cooler at night, so layering clothes is a good idea. Casual clothing is appropriate for all activities. Please make sure you have safe walking shoes, an umbrella or raincoat, a sweater or light weight jacket, a pair of socks for a labyrinth walk and a flashlight in case you don't want to use your phone as a flashlight.

Check In

Check-in begins at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, September 28. If you arrive earlier, you are welcome to walk around, visit the Camp Store and explore, but rooms will not be available until 4:00 p.m. Registration will be The Doug. See attached map for location. There you will pick up your registration folder, name tag and sign up for workshops and opportunities for ministry. See attached map for location.

Walking and Golf Carts

We will be walking from place to place, but we will have golf cart for those needing assistance. There are paved walkways, handrails, and ADA assistance.

Lodges

Linens and towels are provided in the lodges. Bring your own pillow, if you have a special one you need or any other personal needs. The lodges have a living room, porch, a full kitchen, fireplace and seating area. Feel free to bring snacks and drinks to keep in the lodge if you wish. Camp McDowell asks that you throw your sheets and towels down the chutes in the lodge kitchens on your last day prior to check out.

Schedule

The schedule is attached. You will notice that we have many things to do while we are at Camp McDowell. **If you are a delegate, a Province IV Zoom meeting and an onsite Assembly Meeting are required.** Plan to join the in-person Assembly meeting even if you are not a voting delegate. Part 1 will take place on Zoom prior to the Retreat on Thursday, September 24 at 6:00 p.m. EST/5:00 p.m. CST. Part 2 will take place at the Retreat in Doug Hall on Wednesday, September 30 at :9:45 a.m. CST.

Credentialing of Delegates

All delegates must be registered for Fall Assembly/Retreat and be current with their dues as of fiscal year ending August 31, 2026. Daughters serving as Delegates will be credentialed by our Registrar chair and Credentials chair (Pam Measel) prior to the Province Assembly Meeting.

Banners

Diocesan Assembly Banners, and chapter banners are a part of our Assembly and Retreat celebration. Please bring your banner, the pole and stand with your name on the stand. Place the banner, pole and stand in Doug Hall around the sides as directed.

Fellowship

We will share fellowship time in our lodges on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. This is a wonderful time to get to know Daughters from all over Province IV, enjoying their stories, gifts, ministries and life journeys! Bring snacks and beverages of your choice for yourself or to share. On Tuesday evening after dinner, we will gather for dessert at Pradat Hall in Miller Commons.

The following offerings at each service are voluntary donations. Any amount is appreciated.

International Daughter Cross Fund (Monday Eucharist)

Our International Daughters are booming in faith and numbers, especially in Central America, South America and Africa. We have 900+ new Daughters who were recently admitted to the Order. To wear the Cross is an honor and vow, but for many new Daughters, the cost is excessive. Therefore, we are asked to contribute, if possible. The cost is about \$22 per Cross. Any donation is appreciated. Scan the QR code to make an online donation or make a check payable to DOK Province IV with "International Cross Donation" in the memo line.

The Augusta Nadol Junior Daughters Fund (Tuesday Memorial Service)

Junior Daughters are an integral part of the Order. Province IV is blessed to have Junior Chapters. We encourage and support them to grow into servants of Christ in prayer, service and evangelism. As the Juniors grow in number, this Province IV fund helps pay for training, outreach and travel to Triennial. This fund applies only to Junior Daughters in Province IV.

Outreach Service Project (Wednesday Eucharist)

For those Daughters who wish to donate money to St. Mary's Episcopal Church Food Bank, we will designate this offering of cash or checks for our 2026 Assembly Outreach Service Project. Please make checks payable to Province IV DOK and notate St. Mary's Food Bank in the memo line.

Province IV Dues Assistance (Thursday Eucharist)

This offering supports Daughters in Province IV who apply for financial assistance to pay their annual dues as a result of declining health, job loss, emergencies or other reasons. No Daughter should ever feel that she cannot continue her ministry because of financial reasons. The Chapter, Parish and Diocese must be approached first before sending a request to Province IV. An application form is completed and then sent to the Province IV President. The applicant will be notified of the decision.

Photography and Worship Services

Please enjoy taking pictures during your time at our Fall Assembly. We ask you to take lots of photos with your cell phone of all aspects of our Retreat. Your photos can then be sent to Idalia Adams at pivtreasurer@gmail.com. They may be used in historical preservation, web posts, email newsletters, DOK publications such as *The Royal Cross*, etc. If you do not want your picture taken, please alert Ruth Foss. We ask that you respect those who are speaking and take their photos (only with their permission) before or after their presentations. Also, please do not take photographs during worship services.

Vendors

Education=Hope: Items on sale to support education in Haiti by Joyce Pipkin

1885 Designs, LLC: Purchase DOK merchandise

Holy Land items/gifts: Jewelry and items from the Holy Land

Workshops

You will have the opportunity to sign up for workshops when you check in at The Doug. The list of workshops offered during the Assembly/Retreat, is available on the Province IV website at provinceiv-dok.org.

We are thankful for the opportunity to have Province IV Fall Assembly and Retreat at Camp McDowell. It is our prayer that we will learn and serve together as we are led by the Holy Spirit to strengthen our commitment to the Lord through prayer, service, and evangelism.

Blessings and joy in your ministry,

Ruth Foss

Province IV President
2024 -2027