



The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross

December 2009

Volume 1 - Issue 2



A Word From Our President

December, 2009

Dear Sisters in Christ,
Thanksgiving this year was a special time for me, I thanked Our Lord for you. He gave you and I a gift in calling Daughters of the Holy Cross into being. He gave Anglican women a place where we can remain in the apostles teaching, fellowship and prayer. He gave us a community in which to grow in our knowledge of him and his word.

Thank you Lord.

Soon we will be caught up in the festive Christmas season, buying gifts, baking, cooking, and writing cards. I pray we remember to put the first thing first, let us not forget Jesus is the reason for the season Please join me this Advent Season in the excitement of looking forward to not only the Christmas season when we celebrate the birth of Jesus a tiny helpless babe born of the Virgin Mary, just think about God almighty the creator of everything that is and was and is to come, God incarnated in the Christ child Jesus. Let us sing with the Angels, hosanna glory to God in the highest. He is the one who lived, died, was buried and will come again. Praise God! Jesus will come again to gather his children. Let us make ourselves ready to welcome him during this Advent season.

In Christ Alone
Jacque Crosby

On November 27, 2009, Ruth Chapter, The Order of the Daughters of The Holy Cross officially became a chapter at Christ Anglican Fellowship in High Springs, Florida with the Reverend Michael LaCagnina officiating. It was a beautiful service with the Institution of the Chapter, Admission of members and Installation of new officers: Ila Klueh, President, Miriam Otera, Secretary, and Joan Fehr, Treasurer.

Charlotte Barrett, National Treasurer, Ila Klueh and Eva Risinger, Members-at-Large in the Order were joined in the new Chapter by Joan Fehr, Rev. Linda Lowery and Miriam Otera all former members of the Daughters of the King, and our newest member Jane Gresley.

A reception was held following the morning Eucharist, with the congregation joining in the celebration.



Back row L-R: The Reverend Michael LaCagnina, Charlotte Barrett and Joan Fehr.
Front Row L-R: Eva Risinger, Jane Gresley, Miriam Otera, Secretary,
Rev. Linda Lowery, member and Assistant Priest Christ Anglican Fellowship, and Ila Klueh, President of Ruth Chapter.

DHC HAS REALLY GROWN!

As of 11/22/09, DHC had 444 members, of which 317 are in 22 chapters. The membership is from 56 churches in 16 states. There are 90 Daughters-at-Large, but many of these will be joining chapters before the end of the year. Chapters vary in size from 3 members to 47, with the average chapter size being 14 members. Currently, our membership is located in 7.5% of the churches in ACNA and is spreading to other congregations daily.

ABOUT YOUR CHAPTER PROJECT

Chapter 9 of the *Candidate Study Manual* requires that a project be completed as each group of candidates completes the training and discernment period. The following information is to be submitted along with the membership application for new members who complete the training:

- The Project Completion Form.
- The completed Membership Application Form for each candidate (or the Chapter Application Form with completed information)
- Membership enrollment fee for each candidate.
- Current National Dues for each candidate

As the projects come in, they will be compiled into a report to be available at a later date as a testimony to our work as DHC and as examples for service to others.

STUDY MANUAL CORRECTION/ADDITION

Gremlins got into Chapter 1 of the *Candidate Study Manual* and pasted the tables on page 3 in the wrong order. A corrected manual is being posted on the website. The error is that the table of verses for Serving was switched with the ones for Unity & Building up the Church.

Also, additional resources have been added on pages A-14 and A-15. These resources should help you as you build your Bible study library. These pages are in the corrected manual.

Editor's Corner

Dear Sister's,

This is YOUR newsletter! We invite and welcome your input: prayers, devotions, letters, praise, chapter information ... whatever!

Any ideas for a special name for the newsletter are welcome! Suggestions will be included in a future newsletter - and put to a vote by the membership ...

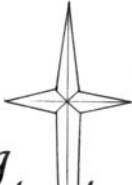
And please remember to print the newsletter for members of your group who do not receive email!

My *goal* is to post the newsletter to the website no later than the 5th of each month. With this date in mind, the deadline to receive your offerings is the 25th of the preceding month. Send your articles to: bashep50@aol.com.

In Christ Alone!

Barbara Schaeppi Hildreth,
DHC Newsletter Editor

The word became
flesh and made
his dwelling among
us. We have seen his glory
the glory of the One who
came from the Father
full of grace and truth.



J O H N I: 14 NIV

(Artwork courtesy Meg Kelley, Georgia)