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Becoming a Lifelong Learner: The Discipline of Study

by Bishop Mark Lawrence, 14th Bishop of the Diocese of South Carolina



The novelist Walker Percy describes one of his characters as having gotten “straight A’s in school and flunked everyday living,” as if life was all about knowing facts.

St. Paul declares,

“Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.” Nevertheless, every Daughter of the Holy Cross knows that one part of the Rule of Life she vows to embrace is the Discipline of Study. For the ancient Hebrew a person was on the road to freedom only so long as he or she was a learner. Learning was to be a lifelong endeavor. Never merely the accumulation of facts, it was also the gaining of the knowledge of God and wisdom in dealing with life, the world, relationships with others, and, of course, understanding one’s self. While ultimately wisdom was a gift of God, it was also to be sought more eagerly than gold or silver (Proverbs 3:14). Knowledge and wisdom in the Bible always lean toward shaping the inner person.

When meeting with confirmands, I often quote the Anglican Reformation aphorism—“What the heart desires, the will

chooses, and the mind justifies.” That is, what we yearn for in our hearts eventually our will chooses. Then, once our will chooses what our heart desires, our mind goes to work to justify it. So we are in need of God’s Spirit to do a transformation of our hearts. Yet, John Owens’ teaching is also helpful here. He suggests that what the mind cannot conceive of, the heart cannot desire and the will cannot choose. Therefore, as St. Paul urges, “Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your minds...” (Romans 12:2).

The Discipline of Study is a means of grace for transforming a Christian’s heart and mind. This begins with the study and formative reading of Holy Scripture. Our prayer book guides us in the collect for The Second Sunday in Advent. Regarding the Holy Scriptures, we are to pray, “*Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life...*” BCP 2019 p. 598.

The Discipline of Study also includes the reading of books. This brings us to the

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A Note from the President



Greetings and blessings to you all in the name of Jesus, the Christ, as we begin this season of thanksgiving.

In his article, our Chaplain reminds us that our Discipline of Study “begins with the formative reading of Holy Scripture” and reminds us that in the collect for the Second Sunday of Advent we pray that

God will enable us “to hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them.” As we live out this prayer, the Scriptures become a part of our very being.

What do the scriptures say about thanksgiving? Many things. But in this article, I would like us to focus on Paul’s instruction to the Thessalonians: “Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” (1 Thess. 5:16-18 RSV). As we read, mark, learn and inwardly digest Paul’s instruction to give thanks in all circumstances, what is God saying to us, to you and to me?

Giving thanks to God is easy when we are blessed by God with food, shelter, and good health, and when we are surrounded with loving friends and family; but God calls us to do more. How do we give thanks when we are unemployed, ill, alone, or without adequate food and shelter? Could we give thanks this Thanksgiving if we were one of those who lost everything in Hurricane Dorian, or if we were living in a refugee camp having lost everything in the war that surrounds us? Are we to give thanks for disastrous circumstances? Is Paul saying that those in such circumstances should believe that the situations are God’s will?

As I have read, marked, learned and inwardly digested God’s Holy counsel in this scripture, I have come to believe Paul is not saying we are to give thanks for all circumstances. No, he is calling us to give thanks in all circumstances because it is God’s will that we live out our lives with thankful hearts no matter what. Many of you are familiar with the song, “Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart,” written in 1978 by Henry Smith. According to Wikipedia, he wrote the song when he had trouble finding work after graduating from university. He also suffered from a degenerative condition that eventually left him legally blind. While at his church in Williamsburg, Virginia, his pastor inspired him with a reference to how Jesus made Himself poor to make others rich through Him. Smith wrote: *Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the Holy One. Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the Holy One. Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.*

We can give thanks in all circumstances because God has given Jesus Christ, His Son, to us. Through His death and resurrection, we have the promise of forgiveness of sins and of eternal life.

Through His gift of the Holy Spirit we have the assurance that He will give us the strength and courage to rejoice in all circumstances. Whatever our circumstances, this Thanksgiving as we prepare for Advent and Christmas, may God give us all grateful hearts.

In Christ Alone,

Diane Bringgold Brown

A Fellow Disciple of Christ

Lifelong Learner, from page 1

many classic and contemporary Christian books that are available to us today. This also, of course, includes the thoughtful reading of other literature. St. Paul said that one of his aims was to take all thought captive for Christ. Recently, our diocesan communications coordinator published an interview with me entitled, “The Bishop’s Bookshelf.” You can access it on my blog <http://bishopmarklawrence.org/>. Perhaps in a future article I will include a list of suggested readings.

Richard Foster in his modern classic, *The Celebration of Discipline*, also mentions the study of Nonverbal Books. In this, he follows that great Hebrew tradition found in the Biblical Wisdom Literature. He writes it is “... perhaps the most important field of study: the observation of reality in things, events, and actions,” bringing what we have learned from Holy Scripture to our shopping trip, our luncheon appointment, the gardening duties, our time with friends, children or grandchildren, or while considering the humming bird at the bird feeder.

O Gracious and Holy Father . . .

Let the Bible Minister to You



I grew up in the Episcopal Church - baptized at 12 days old, confirmed at 10, member of the choir, president of our EYC When I was a graduate student, a friend asked me about Lent, which was coming

up. In trying to explain it, I mentioned the usual practice of giving up things (important things, like chocolate); or taking on things, like reading the Bible. My friend was aghast – “Don’t you read the Bible anyway!?” I dutifully explained that the Bible is read at all of our Episcopal services, but it was a lame defense.

At this point, I felt OK about the Father and believed that there was a Holy Spirit, but I just couldn’t grasp Jesus as being any more than a historical figure. Recently, however, I had become keenly aware and alarmed that, unlike some of my friends, I didn’t “know” Jesus as being real and alive; so I went on the hunt for Him. Guess what I did for Lent that year – I read the Bible, starting with Matthew. Every night before I turned off the light I read a chapter.

I really enjoyed my nightly reading. Stories I’d heard all my life were fascinating as I read them in context. One night, it was more than fascinating. As I read the very last sentence of the very last chapter of Matthew, Jesus revealed His living reality to me. “...and lo, I am with you always” leaped off the page to me! The room lit up, what was darkened became sharply colorful, and I could sense Jesus’ presence with me! In that moment, He gave me the gift of faith.

I often tell of my experience at Faith Alive (FA) weekends. FA is a witnessing ministry that’s ministered largely to Episcopal churches for over 40 years. It’s now part of an organization called Faith Encouragement. My husband and I have served on teams that include people from near and far at the invitation of a parish. Some of you may have expe-

rienced it or even served on a team yourself. We tell the parishioners how Jesus has worked in our lives, and lead small groups to pray with them, to help them deepen their knowledge of one another and the Lord, and to discuss ways they’d like to see their church grow. Typical desires are: more members, more youth, and more small groups, and significantly, a lot ask for more Bible study.

There are many ways to let the Bible minister to you. Simply reading or hearing it is good, as are small group classes. Many Daughters are members of Bible Study Fellowship (BSF), an international organization. Yes, we are all exposed to Holy Scriptures at services, but let us give the Holy Spirit the chance to reach our hearts and minds even more deeply through prayerful study. Yes, there are many excellent spiritual books, indeed, but nothing compares with the Bible itself.

O gracious and holy Father, thank you for the Bible. Grant us grace to grow even closer to You through the discipline of reading and studying your Living Word, that You may impact our lives ever more fully. Amen.

In Christ Alone,

Barbara Mattick, Editor

DHC Provincial Assembly: Keep Saving the Date

Plans for our Provincial Assembly, Sept 16-19, 2021, continue to solidify.

Donna Chaffee, Assembly Chair, has made arrangements for our next Provincial Assembly to be held at a new Franciscan retreat facility in Arizona. We have speaker Carla McDougal coming and, according to Donna, she is amazing! Here is a link to her on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDXp-akBczlHoKDUR5vihyw>.

And of course Bishop Mark Lawrence will be joining us as well.

Membership Report



As I was driving home from the Tomball post office, I noticed some small banners on tall poles close to the street in front of Tomball High School. Impressed by that display, I drove back and forth a bit to read the encouraging words on each banner. Those words settled into my mind and heart, so I pulled my

car over to offer thanks to our Lord for the campus leadership, teachers, staff and students. Those words are: Commitment, Selflessness, Respect, Patience, Honesty, Kindness, Humility and Forgiveness. Pause and reflect on those words for a moment. Do they sound familiar? Combined with **LOVE**, these are qualities others should see in us as Daughters as we live our lives and strive to serve our Lord.

In the communications I've received from members, either by phone, email, text, notes and forms, all those words above came alive. So I looked back upon the last several months and marveled at God's grace bestowed upon the Order and the flourishing growth of new members and chapters. As we continue to build His Kingdom, His grace is evident in who you are, what you do, and what you give and bring to Him. Here is a

brief status of Membership: On October 6th, we will welcome our newest chapter, Mary Magdalene of Rock Hill, SC. Joining the new members at their service will be a few of their mentors from St. Teresa of Avila chapter in Weddington, NC. We have three chapters in formation – one in SC, a second in Birmingham, AL, and a third in Rome, GA. Join me in praising God and praying for our current candidates who are in Study and Discernment – all 70 of them! And.... we have a new Daughter At Large who just completed her Study and Discernment and will be forming a chapter at her church in Cheyenne, WY. This will be our first chapter in that state!

Do read the article about the special service project of Baptismal banners done by the Esther chapter in Bluffton, SC. The instructions for making these beautiful banners are available, so if you are interested, please contact me and I'll be happy to connect you with the chapter.

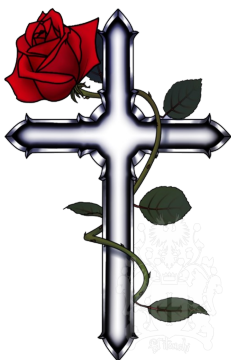
Love God first and place His will for our lives above our own. This is how we were meant to live.

-- David Roseberry

In Christ Alone,

Gail Cahill, Membership Chair

In Loving Memory of Daughters



We remember the following dear members of The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross who have recently died. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families and to Daughters who knew them.

Gloria Mullins, Trinity Chapter, Tallahassee, FL, 6/27/2019

Eva Stuart, Christchurch Anglican Chapter, Montgomery, AL, 8/12/2019

Ethel Kirkham, St. Margaret's of Scotland Chapter, Visalia, CA, 10/11/2019

Note: Some dates shown are the dates when the notice of death was received and recorded in the DHC Membership database. They may not necessarily correspond to the actual date of death.

Secretary's Report



Well, summer is officially over, and while there didn't seem to be any less work - as council continued to be busy - there just seemed to be more time. During these past several months, the Board approved an ICA Grant request for Donna Lewis who participated in a 10-day mission trip to Uganda from July 17 to

July 26, 2019, where she helped to support theological students prepare for their ordination in the Anglican Church of Uganda. The grant helped to cover transportation, room and board, required vaccinations, as well as malaria medication expenses.

A Certificate of Commendation was also approved by the Board in honor of Mrs. Gloria Kwashi for her exemplary life of Prayer, Service, Study and Evangelism, leadership in GAFCON, and her work with orphaned Nigerian children, many of whom she and her husband have adopted. The certificate was presented during a reception hosted by St. Luke's Chapter in Ohio, where Mrs. Kwashi gave a short talk on the persecution of the Church and God's love for orphans. Click on this link, [Mrs. Gloria Kwashi](#),

to see more about her and other mission work.

The first Virtual Chapter was officially instituted on July 30th by Chaplain Deacon Shelly Sorem and is currently comprised of five members who reside in Arizona, Colorado, Texas, and Virginia. They connect via conference calls and emails where they support and pray for one another.

The Order's Facebook page and website continue to be blessings as members use them to share invitations with other Chapters to attend special events.

And finally, a few council members attended the New Wineskins conference, where a DHC exhibit table was set up to promote the Order.

In Christ Alone,

Monika Hassan
DHC Provincial Secretary

A New Option for Making Your Dues Payment



When Tropical Storm Imelda passed through Houston in September, mail being sent either to Gail Cahill (Membership) or to me (Treasurer) experienced delays as a result of the roof collapsing on the largest postal sorting station in Texas. Mail had to be rerouted to Dallas, Corpus Christi, and Austin before it was sent on

to the Houston area. If you mailed your dues or ICA donations recently, please be aware that you may see a delay in your checks being deposited as the mail reaching us has been delayed. But there is another way!

If you live in the United States and are the type of person who prefers not to write checks, we now can receive dues and donations online. Through an application called Zelle®, you may send money from your checking account directly to the Order's checking account with just an email address or mobile phone number. There are currently over 140 banks that use Zelle® as part of their

mobile banking services.

Step 1: Find Zelle® in your bank's mobile banking app. Enroll your email or U.S. mobile number through your mobile banking app.

Step 2: Select a person to pay. To send money to the Order, use the following email address:

dhc.provincialtreasurer@gmail.com.

Step 3: Select an amount to send.

Step 4: Review and add a memo (use the memo section to add what the money is for: membership dues, ICA donation, etc., along with your DHC member #, chapter name, etc.).

As Treasurer, I'll immediately receive notification that money has been sent to the Order's checking account. If you have questions, please email me at

sshightx@gmail.com.

In Christ Alone,

Sharon High, Provincial Treasurer

DHC: Many Parts, One Body

becoming a united family

By Jean Williams, Advisor, Tallahassee



My desire is that wherever I go, I will experience unity with other Daughters around the vow we have made, sharing God's love and our mutual respect in our Christian walk. As

Daughters of the Holy Cross was forming, committee members were easily a "family"- just a few of us. As our Order grows and develops, continuing to have the united family-like connections are more difficult.

It is essential that we be intentional about being one loving and faithful "family" as there are more and more of us. Yes, we are all committed to our four-fold vow but, unfortunately, we sometimes sacrifice some parts of the vow for others. Our true identity as DHC becomes masked and we are identified as just a prayer group, a service group or a study group, but seldom an evangelism one. All these groups are wonderful, but DHC in-

corporates all four of these parts. When we do not, our unity is challenged, and our relationships often become more like the one-layer ones found among many of today's social media "friends."

One way to build unity is to expand our commitment to all parts of our vow. If we share our efforts around our vow, we can help each other and get to know each other at a deeper level. This article introduces a vehicle for ongoing sharing of what God has led us to be and do in our chapters and as DALs. If we know about the work of others and would like to do likewise, we have a reason to connect and soon we have increased unity. To get us started in connecting and helping each other, this article shares just a little of what we are doing in relation to our 4-fold vow. Contact your sisters and adopt their ideas to help you expand.

THEN, I invite YOU to share who YOU are with others in future newsletters. **Use the outline below to help in building up our united family.**

HOW DO YOU OR YOUR DHC CHAPTER SUPPORT THE FOUR-FOLD VOW?

Submit to: Jean Williams (dhcmember2@comcast.net) by each newsletter's deadline.

CHAPTER NAME: _____

CHAPTER CITY, STATE: _____

DAL? Yes NO IF YES, OK TO NAME YOU IN THE NEWSLETTER? YES NO

YOUR NAME (will not be in newsletter; DAL exception): _____

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER (will not be in newsletter): () _____

FOUR-FOLD VOW AREA: (check) PRAYER STUDY SERVICE EVANGELISM

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF CHAPTER/DAL INVOLVEMENT IN PRAYER, STUDY, SERVICE, OR EVANGELISM (BOOK, PROGRAM OR EVENT):

Some Ways We Are Supporting Our Four-Fold Vow:

PRAYER

St. Helena (Midland, TX) has used “Meditations on the Prayer of the Daughters of the Holy Cross” by Barbara Mattick. These meditations focus on the pairs of words in each line of our prayer, exploring their meanings through related Scriptures. The set of meditations was developed for use in a retreat but has been used as a Chapter study focusing on one line of the prayer each week. Available under Resources/Additional Resources on DHC website.

STUDY

Prisca (Bakersfield, CA) is using the book, *Fruit of the Spirit* by Joyce Meyer. Video, audio and book formats are available for this study. It has separate presentations on love, faithfulness, self-control, gentleness, patience,

peace, kindness/ goodness, and joy. Materials may be ordered from the Joyce Meyer website.

SERVICE

St. Mary & St. Martha (Sumter, SC) assisted the Sumter YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter, bringing a greater awareness of the needs of women who seek shelter from domestic violence. After collecting needed items from their church, all became more aware of on-going need, and the chapter plans to continue the project.

EVANGELISM

All Saints (Tallahassee, FL) for the second year, has offered prayer, free water and free candy to visitors in a busy Tallahassee park. The Daughters asked if visitors had prayer requests and if they would like prayer while there. Many people asked for prayer and some expressed interest in becoming stronger Christians. Many conversations with the park visitors were about who Jesus is.

Encouragement from Some of Our Founders on Our 10th Anniversary

Sing to Jesus, we are his own. Now and forever sing for the love our God has shown.

Fernando Ortega, "*Sing to Jesus*"

From September 17-20, 2019, seven members of the DHC Formation Committee each paid her own expenses to meet at Callaway Gardens, near Atlanta. On the tenth anniversary of the Order, we gathered to reflect on the love our God has shown to us as we labored and to his Order throughout its first ten years. Present were Jacque Crosby and Julie Wahtola, first and second DHC Presidents; Jean Williams, current Advisor to the Council; Marianne Freehling, previous Advisor; Gail Wacker and Kathy Aspden, original Formation Committee members; and Susan Klos, appointed to the Committee following a resignation and our computer guru.

Each member came prepared to lead a morning or evening service. We did sing to Jesus in joyful praise. We called on him to bless our current Council whose pictures were posted around the room. Each of us wrote a note on each picture and sent them to the Council members to bless, strengthen



and encourage them. We asked God's mercy on behalf of his Church, our families, our dear members who were unable to attend and ourselves. The two most memorable services were Morning Prayer in the lovely chapel at the Gardens and Friday morning Stations of the Cross beside a private peaceful lake.

From start to finish, Jesus poured out his blessings on his Daughters. The fruits of the Spirit abounded in our non-stop conversations as we renewed our love and concern for one another. While talking from early morning until late into the night, we delighted in the treats we all brought and feasted on the generous provisions supplied by Jerry Freehling, who even in his absence, stepped right back into his role of hosting the Committee.

Dear DHC Sisters, our prayer for you is that in the fellowship of the Order you will find the nurturing mutual love that our Lord steeped into our lasting friendships.

In Christ Alone,

Jacque, Julie, Jean, Marianne, Gail, Kathy and Sue

St. Luke's Church chapter, #60

Serving the Body of Christ Through a Special Lenten Service

Daughters of the St. Luke's Church chapter in Copley, Ohio, organized the annual special Lenten service "The Seven Last Words of Jesus: The Women Who Followed Their Lord to the Cross" on April 12th, 2019. The special service serves to help worshippers prepare for Holy Week. Now in its fifth year, The Seven Last Words of Jesus service is hosted by The Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes and St. Luke's Church, and features speakers from various churches in north-east Ohio.

The evening service's scripture readings and music centered on our Lord Jesus' last words in the Books of Luke and John, with a spotlight on the women who were at His crucifixion (Mark 15:40). Seven clergy women speakers reflected on themes of God's grace, the despair of the followers, Jesus' compassion and victory in Him, the Son of the Living God. The women clergy were from The Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes, Evangelical and Pentecostal congregations. Daughters of the St Luke's chapter Rev. Dcn. Beverly Scipio, president, and Rev. Dcn. Sarah Nix were speakers, Rev. Dcn. Jane Robert the music leader, and Rev. Dcn. Betty Budyka served as deacon for the service.



The music team led by Rev. Dcn. Jane Roberts (on the piano)



DHC St Luke's chapter president, Rev. Dcn. Beverly Scipio, thanking the speakers and congregation



Right to left: Women clergy speakers from The Anglican Diocese of Great Lakes, the Evangelical and Pentecostal congregations with the rector of St. Luke's Church, the hosting church.

How Our Dues Are Used

Each year, we create a budget based on what we foresee our annual income to be (based on projected dues, donations to the ICA fund, miscellaneous contributions, and the purchase of additional crosses). The Order's expenses are divided into the following categories: Outreach, Travel, Office Expenses, Insurance, Other Expenses and Expenses for our next Assembly in 2021.

Outreach - As a religious society under the headship of the ACNA, we tithe a portion of our income to the ACNA Provincial Office. Additionally, the Order donates to the ARDF in times of crisis. For example, we just sent a contribution to support relief efforts as a result of the damage caused by Hurricane Dorian. We also provide scholarships to members for payment of dues, and scholarships to those women who apply for an ICA grant.

Travel - As our Provincial Council is made up of Daughters from across the U.S. and one from Canada, we incur expenses for travel for our Council meetings which take place twice a year. During these meetings, we conduct the business of the Order. We make a contribution to both the host church and host chapter. Travel expenses are also incurred when members of Council are asked to represent the Order at ACNA events. The most recent ACNA Assembly took place in Dallas in June, celebrating the ten-year anniversary of the ACNA. The Order was given the opportunity to host a breakout session at this gathering of clergy and laypeople from all over North America. As a result of the Order's presence at the Assembly, we have one group of women going through the discernment process to start a new chapter in Georgia, and another hoping to start the process in Louisiana. The Order also incurs costs to host the DHC Provincial Assembly, which takes place every three years.

Office Expenses - While the Order does not have a physical office space, we do incur some of the typical expenses that any organization does: postage and office supplies are our primary expenses. In early 2019, we also incurred the expense to totally revise the DHC website. Shelly Sorem, our Vice President, also serves as our Webmaster. We have received such positive feedback regarding the new website. Shelly is able to pull up statistics to show that as a result of the revamped website and increased presence on Facebook, we are reaching more people than ever. We also incurred an expense to switch over to a new cloud-based database which will store all the membership information for the Order. A huge benefit of switching to this database is that all Daughters will have some type of access to it – a place to change your personal information and review your financial giving. The best part is that you will be able to easily run reports from your own computer. At the past few Provincial Assemblies, prior Councils have received feedback that many of us want the ability to connect easily with other Daughters. This

database will allow us to do these things securely. You will also be able to view a membership directory, as well as reports to see who other Chapter Presidents are, where other chapters are located in your geographic region, etc.

Insurance – To protect the Order in the event of any financial misconduct, we bond any member of the Provincial Council who handles money. And because we now live in a litigious society, we also have discrimination insurance that protects the Order.

Other Expenses – This category includes the purchase of the crosses, the fee to have our website on the Internet, as well as an annual fee we must pay to the State of Florida (which is where our charter resides). Our largest expense has traditionally been the quarterly printing of the Holy Cross newsletter. The current Council agreed that this expense was high, given that it was being mailed by bulk mail and not reaching members in a timely manner. As a result, starting with the third quarter issue, we switched to sending the email out electronically to members via their email addresses on file, as well as being stored on the website. Relatively few are printed and mailed via USPS.

A more detailed financial report may be found on the website. If you have any questions regarding the financial information provided, please don't hesitate to email me directly at sshightx@gmail.com.

The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross Income and Expense Report (as of 09/30/19)

Income

Retained Earnings as of 12/31/2018	\$86,202.49\$
2019 Income*	\$18,354.59\$
Total Income	\$104,557.08\$

Expenses

Outreach/Tithes	\$6,425.00\$
Travel**	\$14,308.73\$
Office Expenses	\$1,606.02\$
Insurance	\$770.00\$
Misc. Expenses	\$6,385.39\$
Total Expenses	\$29,495.14\$
Income Less Expenses	\$75,061.94\$

* Amount of dues outstanding as of 9/30/19 \$39,903

** *Travel includes expenses incurred for two Provincial Council meetings, attendance at this year's ACNA Assembly, as well as the New Wineskins conference.*

Chapter Corner

Grace Chapter News



Grace Chapter in Jacksonville, Florida, has a tiara which they use for the current “reigning” president to wear at Chapter meetings. If you look close-

ly, you can see the tiara on President Valerie Sweat’s head. This is just one way to make chapter meetings lively and entertaining!!! The chapter has done more than fun things, though, such as serving at the Altar for the recent Holy Cross Day service, studying the Book of Jude, and planning several service projects for the future.

Tallahassee Chapters Come to Tea



On September 21, the All Saints DHC Chapter (Tallahassee, FL) hosted “A Deanery DHC Tea.” It had two purposes - one social, another service. Vienna Pozniak, the chapter president, expressed a desire for the chapter

members to become better acquainted with Daughters in the other Tallahassee chapters. Some of the chapter members are involved with a ministry that helps Tallahassee’s hurting and helpless population and wanted to acquaint others with the ministry. To accomplish both



purposes, the chapter sponsored a tea, invited all the other local DHC chapters, plus other women interested in DHC, and feted attendees with a menu of canapes, cupcakes, and a wide variety of teas.

The speakers for the event were Beth Burns and Wendy Strickland, both administrators in the Good Samaritan Network, a ministry that provides counseling, housing and other services to homeless and abused persons in the Tallahassee area. They explained their services and presented several women who talked about the services they had received from Good Samaritan and how the services had improved their lives. Good Samaritan aids men and women, but the tea focused on the services to women.

Most Daughters arrived at the event early enough to enjoy a cup of tea and socialize before the program began. Their getting to know each other will likely lead to more joint ventures in the future. In fact, in March 2020, the All Saints Chapter will provide an informal tea for the women served by Good Samaritan. At that tea, the women will not just be served food, but also will be given toiletries and other needed items. All Saints Chapter invited the other local chapters to assist with the March tea, and some Daughters have volunteered to help.

Esther Chapter Undertakes Special Project

The new Esther chapter of the Church of the Cross in Bluffton, SC, chose a special service project as shown in the attached pictures. The chapter now has the ownership of this

on-going project of making these unique and beautiful Baptismal Banners for their parish. From start to finish, and in all phases of what was involved in the project, these members bonded deeply. The significance and importance of the project enhanced their joy of becoming members of the Daughters of the Holy Cross. For any questions or specific instructions regarding this project, please contact me and I will be



Baptismal Banners

happy to connect you with the Chapter President or Vice President.

Faith in Christ Chapter Hosts “Baby Shower” for Pregnancy Resource Center

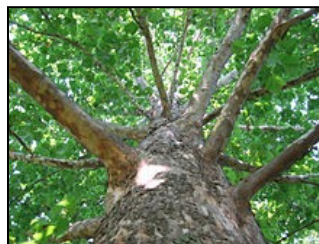


The Faith in Christ Chapter at All Saints Anglican Church in Peachtree City, Georgia, recently completed a service project I wanted

to share with you. The inspiration came from the Third Provincial Assembly Service Projects brochure thanks to Marianne Freehling, one of our Daughters. We hosted the inaugural August Baby Shower to benefit the Fayette Pregnancy Resource Center, located in Fayetteville, Georgia. Their motto is: *Life - promote it, preserve it and protect it!* Throughout the month, we collected donations. After a blessing by Father Michael, we delivered blankets toiletries, monetary donations, diapers, and wipes to the tune of 1,291 diapers and 2,064 wipes! It was such a joy to be involved in this project.

In Christ Alone,
Linda DaSilva, Chapter President

Newly Established Serving Hearts Chapter Receives Unique Gift



The Serving Hearts Chapter was established at Christ the King & All Saints Anglican in Fort Worth, TX the Sunday following Holy Cross Day, 2019. One parishioner was so moved by the ceremony

he purchased and had planted a Mexican Sycamore in honor of the DHC in the parish. It was dedicated on November 10th by Fr. Darryl Pigeon, rector and chapter chaplain. Also pictured are the officers of the chapter, Pres. Julie Cosgrove, Treasurer Debby Richey, and VP Karen Powers. Secretary Barbara Mills was absent.

Are You Wondering Where to Send Payments?????

ANNUAL DUES, FEES FOR INCOMING CANDIDATES, AND CROSS ORDERS AND PAYMENTS - please send to our Membership Chair, Gail Cahill, P.O. Box 2147, Tomball, TX 77377

CONTRIBUTIONS (such as ICA Fund and other donations) - please send to our Treasurer, Sharon High, P.O. Box 5764, Katy, TX 77491

Please **DO NOT** send any payments to the P.O. Box in Tallahassee, FL.

Facebook Reaches Thousands



Our Facebook page is reaching so many thanks to the Daughters who “like” and “share” our posts. A recent post reached more than 284,973 people! It is great to connect with other Daughters through Facebook and be able to share Christian quotes, words of encouragement and Scripture. It is also a great way for us to be connected to one another. Please “like” our Facebook page so you will be more likely to see our posts and invite your friends to like it as well.

You can find our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/DaughtersOfTheHolyCross/>.

If you have a favorite verse or quote, please share it with Deacon Shelly Sorem at shelly@hopepointe.org and I will be happy to make a post with it for our page.

Blessings, Shelly Sorem
DHC Provincial Vice President



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DHC at the New Wineskins Conference



Provincial Vice President, Shelly Sorem and ICA Fund Chair, Nancy Ford, attended New Wineskins for Global Missions Conference in North Carolina. What a joy we had spending time with other Daughters at the conference and talking to people about our Order at our DHC table in the Exhibit Hall. We heard some amazing teach-

ings and some wonderful testimonies from missionaries in the field. One of the biggest takeaways was how important our offerings are to the In Christ Alone Fund and its ability to support mission work.

We heard from missionaries all over the world, particularly those reaching out to unreached populations who have never heard the name of Jesus. The other takeaway was that the majority of missionaries and mission funding goes to support already reached people groups. Nine out of ten missionaries from the US

go to reach already reached people groups.

The churches in the US give \$.05 of every dollar to mission work and only one tenth of \$.01 goes to unreached people groups.

The third take away is what we can do. While we aren't all called to go to the mission field, we can support them financially, and most important we can support them through prayer. Please consider praying for the unreached people groups.

The final takeaway from this conference is how much persecution Christians suffer throughout the world. Please consider adding prayers for the persecuted church to your prayer time.

