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Suffering, Yet Hoping

Suffering is not a fun topic; but it is a real one. We all know some kind of suffering. Some of it is self-inflicted by our own bad choices and bad behavior, but so much of it is apparently random and beyond explanation. Nevertheless, we can learn a new perspective on suffering as we turn to God's Word:

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.

—Romans 8:18-19

The Apostle Paul knows suffering in his own experience and acknowledges it in the lives of Christians. We are not immune to suffering; it is a part of the human condition and living in a fallen world. However, at the end of the day, for Paul there is no comparison of our suffering to the **glory** that is coming for those who are in Christ. No comparison, only contrast!

Paul is talking about the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ. Paul is reminding us that this world is not our home. There is a new

day coming, a new heaven and new earth. He has already said in this eighth chapter of Romans that we are co-heirs with Christ, and as adopted daughters and sons we belong to an eternity that will dwarf our short number of years in this current world. We can look forward to what the prophet Isaiah promised: an age where the lion and lamb will lie down together, an age where every wrong will be righted and every tear will be wiped away, and violence and injustice will be vanquished.

Even the creation is anticipating this new day when it will be set free from its current corruption and God will gather his family and “reveal the sons (and daughters) of God.”

And by this hope, I do not suggest we are to be “so heavenly minded that we are no earthly good,” but quite the opposite. C. S. Lewis said “that if you read history, it is the Christians who thought the most of the new age who did the most for our current world.” Jesus taught us to pray “your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.” It is our hoping for and envisioning God's promised future that becomes our work in the world today.

Suffer we may, but nothing can take away the hope of glory that is ours in Jesus.

Bishop David Bryan, Chaplain

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From the President

Daughters Planning a Busy Fall!



The DHC Provincial Council had a very productive meeting at St. James Anglican Church on St. James Island, SC, at the end of July. We were graciously hosted by the Ruth Chapter. We worked on our DHC Provincial Assembly 2024, which will be September 12-15 at Ridgecrest Conference Center in NC. Our

theme will be “Grace upon Grace,” from John 1:16: “For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.” We hope to see many of you there!

I will be hosting a Chapter Officer’s Meeting via Zoom on Sunday, Oct. 1, 2023, at 6:00 pm CT for all chapter officers. Our topic will be Creative Ways of Handling DHC Candidate Discernment Classes, so watch for the Zoom link in your email. We will also be having video devotionals from various bishops and clergy on Holy Days beginning with Holy Cross Day on September 14. These will be on our Facebook page and our website. Remember that Holy Cross Day is our yearly ingathering for our In Christ Alone Fund, which provides up to \$500 for a Daughter’s mission work or for mission work done by women sponsored by a Daughter.

I am excited to be speaking at St. Peter’s Anglican Cathedral in Tallahassee, FL, on October 6-7, 2023,

presenting the Holy Spirit Makeover Regional Gathering program at their church. We will have our final DHC Regional Gathering in Bakersfield, CA, on January 26-27, 2024. Registration will be open soon. Our goal as a Provincial Council has been to grow the Order and help women connect with one another. The feedback we have received from the Regional Gatherings has been wonderful and has really helped women within the Order get to know one another. We have had 150 women attend these gatherings, and some chapters are now initiating their own joint gatherings and activities with chapters that are close to one another. We also have our first chapter being formed in Connecticut, with 15 women in discernment. Please keep these women in your prayers.

As we all head into the busy season of fall and the return of many activities, I encourage you to be intentional about your prayer time and time in the Word. It is easy for these to fall to the bottom of our to-do lists, but they are crucial to our spiritual health. Take some time to reach out to a fellow Daughter and ask how her prayer life is going and what the Lord is saying to her through her daily Bible reading. Let’s encourage one another and help hold one another accountable to the foundations of our spiritual growth and health.

ICA, Shelly Sorem, President

Welcome Our New Council Member!



Please join me in welcoming **Karen Fezzey** to the Provincial Council. Karen is in the St. Timothy’s Chapter in Ft. Worth, TX. She brings energy and wonderful computer skills to the Council along with a love for Jesus and DHC. She will be serving as Communi-

cation Chair and will be helping with our website, Facebook page and other communications.

In Christ Alone Ingathering, September 14



Use of a mite box is optional for collecting your contribution for DHC’s mission outreach. Please send checks to Treasurer Dian Ray, P.O. Box 81161, Midland, TX 79707.

You can request mite boxes for yourself or your chapter. Just contact Nancy P. Ford at npford49@hotmail.com or text at 904-631-6750 and provide your mailing address and how many mite boxes you would like.

“Godwinked”



Godwinks have been recognized “as a real thing” for twenty-five years now. The word was coined by author SQUIRE Rushnell in his 2018 book, *When God Winks: How the Power of Coincidence Guides Your Life*, which has gone on to become a series of seven additional books, so far.

What is a Godwink, you may ask? It is defined in the dictionary as being surprising answers to prayer, such as receiving an unexpected refund at just the right time when you needed some extra cash, and “somehow” it was also just the right amount.

I just received Linda DaSilva’s Membership reports for our upcoming newsletter. A new DHC chapter, Abba Chapter, has been instituted, the result of what I believe was a Godwink. Last summer, my husband and I were on vacation in Colorado and attended Resurrection Anglican Church (Rez Anglican) in Evergreen Village, Colorado. As the service began, I noticed that one of the members of the music team was wearing what I thought was a DHC cross, but seeing it from a distance, I couldn’t be sure. After

the service we got to meet and sure enough, I was right. There had been a chapter at Rez, but over the years it had fizzled. The members had been thinking they would like to resurrect it but didn’t know how to go about that. Then I showed up! We had a wonderful talk and I told them all they needed to do was contact Gail Cahill (our previous Membership Chair) to get started. I was in the right place at the right time – a coincidence or a Godwink?

Some may say it was just a coincidence, but as Christians we know that God is omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent; He knows our every need all the time and has the power and great desire to care for His children. We are surrounded by God’s love. Sometimes we need to be reminded of that. Do you have any Godwinks you’d like to share? Send me your stories.

O gracious and holy Father, help us to be always mindful of Your love for us, and that You will never leave us or forsake us. Amen.

*In Christ Alone,
Barbara Mattick, Editor*

Provincial Treasurer’s Report



Since becoming Treasurer in April 2023, the DHC accounting data has been migrated from spreadsheets to the accounting module in Churchtrac. Our DHC membership database and bookkeeping records are now on the same platform, which has simplified our procedures. Churchtrac is a cloud-based application, so the DHC membership and accounting data are available to multiple council members at the same time and is backed up continuously.

The Post Office Box in Katy, Texas, has now been closed. Please be sure to download new forms so you will have the correct address to mail payments. We also have the ability to accept payments by Zelle. Please contact me for the account information.

We have had 55 new members join DHC since January for a total of \$3,840.00. The total of 2023 and

back dues collected last year and this year is \$31,975.00. 2024 Chapter Dues statements will be sent out in November with dues payable by January 31, 2024. Membership dues will remain at \$40.00 per year.

At our recent council meeting, we implemented a document retention plan and updated our financial procedures; this will ensure that DHC is compliant with state and Federal guidelines.

The 2nd quarter financials have been posted on the Daughters’ website. You can view them at <https://www.daughtershc.org/s/2023-DHC-Financials-Q2.pdf> or you may request a copy from the Treasurer.

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Provincial Council Members Meet at Saint James Anglican Church

By Virginia B. Bartels

On July 28 and 29, 2023, members of the Provincial Council for Daughters of the Holy Cross (DHC) met at Saint James Anglican Church on James Island, SC, to conduct their annual meeting for planning. Ten Council members from throughout the United States—including Georgia, Florida, Texas, California, Mississippi, and Tennessee—convened to focus on the various services and committees of the Council. Much of their time was devoted to preparations for the upcoming “DHC Provincial Assembly 2024” to be held September 12-15, 2024, at Ridgecrest Conference Center in Ridgecrest, NC. Council mem-

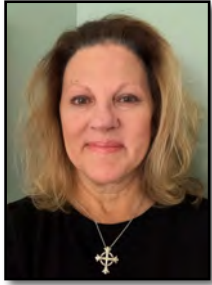
bers Sandy Bunting and Karen Fezzey attended Sunday services at Saint James before returning home.

The Rev. Richard Grimball, chaplain for Ruth Chapter, and the Rev. Tim Surratt, interim priest of Saint James, met and prayed with Council members and later joined them for lunch. Various Ruth Chapter members took turns serving the Council snacks and meals. Sharing their final dinner, several Council and chapter members enjoyed exchanging ideas and gratitude on behalf of DHC. Each Council member was given a bag of small gifts symbolic of the Charleston area.



To the far left, Shelly Sorem. Top row: Linda DaSilva; Sandy Bunting; Maxine Swafford, president of Ruth Chapter; Pam Knight; and Dian Ray. Bottom row: Karen Fezzey, Barbara Mattick, Cindee Herlocker, Lorraine Hitchcock, and Susan Sutton.

☒ Membership Report ☒



Summertime in Georgia is hot, humid, sticky, and often just plain icky! Thunderstorms abound and yet our weather does not hold a candle to the drama of the 100+ degrees of Texas heat, tornadoes, and hailstorms! My humble and thankfully air-conditioned home is a sanctuary in many ways.

Despite lazy summer days, the Order has been busy adding new chapters and members. The Light of the World (our first east coast virtual chapter thanks to the hard work of Carolyn Roth) with five Daughters and Abba's Chapter in Greenwood Village, CO, with seven Daughters were instituted in May. Chapters who admitted new members this past quarter are St. Jude's (1 – Tehachapi, CA), Ruth (1- Charleston, SC), Upper Room (2 – Loganville, GA), Daughters of the Way (2 – Clifton Park, NY), Faith in Christ (9 – Fayetteville, GA), Martha Horn (3 – Hilton Head Island, SC), Christchurch Anglican (1 – Montgomery, AL), Daughters of Honor (1 – Spring, TX), and Rose of Sharon (2 – Stockton, CA).

Our first Connecticut chapter is in the formation process at Bishop Seabury Anglican Church in Gales Ferry, CT, with nine candidates. Deacon Dawn Skramstad from the Daughters of the Way located in New York is mentoring these ladies via Zoom. Six former DOK at Parish Church of St. Helena in Beaufort, SC, and 11 ladies at Church of the Resurrection

in N. Charleston, SC, are in the process of forming chapters. We currently have ten chapters with candidates in training. Please keep these ladies in your daily prayers.

Our database cleanup continues. We have archived the profiles of Daughters who had become inactive (unpaid dues since 2021), resigned, or passed away. If you are unsure of the status of your dues, please contact me for information.

Chapter Presidents, please keep me updated with changes within your chapter. The Change of Officers, Intent for Candidate Training, and Transition Report can be found online. The Transition Report (now called "Member Information Update Form") is used to advise the Order of a member's passing, resignation, new email or mailing address and phone number. Save a stamp and email these forms directly to me.

It is a joy and a pleasure to speak with and get to know so many of you across the U.S. and in Canada. If you have any questions about dues, forms, training candidates, or if you would simply like to chat, please give me a call. I look forward to hearing from you.

In Thanksgiving and In Christ Alone,

Linda DaSilva
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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 or whose death was recently reported. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families and to Daughters who knew them.

To report the death of a chapter member, please submit a Transition Report via email to the Membership Chair, Linda DaSilva, at membership@daughtershc.org.

<i>Linda Ahlborn</i>	<i>St. Hilda of Whitby</i>	<i>April 19, 2023</i>
<i>Gloria C. Grant</i>	<i>St. Teresa of Avila</i>	<i>May 1, 2023</i>
<i>Kathleen Bottroff</i>	<i>Daughters of Hope</i>	<i>May 4, 2023</i>
<i>Mary Jane Butler</i>	<i>The Shepherd's Daughters</i>	<i>May 20, 2023</i>
<i>Diana J. Lopez</i>	<i>Holy Comfort</i>	<i>May 22, 2023</i>

Dates noted are actual date of death.

Becoming a Daughter



Let me put on this habit of prayer
A robe of soft linen that reminds me
To breath in stillness and
Feel the power of God all around,
The mantel on my shoulders
Ever present in my journey with You.

In the quiet of each morning
As rolling mist hugs the pond
Alone, I watch Your world awaken
Open my heart to study your word
Fill me with the song of your promises
A symphony of redemption and love.

I give my hands and feet to you
Take them and help me do your work
When I hesitate, remove my doubt

When I am weary, restore my strength
Let the soles of my shoes grow thin
In my walk with You.

Let your grace be the veil I wear
My voice, the cello of your mercy
My actions, the example of your truth
I will be the bow to your strings
Your word, the music on my lips
My life abundant, in Your purpose.

Meryl Larsen Newell

Meryl's explanation of the poem:



When we were told we needed to write a rule of life to become a Daughter of the Holy Cross, I knew mine would be a poem. Inspired by a comment by Terri Hendrickson, "You're going to take a vow, but you won't be a nun" and our discussion about having a habit of prayer, the first line came to life. The four stanzas represent our vow of prayer, study, service and evangelism.

DHC Webmaster Report

If you have been on our webpage recently you might have noticed that the **email addresses for council members have been changed**. All Council members now have dedicated email addresses on our www.daughtershc.org domain. This change will make transitioning from our current council to newly elected council members next year more efficient. It means that fewer changes to the online forms and weblinks will have to be made. We are also transitioning all our boxes of paperwork to online shared storage, so transferring files to new council members every three years will be done in a timely and cost-effective manner. Your current Council has embraced the shared drives and are currently working on transferring their files to our workspace to ensure that all documents are on a backup plan and available to at least one other council member.

On another note, we would love to feature your chapter news on our web page. Chapter installations, new members, service projects, regional gatherings are welcome additions to our website. Please submit short articles and pictures to webmaster@daughtershc.org, as well as to The Holy Cross newsletter.

Dian Ray, DHC Webmaster

Chapter Corner

Chapters Beget Chapters: Saint James Anglican Church and Church of the Resurrection Anglican

On June 13, 2023, Saint James Anglican members of Ruth Chapter admitted Berta Puckhaber as a member of their chapter. Berta, who now attends Church of the Resurrection, had served as the parish coordinator for St. James. Maxine Swafford, current chapter president at St. James, and Virginia Bartels, former president, provided the training for Berta. The Rev. Richard Grimball, chaplain of the Ruth Chapter, conducted the admission service. The Rev. Mark Avera of the Anglican Church of the Resurrection, North Charleston, was present to support Berta, who is now a member of his church. After the service, Ruth Chapter members hosted a reception for Berta, her husband, and the two sponsoring priests. Berta will now facilitate the training and discernment of twelve women at her new church who intend to form the DHC Resurrection Chapter.



Epiphany Chapter, St. Stephens Anglican Church, Hurst, TX, Welcomes New Members



The Epiphany Chapter is joyfully celebrating the addition of four new members to their chapter. Denise Bransford, Brenda Nevrkla, Sharon Smith, and Trava Weaver were presented by Chapter President Llewellyn Frazier to the Reverend Ronald Drummond in the Service to Admit New Members on May 7, 2023. Congratulations, ladies and welcome to the Order!

Chapter Corner

Faith in Christ Chapter, All Saints Anglican Church, Fayetteville, GA, Welcomes New Members

The Faith in Christ Chapter is delighted to welcome nine new Daughters to the Order. Our chapter membership totals 26! This warm and loving group of sisters in Christ meet monthly for fellowship, prayer, bible study, and the occasional service project. Our chaplain is the Reverend Michael Fry, who is also head rector at All Saints.

Pictured at right: (L-R) Chapter President, Linda DaSilva; Amanda Powderly; and Father Michael.

Pictured below (L-R): Robin Spratlin, Sandy Shackelford, Lori Overson, Diane Gardner, Father Michael, Sharon Sethman, Andrea Caldwell, Judy Smith, and Gail Coffee.

In Thanksgiving,
Linda DaSilva



Chapter Corner

New Chapter Instituted

Abba's Chapter, Resurrection Anglican Church, Greenwood Village, CO



Abba's Chapter with seven new Daughters, was instituted on May 14, 2023. We are delighted to have our second chapter in Colorado. According to chapter president, Pat Columna, "they are working on three service projects: visiting, fellowshiping, and taking communion to those in their parish who are sick or otherwise unable to attend church; organizing a monthly movie night; and offering help as needed to those who belong to the DHC nope, not what you are thinking, but the Disheveled Home Club!" Please join the Provincial Council in welcoming these lovely ladies to the Order!

(L-R) Tina Bouse, Chapter President - Pat Columna, Mentor – Sharon Collier, Nancy Fuhr, Barbara Parvin, Senior Rector and Chapter Chaplin - Father Phil Eberhart, Nakia Williams, and Jean Vandenbos.

Rose of Sharon Chapter, St. Francis Anglican Church, Stockton, CA



On Sunday, July 16, 2023, Ruth Guban was installed as a new member. Her husband, and our chaplain, Fr. Woodrow Guban, officiated at the ceremony.

Pictured (L-R): June Simas, Nancy Thomas, Ruth Guban, Fr. Woodrow Guban, Lorraine Hitchcock , and Agnes Olmsted

Chapter Corner

Martha Horn Chapter at St. Luke's Anglican, Hilton Head, SC, Welcomes New Members

The Martha Horn Chapter at St. Luke's Anglican, Hilton Head, South Carolina, are pleased to welcome three new members at a ceremony conducted by the Reverend Jady Koch on Sunday, June 4, 2023. The Chapter hosted a reception after the ceremony for the new members and guests.



Kitty Sagar, creator of the chapter banner, poses with the banner.



Rector Jady Koch with Martha Horn Chapter members.



New members: L-R: Elizabeth Glick, Kathie Phillips, and Jeannie Stanko



New members take their vow.



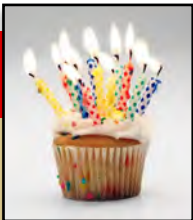
Who could resist one of these beautifully decorated cookies?

Chapter Corner

New Daughters Admitted at Church of the Ascension in West Virginia

Three new Daughters were admitted to the Daughters of the Ascension Chapter in West Virginia on January 15, 2023. From left to right, they are: Sandy Stokes, Gloria Crockett, and Etta “Bobbi” Shahan.

Fr. Daryl Fitzwater was the officiant.



Celebrating Birthday Milestones

Please join the Provincial Council in wishing a very happy birthday to Daughters who are celebrating turning 80 or older!

We are asking for the year of birth so that we may recognize those members who are celebrating significant milestones (80 and above). If you are not comfortable with sharing the year, please send us the month and date so we can send you a card on your special day.

There are a couple of reasons why your birthday might not be included - either we don't have it in our database, or if you did send it in, the year was not included. If you'd like to have your birthday included, please contact the Membership Chair, Linda DaSilva, at membership@daughtershc.org. or by phone at (678) 910-9669.

Happy Birthday!

July

Caro Ballard-Phifer (81)
Lois Berry (93)
Helga Billings (87)
Linda Brown (82)
Sally Chambers (81)
Nelda Gillihan (82)
Joyce Hall (94)
Dianne Hunter (80)
Carol McCauley (81)
Valerie Nolan (92)
Dona Page (88)
Virginia Sinclair (86)
Betty Smith (83)
Anne Sundquist (83)

Karin Tashiro (81)
Ruth Ann Wallace (81)
Rose Marie Wara (92)
Vivian Watts (87)

August

Carole Ardizzone (84)
Sharon Brown (84)
Susan Cauttrell (82)
Rita Conley-Pitts (80)
Judith Derickson (82)
Ann Doak (88)
JoAnne Gauss (84)
Florence Hansen (91)
Louise Henderson (91)

Judith Jordan (81)
Emily Myers (87)
Marilyn Roach (87)
Dianna Stein (80)
Sydney Swanson (88)

September

LaDonna Anderson (89)
Joan Antonelli (80)
Sarah Chesters (84)
Barbara Southworth (82)
Mary Speights (89)
Erlene Springer (93)
Elizabeth Von Dohlen (80)
Janet Wilson (88)



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(Please submit articles as Word documents and photos/images as .jpg files.)

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Or Barbara Mattick, 6605 Man O War Trail, Tallahassee FL 32309

Chapter Corner



We want YOU!

(to share your chapter news!)

Send chapter news and photos to
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Mark Your Calendars!

Save the Date

September 12-15, 2024

**DHC Provincial
Assembly 2024**

*Ridgecrest Conference Center
Ridgecrest, NC*