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It is an honor to be named Provincial Chaplain for the Daughters of the Holy Cross. I look forward to getting to know you and learning more about the many ways God is using you for his kingdom purposes.

DHC is "an Order of women committed to making disciples and serving Jesus through a Rule of Life: prayer, service, study and evangelism." While every individual can do these things (prayer, service, study and evangelism), what is unique about "an Order" is that you all have committed to do these things together.

When Jesus called the disciples to follow him (Matthew 4:18ff, Mark 3:13ff), they each quickly learned that in addition to becoming a disciple of Jesus, they were thrown into a *community* of followers that would shape and impact their lives with Jesus.

The gospels are filled with stories of how the disciples encouraged one another in their lives in Christ. Remember how Andrew brought Peter to meet Jesus and how Jesus' followers were sent out shoulder to shoulder, in pairs, to proclaim the kingdom and heal the sick. We can also see stories of how the disciples would compete and argue with one another. Martha was annoyed at Mary for not helping serve the guests, and the twelve argued over which of them was the greatest. Community seems to be part of God's plan to grow the disciples up in Christ. Like them, we need one another.

In Acts 2, as the promised Holy Spirit is poured out upon the infant church in Jerusalem, we see the centrality of community in the early church. Together, "they devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers" (Acts 2:42ff). The early church constantly gathered in homes and in the Temple as a community that brought encouragement, challenge and context to their lives with Jesus. Like them, we need one another.

Most of the Epistles of the New Testament are written to communities. They are filled with "one another" passages which extend Jesus' paramount command for us to "love one another" (John 13:34, 15:12). Among the many "one-another" passages are: bear one another's burdens (Gal. 6:2), do not judge one another (Rom. 14:13), comfort one another (1 Th. 4:18), encourage and build up one another (1 Th. 5:11), accept one another (Rom. 15:7), forgive one another (Eph. 4:32) and be of the same mind with one another (Rom. 12:16).

The Daughters of the Holy Cross is an expression of how we need one another to live out our lives in Christ. You have committed yourselves to a rule of life lived out in the community of parish chapters and provincial life. We need one another! Aren't you glad you don't have to do this alone, but have been given the gift of "one another" in serving Jesus?

Bishop David Bryan, Chaplain

## **From the President**



What a glorious Regional Gathering we had in September in Dallas! There were 28 women from seven different chapters. We also had two women attend who are not Daughters but participated in our Facebook live Bible studies. Our theme for the 2022 and 2023 Regional Gatherings is Colossians 3:12-14 which talks about what we

are to clothe ourselves in – compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, forgiveness and love. The Holy Spirit moved powerfully among us and the Lord began some transformation work.

There was a sweetness among the women gathered and new friendships were formed. We had times of great laughter, prayer, fellowship and teaching. Our service project was to paint door hangers that would help residents in a local skilled nursing facility identify their rooms more readily.

We have upcoming Regional Gatherings in Chattanooga, TN, on October 28-29, 2022; Bluffton, SC, on February 10-11, 2023; and Advent Christian Village, near Live Oak, FL, on April 21-22, 2023. Check our website for more information. These Regional Gatherings were prompted by the Holy Spirit. The women who stood for Provincial Council all answered questions about what they wanted for the Order and nearly everyone mentioned getting Daughters together more often. I truly believe this was a vision the Lord gave us for our Order and the Dallas gathering was our first fruits! I hope to see you at a future Regional Gathering!

> In Christ Alone, Shelly Sorem



Attendees at Dallas Regional gathering in September





## O Gracious and Holy Father... Together, We Serve



It's that time again - time to welcome a new Provincial Council. Under the leadership of President Shelly Sorem, this Council has hit the ground running with new programs based on a foundation laid by the last Council. A new emphasis will be placed on drawing all

the Daughters together, with the institution of regional meetings, and there will be an effort to personally contact each Daughter over the next several months. We will officially welcome our new chaplain, Bishop David Bryan, and our first Junior Daughters Chapter has launched. You will find more information about these new initiatives in this issue, as well as reports from some of our chapters in the Chapter Corner section. I encourage you to send in chapter news, articles, poems, hymn lyrics, essays, and lots of photos to encourage one another as we share our efforts and ideas to fulfill our fourfold vow of prayer, service, evangelism, and study. Please use Microsoft Word for written pieces and jpeg images for photographs.

O gracious and Holy Father, grant us Your peace and joy as we work together to serve You, bringing honor and glory to Your Son and His Church. Inspire us by Your Holy Spirit to give all of us, but especially our leaders, wisdom to perceive You, intelligence to understand You, diligence to seek You, patience to wait for You, eyes to behold You, and a life to proclaim You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

> In Christ Alone, Barbara Mattick, Editor

### **Provincial Treasurer's Report**

(as of September 30, 2022)



The third quarter Profit & Loss statement may be found on the Daughter's website under the News tab.

As of September 30, we have received 2023 dues for 161 Daughters, as well as two applications for Lifetime memberships. If

you've not yet had the opportunity to mail your dues in, or if your chapter did not receive their dues statement, please email me (sshightx@gmail.com) or text me (281.638.1914).

Thanks to the sacrificial giving of Daughters, we have taken in donations earmarked for the In Christ Alone fund of \$2,212.50 year-to-date.

In June 2021, the 4th Provincial Council voted to set aside \$20,000 for chapter service projects. The Order has awarded two grants over this timeframe. To apply for a service project grant, complete the application found on the website under Forms.

Please make sure you read the article "Where Do I Send ...?" found on page 11 of the newsletter. If you send in forms to the Provincial Council, you may want to print that page out.

Remember, if you are sending money, it goes to the Provincial Treasurer!

In Christ Alone,

Sharon High, Provincial Council Treasurer

## Daughters at 'New Wineskins'



Archbishop Foley Beach (at left) celebrates Eucharist at New Wineskins

On a mountaintop in Ridgecrest, North Carolina, this September, the New Wineskins Anglican Global Missions Conference (NW) was like attending a family reunion with brothers and sisters from all over the world! Among them were Daughters of the Holy Cross from many areas in North America.[ Editor' note: One of those Daughters was Kathy Gomer, the president of Wings for Change (Wings), a ministry that sends menstrual hygiene supplies and educational materials about the female reproductive system to "dispel long-held stigmas in Uganda," and other places in Africa. Wings also addresses some of the horrors of sexual trafficking. She is a member of Trinity Chapter, St. Peter's Anglican Cathedral in Tallahassee, FL.]

Wings hosted a presentation on human trafficking with Bill Woolf, the founder of Anti-trafficking International, and Gwen Adams from Alaska, founder of "The Crazy Church Ladies," which has rescued many trafficked victims. We later had an opportunity to speak about Wings for Change. When Asians, Africans and Americans learned of what Wings was doing to prevent trafficking and teaching youth about abstinence and holy, healthy relationships, they reached out like children at the dessert table! There were cries with tears saying "me too, me too, share with me!"

At the Daughters of the Holy Cross table set up by the Provincial Council of DHC, I later met fellow Daughters of the Holy Cross. We shared how the conference was meaningful to us personally, and spoke of our anticipated new start-up chapters for Junior Daughters of the Holy Cross. We could feel the excitement of growth and expectation concerning DHC and how the Lord could use us.

So, what was the prevailing theme of New Wineskins, and what does that have to do with the Daughters of the Holy Cross? Their purposes overlap! The NW sessions focused on:

PRAYER: prayers for healing the entire Body of Christ, body, mind and spirit, and the multitude of the unreached people as well;

STUDY: to enable us to teach what we have learned about reducing human trafficking, and lessons about the sanctity of life, the care of our bodies and spirit, the very temple of the Holy Spirit;

EVANGELISM: reaching the unchurched, incorporating the Biblical worldview at each opportunity; and

SERVICE: Mission! Using our individual gifts and resources!

These four actions mirror the Rule of Life that we Daughters vowed to do upon our admission to the Order. Our DHC prayer asks the Father to give us "a life to proclaim Thee;" we Daughters must allow others to see Christ working within us. Let's pray, study, serve, and spread the evangelical message by really living out the Rule of Life, so that we remain healthy and "fertile." Let's plant the seeds of improved spiritual, mental and physical health and watch them grow to produce "fields ripe for harvest."

How did the conference end? We all stood, raised our arms and voices to sing IN CHRIST ALONE!



Daughters of the Holy Cross had a table at the conference.

## With Gratitude and Thanks from Ukraine

Dear DHC Sisters,

It is with heartfelt thanks that I am able to share with you the impact you made through the DHC grants you extended to the two of us for our recent mission to Ukraine. The first half of the trip led us to the western region of the country, where I, Jacqueline, taught at a YWAM Discipleship Training School on Wholeness in Christ; Liz provided on-site prayer support for me and the students. The second part of the trip was spent in the outskirts of Ky-iv where Forget-Me-Not Ministries is working alongside a local pastor in supplying shelter, food and medical needs to those who have been left destitute as a result of the war, particularly the elderly.



Critical needs in the villages of Ozera and Hostomel were met because of your financial support. The first need was for a woman who sustained a stroke immediately following the bombing of her home and loss of both her husband and son. The stroke left her nearly blind, and the DHC funds provided the means for a procedure that will restore her sight. The second need to be met was the provision of a walk-in shower that was



needed to replace a dilapidated bathtub in an abandoned home that is being converted into a ministry center. In addition to the usual functions of a ministry center, this facility will provide a working kitchen and bathroom for locals to use. They are now able to enjoy a warm shower at least once a week (the walk-in shower offers ease of access for the injured and elderly). We rejoice in knowing that your partnership in this mission will provide long-term benefits, and that the fruit they bear is not just physical relief, but also spiritual restoration and transformation.

Gratefully yours and In Christ Alone, Jacqueline Guy and Liz Seitz, Daughters of the Ascension, Kearneysville, WV

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#### **Celebrating Birthday Milestones**



Please join the Provincial Council in wishing the following a very happy birthday (or belated happy birthday) for Daughters who are celebrating turning 80 or older in the fourth quarter of 2022.

We are asking for the year of birth so that we may rec-

ognize those members who are celebrating significant milestones. However, if you are not comfortable including the year, would you still send us the month and date (although without the year, we won't know that you are celebrating a milestone birthday!)

There are a couple of reasons why your birthday might not be included here - either we don't have it in our database, or if you did send it in, the year wasn't included. If you'd like to have your birthday included, please email Linda DaSilva, Membership Chair, (<u>lindacaroline@bellsouth.net</u>). She may also be reached via phone (678) 910-9669.

Happy Birthday!

October Susan Anchondo (81) Diane Bringgold Brown (84) Madeline Burton (88) Gladys Edwards (80) Elizabeth Godwin (85) Barbara Hobbs (80) Billie Hodges (80) Valerie Norman-Shaul (83) Nancy Riggins (88) Trudy Ross (100) Pat Smith (82)

> November Constance Berger (83) Mary Capps (80) Barbara Caskey (90) Ann Curtis (85) Carol Drake (83)

LouAnn Fisher (82) Cornell Franklin (93) Sue Jones (86) Cathe Leggott (93) Murlene Traw (85) Suzanne Walker (84) Janet Warner (85)

December Bonnie Boyce (80) Luanne Dewitt (83) Pat Guerin (85) Betty Hambleton (81) Jan Jaco Hedlund (85) Doris Redfern (83) June Simas (85) Kitty Sager (80)

## **Chapter Corner**

#### **Iona Chapter Starts Card Ministry**

*Card Ministry: An intentional practice of sending notes or cards in order to lift people up and encourage them.* - Cherie Burbach

Our newest member, Michele Salchow, was excited about the opportunity to expand our DHC outreach by beginning a Card Ministry for our DHC chapter, Daughters of Iona. Michele is the representative of a crafting company ("Stampin' UP") that provides the supplies and the crafting instructions for cards of all types. Her enthusiasm for this was undeniable as she felt that it would expand DHC's influence through Evangelism and Prayer, two parts of our Rule, to those in our parish as well as to friends and family. Michele reassured us that the crafting skill levels were beginner to advanced, and a variety of cards for any occasion could be made. Michele's goal was to help our Daughters make a positive difference in people's lives. It was a perfect Discernment Project! We invited our church community to a crafting afternoon to build a supply of cards to be available to all church members to share Christ's Love. With 12 attendees (8 DHC members and 4 parish nonmembers), we created approximately 24 handmade cards, and donated them to the church for use. The process of working beside our sisters to create beauty and then to share it with others was inspiring and therapeutic. Of the 24 original cards, none remains. Everyone in the parish is invited to craft and take part in this opportunity to spread God's Love to our friends both inside and outside the parish family. We intend this to be a quarterly event. Our second crafting session this summer resulted in 24 more cards, with more to come!

Kimberly McDaniel, Daughters of Iona New Member Mentor



Iona Chapter card makers: Carolyn Harvey, Chapter President Eva Jane Johnson and Kathy Miller



Finished cards



L; Cynde Austin, Kimberly McDaniel and Cookie Quinn

> R: Mary Downing and Flo Jean Schlosser



## **Chapter** Corner

### **Ruth Chapter of Saint James Hosts Brunch for Priests**

On August 10, 2022, at Saint James Anglican Church of Charleston, SC, three of Ruth Chapter's officers hosted a brunch for their three priests so we can become more united and intentional in addressing the spiritual needs of our staff, congregation, and community. Since Saint James has been told that its members will have to leave their three -hundred-year-old property due to legal actions of TEC, we are in a state of transition. The Daughters are hosting weekly prayer gatherings as we seek direction for our church. We are also dis-



cerning more ways to minister to others and honor our vow. The brunch provided us with fellowship, encouragement, new ideas, and structure for what we want to accomplish. Seated in the picture from left to right are the Rev. Elizabeth Bumpas, chaplain for Ruth Chapter; Deborah Harley, president; the Rev. Louise Weld; Maxine Swafford, vice president; Virginia Bartels, former president; the Rev. Toby Larson, senior rector; and his son, whom we were delighted could join us as well.

#### Martha Horn Chapter Forms at St. Lukes, Hilton Head



July 20, 2022, saw the fulfillment of a long-held dream of having a God-driven women's ministry for St. Luke's, Hilton Head, SC. It was first envisioned by the Reverend Martha Horn (deceased). Under the mentorship of Helga Billings, member of the Esther Chapter of the Daughters in Bluffton, SC, the MARTHA HORN CHAPTER of the Daughters of the Holy Cross was chartered, installing eight new members: Susan Asnip, Secretary-Treasurer; Betty Hambleton, Vice President/Program Chair; Dianne Hunter; Karen Michonski; Connie Rathman; Kitty Sager; Janis Schluchterer; and Rhetta Yount. Helga Billings is transferring into the Martha Horn Chapter and will act as President.

## **Chapter Corner**

#### **Three New Daughters Admitted to Trinity Chapter**



Three new Daughters were admitted to Trinity Chapter at St. Peter's Cathedral in Tallahassee, FL, on September 11, 2022: Maureen Jolly, Patty Applegate, and Teri Sue Aldridge; Lucile Palmer, a long-time member of the Order, decided to go through the discernment process along with the new candidates as a way of renewing her vow. It was a blessing for all. Each one in the discernment class received a celebratory bouquet of two yellow roses, two red roses, and white baby's breath to represent the vow of the Order. The admission and installation of new officers was held at the Sunday Evensong/

Holy Eucharist, a very intimate service, was perfect for the event. A recorded live stream of the service can be viewed via the website for St. Peter's Anglican Cathedral, (5:00 Evensong, September 11, 2022. Link: https://youtu.be/kajgHdUAvNo).

#### St. Michael's Chapter Welcomes New Daughter

On August 4, 2022. St. Michael's Chapter admitted our new member, Gail Lemire. After Gail's admission, we also installed our new officers for the year: President Gale Heritage, Vice President Gail Lemire, Secretary Jane Rush, and Treasurer Lois Deppe. Ruby Mayrath will be providing our devotions. We sisters all thank Ruby Mayrath for guiding us through the last year. She was and is a knowledgeable mentor...we love her! We finished the day with a delicious spread of food and ended with Red Velvet cake.



From left to right: Jane Rush, Gail Lemire (new member), Fr. Richard Jones, Gale Heritage, Lois Deppe, and Ruby Mayrath

#### **Elizabeth Chapter Welcomes Three New Members**

The Elizabeth Chapter at St. Timothy's, Cane Bay, SC, was blessed to admit 3 new members on February 26, 2022. This was our first discernment class since our Chapter formed two years ago. We became a chapter in January of 2020, whereupon our Rector announced he had accepted another posting. The week our new priest, Father Luke Deman, accepted our call, COVID-19 essentially closed us down and caused us to have to take a different path. Zoom meetings became the norm as it did for most of the country, and things like new member teas were out of the question. The Lord is good, helped us grow in Love, Prayer, and Service during 2020 and 2021, and when the time was right, HE called the women to enter into discernment. Especially significant with these Godly women is that our Rector was blessed to install His Mother: Mrs. Kay Deman; His Wife: Mrs. Jennifer Deman; and an "honorary auntie," Mrs. Mariann Lee.





Fr. Luke Deman with Jennifer and Kay Deman and Mariann Lee

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#### **Two New Daughters at HopePointe Anglican Church**

Leticia Gonzalez and Theresa Sznjader were admitted to the Daughters of Hope Chapter at HopePointe Anglican Church on Holy Cross Day, September 14, 2022.



## → Membership Report →



When I first considered standing for the Provincial Membership Chair, I thought it boiled down to processing paperwork for the Order. I think I'm one of many who didn't have a full understanding and appreciation for just how much work our former Membership

Chair, Gail Cahill, has done in the last six and a half years. Gail has tirelessly, efficiently, and joyfully maintained two membership databases, mailed dues statements, coached ladies on the process to form a new chapter, daily assisted members with questions, maintained the chapter and president spreadsheets, mailed crosses and membership cards, patiently trained me, and the list goes on! Of course, Gail wouldn't call it work and neither would I. It's a labor of love.

#### **Chapter Highlights:**

On July 20, we were blessed to welcome the Martha Horn Chapter from Hilton Head Island, SC. These eight ladies were mentored by Helga Billings, of the Esther Chapter in Bluffton, SC. On October 9, the Order's first Chapter in Baltimore, Maryland will be instituted. The Faithful Daughters Chapter was mentored via Zoom by the Elizabeth Chapter in Summerville, SC. Four of those ladies, Wynne Boone, Janet Brasfield, Kay Travinski, and Margaret Weaver, are all traveling to Maryland for the Chapter institution!! What a joyful day that will be!

Currently we have one group of candidates for a new Chapter in Study and Discernment. Tressa Dishman and Valerie Sweat of the Grace Chapter from Jacksonville, FL, have graciously agreed to mentor via Zoom a group of ladies from Savannah, GA. A second group in Greenwood Village, CO, is still in the organizational stage, but should get started very soon. Please keep these ladies in your prayers.

The following chapters have admitted new members since July 1: Daughters of Iona, Gallatin, TN (one new member); Daughters of Hope, The Woodlands, TX (two new members); Daughters of Hope, Baton Rouge, LA (one new member); Trinity, Tallahassee, FL (three new members); Holy Communion Daughters, Dallas, TX (four new members); St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Tulsa, OK (one new member); and Prisca, Bakersfield, CA (three new members).

All forms on the website now appear in your browser as a fillable PDF document. I encourage you to take advantage of this option and to also email forms to me.

Finally, a quick story on the bond and fellowship between Daughters. While in Texas for our Provincial Council meeting, Sharon High and I were working together in Shelly Sorem's family room when in walked her precious granddaughter. She asked Sharon and me "Are you sisters or best friends?" Without hesitation, Sharon and I answered in unison "Both!" And yes, we are!

#### Give us grateful hearts, Our Father, for all thy mercies and make us mindful and ever responsive to the needs of others. Amen.

In Christ Alone and In Thanksgiving,

Linda DaSilva, Membership Chair cell: (678) 910-9669 email: <u>lindacaroline@bellsouth.net</u>



## Retail! Get your DHC Retail!

If you are looking for sharp-looking DHC mugs, aprons, shirts, bags, etc., check out the retail site on the DHC website. Go online to see what Glenna has to offer. You can go to our website and look at Retail or contact Glenna directly at www.embellishedembroidery.com or embellished@att.net.

## Where Do I Send ...?

With a new Provincial Council elected in May, we also have a change in where to send different forms. Hopefully, the following will be helpful.

Please make sure you are using the forms found on the website as they have been updated to reflect the correct addresses to send forms.

## Send the following forms to Sharon High, Treasurer

- Additional/Replacement Cross Form
- Annual Dues Payment (please include Dues Statement)
- Application for Membership\*
- Donation/Gift Form (including donations
- to the In Christ Alone Fund)
- Dues Scholarship
- Lifetime Membership

\* While the Application for Membership form is a membership form, it is sent to the Treasurer as it is typically sent with the new member dues/enrollment fees.

#### Send the following forms to Linda DaSilva, Membership Chair

- Application for Chapter Charter
- Change of Officers
- Disposition of Cross form (if you'd like the Order to retain a copy)
- Intent for Candidate Training Form
- Intent to Create a Chapter
- Project Report Form

- Training Session Attendance Form
- Transition Form

#### Send the following forms to Cindee Herlocker, Finance Chair

- Chapter Service Project Grant Request
- In Christ Alone Grant Application

Remember, **if you are sending money**, even if you are sending it along with forms that go to the Membership Chair, **please send it to the Provincial Treasurer.** Acceptable forms of payment are checks (written to DHC), Zelle or bill pay. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH!** 

Send newsletter articles, photos and suggestions to Barbara Mattick, Editor, email <u>barbaramattick@comcast.net</u>, text (850) 322-2300, or mail: 6605 Man O War Trail, Tallahassee, FL 32309.

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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. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families and to Daughters who knew them.

Dorothy RoebuckSt. Hildegard ChapterMartha BrownSt. Hildegard ChapterTammy BarrettFaith in Christ Chapter

01/25/1929 to 04/20/2022 01/03/1955 to 07/27/2022 1/22/1968 to 08/24/2022

Note: 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.



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#### Deadline for the January –March, 2023 issue is December 15, 2022.

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

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