

*Be Still and Know that I Am Available
The Sevenfold Gift of the Holy Spirit: Freedom and Life*



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For Zoom Instructions – see: https://dokdot.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/DOK_Assembly_2020F_Zoom-Instructions.pdf



"BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD"

The Available Holy Spirit

FALL ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE ON ZOOM

September 19, 2020

- 8:30 AM Assembly opens for early check-in and virtual chat with other attendees on ZOOM
- 8:55 AM Musical prelude: Linda Patterson, PHD & the Glory Bound Singers: Hymn #473 "Lift High the Cross"
- 9:00 AM Morning Prayer: Bishop Jeffery Fisher and The Reverend Dorothy Gremillion
- 9:30 AM Assembly Business Meeting: approval of 2019 minutes, reports, notification of minor bylaws change, Nomination Committee's slate of candidates for election at 2021 Spring Assembly, election of National Council candidate, final announcements
- 9:45 AM Break: 15 min. Visit by chat, obtain refreshments, take a short walk; re-gathering music at
- 9:55 AM Hymn 513 "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"
- 10:00 AM Keynote Presentation: "The Seven-fold Gift of the Holy Spirit: Freedom and Life"
The Very Reverend Cynthia Briggs Kittredge
- 10:50 AM Break: 10 min. Gather workshop materials, chat visit, refreshments; re-gathering music at
- 10:55 AM "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"
- 11:00 AM Workshop One: "The Holy Spirit Resides in You: A Labyrinth Experience"
Glynden Bode: Have at hand the printed workshop materials provided in the large pdf, a pen and paper as well as suggested items. Instruction: 10 min., personal spiritual work: 20 min., personal sharing in breakout rooms: 10 min., regroup: 5 min.
- 11:45 AM Break: 15 min. Gather workshop materials, chat visit, refreshments; re-gathering music at
- 11:55 AM Hymn 512 "Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove"
- 12:00 PM Workshop Two: "Choosing a Personal Icon: Seeing God Everywhere via the Holy Spirit"
Annette Matthews: Have at hand 1-3 magazines, scissors, glue or tape, pen & paper. Instruction: 10 min., personal spiritual work: 20 min., personal sharing in breakout rooms: 10 min., regroup: 5 min.
- 12:45 PM Break: 15 min.
- 12:55 PM Regather: "For His Sake"
- 1:00 PM Noonday Prayer & DOK Rededication: The Reverend Dorothy Gremillion and Shirley Siler
Have at hand the worship program.
- 1:10 PM Adjourn: Parting Song: "God Be with You"

Morning Prayer - Rite Two

The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. **John 4:23**

Confession of Sin

The Officiant says to the people Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Officiant alone says Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant and People

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as
it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

Officiant Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

Officiant and People

Jubilate Psalm 100

**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

Morning Prayer - Rite Two

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

Psalmist Psalm 139: 1-9

¹ O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.
² You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.
³ Even before a word is on my tongue,
O Lord, you know it completely.
⁴ You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
⁵ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.
⁶ Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
⁷ If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
⁸ If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
⁹ Even there your hand will lead me,
and your right hand will hold me fast.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as
it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Lector A reading from 1 Corinthians 12: 4-14

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many.

Officiant Here ends the lesson.

Morning Prayer - Rite Two

Officiant A reading from Luke 11: 9-13

⁹“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for^[a] a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit^[b] to those who ask him!”

Officiant Here ends the lesson.

The Sermon – The Right Reverend Jeff W. Fisher

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People together

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,**

Morning Prayer - Rite Two

as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. **And grant us your salvation.**
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. **Let your people sing with joy.**
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. **Your saving health among all nations.**
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

Collect for Saturdays

Almighty God, who after the creation of the world rested from all your works and sanctified a day of rest for all your creatures: Grant that we, putting away all earthly anxieties, may be duly prepared for the service of your sanctuary, and that our rest here upon earth may be a preparation for the eternal rest promised to your people in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for Guidance

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Collect for Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

At this time we invite your own prayers, thanksgivings, and intercessions

Morning Prayer - Rite Two

The Necrology for 2019

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

The Bishop offers a blessing

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Romans 15:13



BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA
Fall Assembly Saturday, September 19, 2020

CALL TO ORDER:	Annette Matthews: Quorum is 40
OPENING PRAYER:	The Reverend Dorothy Gremillion
ANNOUNCEMENTS:	Annette Matthews: <u>WELCOME</u> to our first Virtual Assembly! You will <u>always</u> be muted today except in a workshop breakout room. To make motions or nominations in <u>this</u> meeting you must use the <i>chat</i> box and send the <i>chat</i> message to Taylor Brittain, Cheryl Kimbrough, and Annette Matthews altogether. You may <i>message chat</i> with other individual attendees at any time. Do <u>not</u> chat to all the attendees. Your cooperation will help complete this meeting expeditiously. The website PDF referenced in the agenda is the large PDF on the website from which you copied all your Essential Assembly Documents. I'll be speaking for most of the people listed below.
OFFICERS REPORTS:	In the website PDF: President and Committees. (<i>any questions? contact the officer via telephone or email</i>)
VICE PRESIDENT:	Karen Courville – Convocation Representative status
RECORDING SECRETARY:	Cheryl Kimbrough - Minutes of Spring Assembly in the website PDF. Motion to accept?
TREASURER:	Shirley Siler - Report via email; amount in accounts, activity, budget - questions? Grants: 1 - St. Isidore for \$1500 to feed low income families from the Abundant Harvest Food Pantry. See Grants and Membership page in the website PDF.
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY:	Margaret Carpenter - Report in website PDF; no new chapters since the last Assembly; <u>ALL</u> chapter officers may obtain chapter lists on the National website, see instructions in the website PDF. Assembly attendance
BYLAWS REVISIONS:	Kathryn Wohnoutka – See minor revision and rationale in the website PDF. No vote required. Must vote on National Council nominee.
ONGOING BUSINESS:	Nomination Committee - Linda Blumberg, Renate Walker, Nancy Polmanter: Report in website PDF. Must vote on National Council nominee. Shirley Siler presented to stand. Nominations from the floor?
OLD BUSINESS:	Awaiting <i>Chapter Manual</i> translation end of this month; need bilingual volunteers as liaisons with Hispanic chapters; JDOK materials on the website, Treasurer's Primer and new spreadsheet on website soon; published <i>Angelus</i> in May: Linda Blumberg edited
NEW BUSINESS:	Annette Matthews – <u>In place of the Presidents Meeting</u> , see updated <u>President & Officers Meeting Information</u> in the website PDF; contact me for any questions
PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:	Please, read the presenters biographies as I will not be introducing them. Friday Night Covid and Nehemiah Prayer Vigils ongoing, see National website; DGD applications will be accepted until Oct. 31, see Province VII website; FIND program; Virtual Province Assembly Saturday, Oct. 3, register on last website PDF page; Brothers of St. Andrew Charity Golf Tournament on Oct. 8, tee-off at noon at Cypresswood Golf Course, call Dan Brast 713-882-5058, email Annette for brochure. Triennial in Baltimore, June 23-27. Anything else? Send a <i>chat message</i> .
2021 SPRING ASSEMBLY:	Mary Magdalene Chapter of St. John the Divine, <u>The Aware Cosmic Christ</u> , March 5-6
ADJOURNMENT:	Annette Matthews – Thanks & Motion to adjourn?

Fall Assembly 2019 Business Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2019
Camp Allen Navasota, Texas

Opening Song:	Glory Bound Singers – “Chanting Yes to Christ My Chosen”
Call to Order	President Annette Matthews noted that a quorum was present.
Prayer:	Chaplain Rev. Dorothy Gremillion opening prayer
Announcements:	Annette Matthews: thanked Ruth Chapter at St. Cuthbert and St. Margaret of Scotland Chapter at St. Dunstan, Houston, our hosts, esp. Corinne Danielli and Helen Gilbert, along with Shirley Jarrell and Connie Etter. A welcome was extended to honored Province & National guests as well as all Attendees, the Executive Board, Committee Chairs, and Convocation Representatives. Reminder given: Check-out decided by Camp Allen is 11:00 AM.
Officer Reports:	In your packet <i>(any questions? Contact the officer via telephone or email)</i>
Vice President Report:	Karen Courville gave Convocation Representative Status, requesting volunteers for vacancy, SE Convocation; Volunteer does not need to be a member of that convocation. Outgoing Interim VP Nancy Polmanter , thanked all for prayers and announced treatment near end as she continues to heal.
Secretary Report:	Cheryl Kimbrough , acknowledged spelling corrections Motion by Renate Walker, Good Shepherd Friendswood, to accept amended report, Second by Debbie Williams, Trinity Woodlands, Unanimous approval
Treasurer Report:	Shirley Siler explained 4 Grants, memorials and gifts totaling \$6400. 2020 Budget reviewed, Motion by Teresa Antley , Holy Trinity, Dickinson, to accept as proposed; Second by Kathie Richard, Good Shepherd Friendswood, Unanimous approval
Membership Secretary:	Margaret Carpenter introduced; 3 new chapters Llenas de Gracia Chapter , San Mateo, Houston JDOK Lydia Chapter , Ascension, Houston, Edie Wakefield Chapter , Holy Innocents in Madisonville Presidents have access to member lists on the National website; Assembly registration, 160
Bylaws Revisions:	Kathryn Wahnoutka , Chairwoman of the Bylaws Committee, thanked the Bylaws committee members: Linda Blumberg, Virginia Tippen, and Annette Matthews. The committee proposed revisions to bring the bylaws into conformation with the National DOK Style Guidelines shown in blue and other revisions related to current practices, nomination committee recommendations, and office qualifications shown in red. The revisions in blue were approved by the Executive Board at the Board meeting on Friday, September 13, 2019. Annette Matthews opened the meeting to discussion on the revised Bylaw changes in red. There was none.
Vote on Bylaws revisions:	Motion was made by Bylaws Committee Chairwoman, Kathryn Wahnoutka to accept all bylaws revisions in red. Seconded by Shirley Siler, St. Luke’s on the Lake; Unanimous approval. Revised Bylaws will post on website.
Old Business:	Annette Matthews asked if website revisions were useful, encouraged use as a resource
New Business:	Annette Matthews gave an update on Hispanic chapters, the need for Chapter Manual translation into Spanish & encouraged Spanish-speaking Daughters to make themselves known to her. She also mentioned the JDOK materials & treasurer’s primer on the website, newly published <i>Angelus</i> & the need for volunteers for the JDOK retreat
Ongoing Business:	Helen Paulson announced the Box Top program will end soon due to procedural changes. Unexpired tops can still be sent to Helen until the end of the year.

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Helen Gilbert, announced Host Chapters Charity for ½ of the Assembly collection: Hope Center Houston

Shirley Siler, announced Diocesan Board Charity for ½ of the collection: Camp Gilmont , Gilmer TX Total collected: \$1380

Helen Gilbert presented Diocesan Board President, **Annette Matthews** with a gift from the Host Chapters for her support

Patsy Organ invited members to Sign up for the Diocesan Prayer List and to visit the Prayer Room.

President's Remarks:

Annette Matthews encouraged members to complete and turn in Evaluations; listed opportunities to serve; programs to consider Daughters Going Deeper; FIND; Designing Effective Chapter Meetings; the National Strategic Plan & 2018 Chapter Manual and DOK handbooks are available on the National website; Asked Rev. Dorothy to speak to her new website: www.spiritualityclassroom.com;

Reminded members to check out by 11:00 an gave Instructions on choosing a workshop at 2:00, and to use free time for socializing, praying & shopping with vendors;

2020 Spring Assembly:

Skit by the Mary Magdalene Chapter of St. John the Divine

Inviting members to DOK Diocesan Spring Assembly at

St. John the Divine, Houston, March 20-21, 2020 Theme:

"Be Still and Know That I Am God: The Aware Cosmic Christ"

Adjournment:

Annette Matthews thanked everyone for coming and gave kudos to St. Cuthbert's Ruth Chapter and St. Dunstan's St. Margaret of Scotland Chapter for a job well done!

Invited everyone return for keynote speaker at **10:15** and to attend the workshops; requested everyone to return to this area at 2:55 for Closing and to receive "To Go Bags".

Respectfully submitted

Cheryl Ladner Kimbrough

2020 Grants Given and Membership Report

In August the Executive Board approved a \$1500 grant to the **St. Isidore Abundant Harvest Food Pantry** to provide food for very low-income families. Previously we had given \$100 to the **Province VII** for hurricane relief via Episcopal Relief Ministries, \$1500 to **Grace 2 Go**, \$1300 to the **Grace Garden Ministry**, \$1500 towards the **translation of the National Chapter Manual** into Spanish, \$1500 to the **Glory Bound Singers** to enable them to record a new CD, turned in the last of **Box Top\$** for a financial contribution to a Catholic elementary school, Assembly contributions of \$690 to **Camp Gilmont**. After this assembly in December, 2019, we granted \$1500 to Reverend Dorothy Gremillion for **Spirituality Classroom** and \$1500 for St. Mark's, Austin, **Shower Ministry**. In March 2020 we gave a \$1500 grant to **St. Isidore's Outreach Ministry Kitchen** for capital improvements. This totals **\$12,590.00** from the Missionary Fund.

National provided the following figures for **donations** from YOU and your chapters for the past fiscal year. It totals **\$16,431.91** ! Grand Total = **\$29,021.91** !! Thank-you for your generosity!

Province 7, Diocesan Assembly of Texas September 1, 2019 - August 31, 2020	
Alpha Fund	2,306.75
Dues Assistance	110.00
Endowment Fund	4,114.70
General Support	1,093.00
International Crosses	50.00
International Development	100.00
Master's Fund	2,649.25
National Enrichment	2,050.00
Self-Denial Fund	3,958.21

Membership Report

Total Sr. Chapters 109 **Episcopal** 107 **Anglican** ? 1 **Catholic** 1 **Lutheran** none
Daughters at Large (DAL) 106 **Total Sr. Members** (including Daughters at Large) 2332
Sr. Chapters in formation 1 **Sr. Daughters in formation** ? less than 20 **Sr. Lifetime Members** 96

Total Jr. Chapters 18 **Episcopal** 18 **Anglican** none **Catholic** none **Lutheran** none
Total Jr. Members 195 **Jr. Chapters in formation** 1 **Jr. Daughter in formation** 14

88 DOK were dropped this year for nonpayment since 2017.

174 DOK are in danger of losing their membership in December for nonpayment since 2018.

689 Daughters have not yet paid dues for 2019. Dues for 2020 were to be paid 2 weeks ago.

Announcement of Required Bylaws Change

The bylaws conflicts are bolded in italics in red.

Our Bylaws read: ARTICLE III: OFFICERS, ELECTIONS, TERM OF OFFICE, AND VACANCIES

Section 2. Nominations: A Nominating Committee comprised of at least three (3) members shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Board at the Spring Assembly prior to the year of the National Triennial Retreat. The committee shall present a candidate for each office as well as a candidate for National Council. Nominating Committee candidates shall be announced at the Fall Assembly prior to the year of the National Triennial Retreat. Nominations from the floor at an assembly shall be accepted providing the member is in good standing and meets all qualifications.

Section 4. Elections: *The election of all executive board officers and the National Council candidate shall take place at the Spring Assembly in the year of the National Triennial Retreat.* The vote may be by voice or by ballot. A majority of the votes cast will constitute an election. See Officer Election Schedule

National Bylaws read: ARTICLE VII. MEETINGS Section 1. National Convention D: Nominations 3.

3. Each Diocesan Assembly may nominate one member of The Order for election to National Council, having obtained her consent. The name and qualifications of the member nominated must be submitted on the National Council Nominee Form to the National Office *by January 15* of the National Convention year.

Therefore, to bring our bylaws into compliance with the National Bylaws we must amend **Section 4** of DOK-DOT bylaws by the method described below in **ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS Section 2. Bylaws Conflicts** as written below:

Section 2. Bylaws Conflicts: Any part of these Bylaws conflicting with the National Bylaws, the Rules of The Order established by the National Council, or the Provincial VII Bylaws shall be brought into agreement by the Executive Board at its next meeting. No vote at an assembly is required; however, the action shall be recorded and any changes posted in the appropriate Assembly communications.

Accordingly, this is a formal posting of the amended

ARTICLE III: OFFICERS, ELECTIONS, TERM OF OFFICE, AND VACANCIES

Section 4. Elections: The election of the National Council candidate shall take place at the Fall Assembly prior to the year of the National Triennial Retreat. The election of all executive board officers shall take place at the Spring Assembly in the year of the National Triennial Retreat. The vote may be by voice or by ballot. A majority of the votes cast will constitute an election. See Officer Election Schedule.

Diocese of Texas – Nominating Committee Biographies

PRESIDENT – VICTORIA B “TORY” ARNOLD, RN FCN

I am a cradle Episcopalian, baptized at six weeks old in the Diocese of Eau Claire Wisconsin. I was raised in northern Wisconsin but got to Texas as soon as I could.

I became a Daughter of the King in 1998 following my Mom Mary Ellen and daughter Jessi making us three generations of Daughters. We three attended the 2003 Triennial in Minneapolis together; it was a bittersweet, poignant time because my Mom died 3 weeks later. What a glorious gift to spend that last time together praising and sharing.

Singing with the Glory Bound Singers since 2000 has been an amazing spiritual experience. What a powerful group of prayer warriors, they have taught me so much and been like a second chapter for me.

Working with the JDOK at the chapter, diocese, provincial and national levels has been my joyous honor; the girls are inspirational and so honest in their love for Jesus. I have also served as Camp Nurse for the DOTJDOK Assemblies at Camp Allen, now THAT is an experience!

Completing the Daughters Going Deeper program and mentoring other sisters in their walk has been spiritually rewarding; it is a study I would highly recommend.

I have been a nurse for 42 years, serving in ICU, ED, L&D, NICU, Home Health, Hospice, Case Management, and House Supervisor. My latest certification is in Faith Community Nursing, I have become our Parish Nurse which has become a ministry like no other.

I bring you the message of the love of Christ, the joy that he has for us daily and the hope in tomorrow. God's peace Y'all



VICE PRESIDENT – KAREN COURVILLE

Karen was installed as a Daughter on May 1, 1999 at Trinity Episcopal Church in Baytown, TX. She has been a member of Christ Church Episcopal in Tyler, TX since summer of 2007 where she has served as Chapter Vice President and President. She has been married to Shelton Courville for 35 years and has been a Steel Sales representative for 42 years. Karen has also served as a Community of Hope leader, a trained and active spiritual director, retreat leader, and Stephens Minister. She is certified in Mental Health First Aid USA and is a current UT Tyler Hospital volunteer chaplain. She has also served many years on teams for the "Epiphany" youthful offender ministry and "Kairos" prison ministry for adults as well as Cursillo. Guided by 1Corinthians 12:4-6 "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but the same God who empowers them all in everyone," Karen loves serving Christ and others.



Diocese of Texas – Nominating Committee Biographies

RECORDING SECRETARY – TERESA ANTLEY

I am Teresa Antley. I am married with 3 adult children and 16 beautiful grandchildren. I joined the Episcopal church and Holy Trinity Dickinson, TX in 1978 where I still attend. I became a Daughter of the King and joined Saints Mary and Martha Chapter in 1987. I have been our chapter President, Vice President and Secretary several times throughout the years. Currently I am assisting Linda Blumberg with the publicity for DOK DOT mostly on Facebook. I would be honored to serve the Daughters as Recording Secretary for the Diocese of Texas.



MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY – NANCY POLMANter

I am a life long Episcopalian, and came to Christ Episcopal Church in Temple in 2012. I became a member of the DOK in 2015. I have served as President of our Chapter since 2016 and also served as Interim VP on the Diocesan DOK Board. I belong to a Women's Bible Study group, work in our Christ Church Caring program, volunteer in the church office and serve in lay ministry. I have been married to my husband, Gary, for 63 years and we have 4 grown children, 6 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren. I earned a BS in computer science from American Technological University in Killeen, TX, and worked in information systems in banking and in city and county government programs retiring from Bell County's Information Systems Department.



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TREASURER – KATHY AKIN

I am a cradle Episcopalian. Born in Omaha Nebraska. I was baptized as an infant and confirmed around 11 years old. Moved to Austin in 1972.

What I have done within the church:

Jr. Altar Guild, Jr. Choir, Sr. Choir member for more than 30 years, EYC participant, Taught Sunday school over the years, Vestry/Bishop Committee member, Sr. Altar Guild, Managed Sunday Morning Nursery, Set up the Bread Ministry for Visitors, Attended Cursillo, On Team for a Cursillo, Daughter of the King since 1978, Daughter of the King Glory Bound Singer since 1998, Attended 6 International Triennials for the Daughter of the King, Diocesan Treasurer for the Daughters of the King, DOK Chapter President for multiple years, DOK Chapter Treasurer for multiple years, Head of Operation Christmas Child at St. Luke's for 5 years, Community of Hope Training, Disciples of Christ Training, Facilitator for the Sunday Morning Meditation Class, Attended multiple Order of St. Luke's conferences, Attended TAEHS classes.

When I was young my family formed St. John the Divine in Burkburnet Texas. We held services in our home until we were able to obtain land and build a building. We were the altar guild, choir, lay readers, ushers, Sunday school teachers, Senior Warden, Junior Warden and even the sexton.

Here in Austin I am a founding member of St. Alban's Episcopal Church. Attended there for over 30 years. Moved my membership to St. Luke's on the Lake 8 years ago to worship with my daughter, Sarah Grissom and her family, Darren, Grace, and Libby. Family worship is very important to me. I am blessed to be able to see my granddaughters, Grace and Libby Grissom, growing up in the church.

Professionally, I was the founder and President of Akin Business Service, a business management company started in 1987. We provide accounting, income tax preparation, personal financial management and business management services. I have recently sold this company to my son in law, Josh and am now the CFO for a Family Office.



NATIONAL COUNCIL NOMINEE – SHIRLEY SILER, CPA

Shirley Siler, a member of St. Luke's on the Lake, Austin, has been a Daughter of the King since 10/2009 and has served as the DOKDOT Treasurer since 2013. Shirley has served in the US Air Force as a PMEL Technician, attended college on the GI Bill at Central Missouri State University, and spent several years in public accounting in Eugene, Oregon and Austin, Texas. Her first experience with fund accounting was with a military community in Wiesbaden, Germany, converting manual books to a computerized accounting system and managing a staff of 30. Since returning to Texas in 1991, she has worked with an accounting software development company and consulted with hundreds of nonprofit, governmental, and quasi-governmental organizations with a focus on training and process improvement. She has been placed in the public eye at trade shows and conferences, leading small and large sessions on a variety of topics. Shirley's unique experience with management, nonprofits, accounting, and computers makes her a valued asset as the CFO at Lifetime Recovery, an addiction treatment facility in San Antonio.



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September 1 –12: Prepared for Fall Assembly, coordinating speakers, host chapters, Camp Allen personnel, and board members. Emailed all required documents to host chapters and the board. Provided for room and AV setups. Arranged for preparation of contract for next Camp Allen Assembly.

September 6-8: Attended Province VII Board Meeting at Mustang Island Conference Center in Aransas Pass, TX.

September 13-14: Presided over the Board meeting and Fall Assembly at Camp Allen, hosted by St. Cuthbert's Ruth Chapter and St. Dunstan's St. Margaret of Scotland Chapter, "Be Still and Know That I Am God: The Incarnated Aware Jesus". Signed Camp Allen contract for Fall Assembly 2020.

November: Attempted to confirm Spring 2021 Assembly site at Good Shepherd, Kingwood. They declined. Confirmed a workshop leader for this coming spring 2020. Learned that funding for the Spanish translation of the Chapter Manual was sufficient to begin translation. More funds will be needed.

December: Contacted Bishop-Waco Chapter treasurer, Suzanne Acevedo, to provide DOK presence at the Diocesan Council meeting in February. After discussion with her chapter, it volunteered to host the DOK booth at Council whenever Council meets in Waco. The Executive Board at the last board meeting had authorized reimbursement of expenses for the booth and literature. A check to reserve a booth was sent to the chapter. Updated current events on the website with Linda Blumberg. Recruited her for the nomination committee as well as Renate Walker. Toured St. John the Divine, Houston, with its chapter president, Paula Burns, and secretary, Marti Clement, in preparation for the upcoming Assembly in March. Approved its registration materials and flyer to be sent to all chapters, DOK, and posted them on the website. Assisted National in obtaining missing information re chapter presidents. Attempted to recruit a keynote speaker for March from the Rice University faculty. Received revised copies of meeting minutes of both the Executive Board and the Assembly.

January: Revised the guidelines for host chapters and emailed the revision to upcoming host chapters. Continued working with National to determine chapter presidents, total chapters, failing chapters, Hispanic chapters. Learned that a Spanish translation of the Chapter Manual should be ready in about 2-3 months. Recruited Nancy Polmanter to serve as the Convocation Representative for SE as well as serve on the nominations committee. Posted Assembly registration materials on the website and emailed them via convocation representatives to all DOK. Volunteered in the kitchen at the Jr. DOK Retreat at Camp Allen for 4 hours on January 11. Recruited the Spring keynote speaker, Whitney Kirby, from Episcopal High School in Austin. Arranged for a flower bouquet to be sent on behalf of the Board to Membership Chair Margaret Carpenter upon the untimely death of her husband.

February: Coordinated with the Waco Chapter for it to serve as a DOK presence at Council and reimbursed the chapter for expenses. They spoke with about 50 women at Council. Collected information re quiet days to date. Revised duties for Convocation Representatives. Recruited new Rep for the San Jacinto Convocation, Elisa Hall. Met with Georgia Kirk (Tomball) & Ellen Ratliff (Conroe) re Fall Assembly invitation & planning. Coordinated with St. John the Divine, Bishop Fisher, Dr. Linda Patterson & all participants re the Spring Assembly program. Determined with the Board the Province Outreach Grant to St. Isidore's ministries. Obtained the Necrology Report for Diocesan and Province Assemblies. Recruited a 2nd workshop leader. Communicated with the National President re Spanish translations (nearly completed!). Called for board reports. Located a restaurant for the Bishop's dinner. Worked on all necessary agendas & documents to be organized & sent to St. John the Divine through March. Sent the necrology report and our outreach grant

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decision to Province VII. Recruited a new Rep for East Harris Convocation, Catherine Thompson. Recruited The Reverend Louise Samuelson to serve as chaplain for Assembly as Rev. Dorothy was unable to attend.

March: Due to the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic the spring DOK Assembly was suspended with the approval of the Executive Board and Bishop Fisher. St. John the Divine's DOK chapter agreed to host the spring 2021 assembly using the plans already developed for this assembly. All the workshop leaders, Kipp Richter and Louise Samuelson, and the keynote speaker, Whitney Kirby, committed to participate as originally planned on March 5-6, 2021. Good Shepherd, Tomball and St. James, Conroe agreed to proceed with the 2020 Fall Assembly plans aware that assembly might also be suspended.

May: With the participation of the board members and The Reverend Dorothy and the editing of Linda Blumberg we published a summer edition of the Angelus. I summarized the activities that were ongoing for the assembly in article. A new junior and a senior DOK chapter are being organized.

June: With the approval of the Executive Board and with the knowledge of Bishop Fisher the Fall Assembly reservations at Camp Allen were cancelled in an attempt to save money by not delaying the cancellation to within 90 days of the scheduled Assembly. We lost our reservation deposit but the meeting monies potentially lost by the cancellation will be applied to Fall Assembly 2021 per Camp Allen. The Fall Assembly will be virtual on zoom on Saturday, September 19, from 9 AM to 1 PM. Workshop leaders agreed to prepare for online activities and the keynote speaker will speak on the 7-fold Gift of the Holy Spirit as we move into the Holy Spirit year of my term. Good Shepherd, Tomball and St. James, Conroe were asked to host the Fall Assembly of 2021. Updated website.

July: Continued to communicate with Seminary of the Southwest to confirm our keynote speaker for September. Dean Cynthia Kittredge is confirmed to present the keynote address. Karen Courville replaced outgoing Convocation Rep Judy Bauer in NW Convocation with Carol Mellis. Worked with JDOK directress to update JDOK database. Parliamentarian Kathy Wohnoutka advised me that our bylaws were out of compliance with National in regards to election of a National Council candidate. We reworked the offending passage and it was approved by the executive board for publication at the fall assembly requiring no vote as per our bylaws.

August: Held a ZOOM formal Board business meeting on August 5 followed by a planning meeting for virtual assembly in September. Worked with Linda Blumberg to prepare a ZOOM instruction sheet for assembly attendees. Prepared bulletins for morning and noonday prayer for Assembly and coordinated with Rev. Dorothy and Bishop Fisher for final form and method of recording the service. Worked with Bishop Fisher's secretary to determine the zoom platform requirements and sent first assembly invitation to register to the Executive Board, followed by invitation to the entire assembly. Prepared the President's Report for National DOK and an abbreviated version for the ECW. Prepared my workshop for the fall assembly. With National and Province updated membership of lifetime members in the National database. Revised the agreement between the Glory Bound Singers and the DOKDOT and incorporated their funds into the diocesan operating account. A financial liaison (Susan Fletcher) between the GBS and the diocesan treasurer was established. Obtained Executive Board consent to establish a zoom account for the DOKDOT. Contacted all assembly participants (presenters and contributors) for final instructions and clarifications.

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Other Diocesan Officer and Committee Chair Reports

Vice President's Report

I have sent emails of diocesan communications to the Convocation Representatives of news that needed to go out to the individual chapters including assembly information and quiet days. Presently updating new chapter presidents and convocation representatives.

We had five convocation representative changes since Fall Assembly, September 2019. Welcome Nancy Polmanter, the new representative for Southeast. Thank you, Mary-Ann Mastrangelo for filling in for the past few months. The new representative for San Jacinto is Elisa Hall, for Northwest is Carol Mellis, and for East Harris is Catherine Thompson. Thank you to the Convocation Representatives for your service.

FHS,
Karen Courville - Vice President

Secretary

See minutes from last fall's business meeting in this PDF.

Treasurer

See financial activity and budget [attached to attendee assembly link email](#) and grants & membership page in this PDF.

Membership Secretary

See grants and membership page in this PDF
Margaret Carpenter

Prayer Chair

I continue to receive and send out prayer requests on the diocesan prayer request line. Please, see dokdot.org website for details.
Patsy Organ

2020 Fall Updated President/Vice President/Convocation Representative Information Sheet

1. From: Annette Matthews. WELCOME! **Your VP, Karen Courville, sends emails from me** to your Convocation Representative who will forward them to your Chapter President who should forward all emails **to YOU!** **Do you know your Convocation and your Convocation Representative?** Your Chapter's President should contact her Convo Rep.
2. Every Chapter should have **Bylaws**. National and our own Diocesan websites provide sample templates for creating your chapter's bylaws. The template is posted on the www.DOKDOT.org website under [Resources / Policies](#).
3. A brief **treasurer's report** should be a part of every meeting and a record kept as part of the **minutes** of the meeting. The Chapter President should assure **minutes** are taken at all meetings and that a record of these minutes is filed with the Church office each year. A **Treasurers Primer** is located on the website under [Resources](#).
4. **Dues** are now paid individually, collected by National online or in the mail by check. You may collect for the entire chapter and send the dues by mail, but be sure to include each Daughter's membership number. Dues became **overdue** September 1. Only the officers listed at National may obtain chapter member lists. Check your list monthly for Daughters who have not paid their dues. Dues assistance is available on multiple levels (beginning at the chapter).
5. Your **2020 Chapter Officers Form is past due now**. Note: if you filled out the online form on the National website, you simply need to notify your Convocation Representative about your chapter's President and her contact information. If you have not yet completed your chapter's officers form online, do it as soon as possible after this assembly.
6. Submit pictures/articles and other information on any of your upcoming or past events for publication to the Diocesan assistant webmaster, Linda Blumberg at l_blumberg@alumni.utexas.net.
7. The Diocesan President is available as a resource for assistance and to present the charters to new chapters. You may request that a Board Member be present for installation of new members.
8. We **strongly** encourage **every** chapter, whether singly or in groups, be trained by one of our **Designing More Effective Chapter Meeting Trainers**. Trainers are listed in the Resources section of the website. This training lasts 3 hours and will vastly improve the quality of your meetings.
9. Email any **flyers or publicity about your chapter's events** to your Convocation Representative to forward to Chapter Presidents of surrounding churches in your convocation or neighboring convocations.
10. If you know **nonprofit ministries** that would appreciate additional startup or expansion funding, encourage the ministry leader to view the DOK missionary grant policy and application form on the www.dokdot.org websites' [Resources / Grants](#). It is a time-limited grant. Suggest s/he check the Province website as well.
11. The Diocesan President may grant **tuition** (or hardship) **scholarships** for dues and/or Assembly attendance. Use the application form on the website under [Resources / Grants](#). This kind of grant should be requested only after the Daughter's chapter's and church's resources have been pursued. Dues assistance is not permanent. See dues policies under [Resources / Important Policies](#). Check out National and Province dues and assistance policies on their sites.
12. IMPORTANT RESOURCES:
 - Diocesan website: <http://www.dokdot.org>. Check out [Resources](#) for chapter enrichment, forms, policies, grants, bylaws, & more. Send photos, dates of workshops, spiritual enrichment program names, service project ideas, and personal stories to the President or Webmasters listed on the website.
 - Province VII website: www.dokprov7.org. Locate other resources and ideas for service & spiritual enrichment programs as well as ministry and hardship assistance grants.

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- National website address: <http://www.doknational.org>. Send photos, spiritual enrichment ideas and other items of interest to the *Royal Cross*, especially personal stories. Obtain forms, policies, literature, chapter handbooks and manuals, ideas and other resources from the website.
- **SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES** (formerly called programs) for your chapter are listed on our website's Resources. **Let the Diocesan President know about activities that should be added or you cannot locate.**
- ***Daughters Going Deeper***: A 2-year program for personal spiritual development. Application forms are located on the Province VII website. Highly recommended; mentor-led. **The application deadline has been extended to Oct. 31, 2020.**

13. If your chapter would be blessed to **host an Assembly** or you or one of your Daughters is called to **serve** as a diocesan board officer, committee chair or convocation representative, contact President Annette Matthews at acmmatt@msn.com.

14. If you or anyone in your chapter would like to receive the confidential **Diocesan Prayer Request Chain** by email or add a prayer request to the chain, contact the Prayer Chair Patsy Organ at rorgan@aol.com.

15. Use the current online National website Transition Form to report the death of a member in your chapter and then consider donating to the Endowment Fund or an appropriate fund as a memorial to celebrate and memorialize her life.

16. **CORRECTION**: You may **NOT** transition a DOK to DAL status if the Daughter refuses to communicate regarding her intentions &/or when she is known to attend another church or no church and does not attend your chapter's meetings. She cannot become a DAL as long as she attends a church with a chapter and pays her dues regardless of attendance.

17. Do you know of churches with struggling chapters or no chapter in your area? Let President Annette Matthews, VP Karen Courville or Membership Secretary Margaret Carpenter know about them.

18. Presidents: Read and use the current **2018 Chapter Manual** available online at the National website. Encourage your chapter members to bring their **2018 Daughter Handbooks** to meetings for common prayers, the Prayer of The Order and the Motto, and to correctly identify DOK funds and policies when they come into question. Obtain the most current version en masse when new versions are printed (or every other new version). Shipping is significantly cheaper for a group than for an individual. **New 2018 editions** are available! Every Daughter should purchase or download a copy of the *Chapter Manual* or read it online.

19. Once a year or every 2 years, go over the *Chapter Manual* and *The Daughter's Handbook* during a chapter meeting to refresh your understanding of The Order's work, policies, and opportunities. They are updated nearly every 3 years.

20. Check out National's website for **The Strategic Plan** videos and consider using *The Companion* as a chapter program. It's free!

21. **ALL officers, all of them**, have access to their chapter's database. See: Instructions for Chapter List on our site.

22. With what do you need help?

23. Any other questions?

FINALLY, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY: LOOK UPON YOUR DOK CHAPTER AS A COMMITTED COMMUNITY OF WOMEN DEDICATED TO THE COMMON GOAL OF DEVELOPING EVERY DAUGHTER'S SPIRITUALITY. Everything you do (except necessary and minimal business) should involve spiritual growth. If it doesn't, don't do it. Rethink your activities in all areas: spiritual enrichment activities, prayer, service, and evangelism. God wants and expects you to grow!

CHAPTER LIST INSTRUCTIONS

Located at:

https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.doknational.org/resource/resmgr/officers_corner/instructions_for_chapter_lis.pdf

Chapter List Instructions

Sign In

- STEP ONE: To generate a membership list, please sign into your member profile on the national website, www.doknational.org
- STEP TWO: Go to **Resources** and then choose **Officer's Corner**
- STEP THREE: Click the **Sign In** button found in the middle of the page
- STEP FOUR: Use the same username and password that you use to sign into your member profile and click **Login**
- STEP FIVE: Your membership list will load to the screen

Downloading the List

- STEP ONE: Once your membership list has loaded to the screen you will be able to select a format to download
- STEP TWO: Two blue buttons are available for selection above the title of your membership list
- OPTION ONE: Download (CSV - spreadsheet)
- OPTION TWO: Download (PDF)
- STEP THREE: You will see a pop-up message **"You are downloading confidential information for officer use only. Do not distribute."** You must select **OK** to continue.
- If you do not see your report, you may need to turn off the pop-up blocker.*

What do I do with my list?

Verify that all information is accurate and that each Daughter is current in her dues. Please check all information, but pay close attention to the highlighted cells. The chart below identifies what each highlight means:

Is not current in dues
Bad address
Invalid Email

CHAPTER LIST INSTRUCTIONS

1. Confirm that all members have paid or are paying their annual dues

- Using the **Membership** column on the chapter list, identify the last fiscal year in which a member has paid her dues.
- Encourage members who owe dues to pay using one of following options:
 - The primary method of paying dues is online **through the member's profile**.
 - Pay annual dues with a check mailed in to the National Office noting the invoice **number or member number on the check's memo line or with the Individual Dues Payment Form**.
 - **A chapter officer can submit the chapter's dues together in one check sent to the National Office with the Chapter Dues Payment Form.**

2. Confirm that the information on the Chapter List is accurate

- **Check that each member's address, phone numbers, and email address is correct. Members can update their contact information in their profile on the national website.**

OPTION ONE: Members can update their contact information in their profile on the national website

OPTION TWO: Update the chapter list:

- PDF chapter list – mark through the incorrect information and write the correct information
- CSV (spreadsheet) – correct and highlight (so the office is aware of the change) the updated information

OPTION THREE: Complete a **Transition Form** and submit to the National Office.

- Confirm that all members in your chapter are present on the list. Complete a **Transition Form** to transfer members into the chapter or complete an **Application for Reinstatement**. You may need to contact the National Office to inquire why a member is not listed.
- Identify any member who should not be on the list. Complete a **Transition Form** to report deaths and resignation.
- Ensure that the officers for the chapter are correctly identified. Complete the **Chapter Officers Form** to update officers.

Once the chapter list has been reviewed as described above, mail or email the list to the National Office along with the appropriate forms. All forms are available on the national website, www.doknational.org, menu under Resources. Please note that some forms can be completed online, while others must be downloaded, printed, and filled out by hand.

The Very Rev. Cynthia Briggs Kittredge

Dean and President and Professor of New Testament
Seminary of the Southwest

BA, Williams College
MDiv, ThM, ThD, Harvard Divinity School



Dean Kittredge is the eighth dean and president of Seminary of the Southwest. She was appointed in 2013 after serving on the faculty as the Ernest J. Villavaso, Jr. Professor of New Testament and as academic dean. Prior to joining the seminary faculty in 1999, Dean Kittredge taught at Harvard University and the College of the Holy Cross.

Fascinated by the interplay of intellect and imagination in the interpretation of scripture, she wrote *A Lot of the Way Trees Were Walking: Poems from the Gospel of Mark*.

A biblical scholar valued by her colleagues for her insight, Dean Kittredge is a contributor to *The New Oxford Annotated Bible* and the *Women's Bible Commentary*, and the author of *Conversations with Scripture: The Gospel of John* and *Community and Authority: The Rhetoric of Obedience in the Pauline Tradition*. She co-edited *The Bible in the Public Square: Reading the Signs of the Times* and *Walk in the Ways of Wisdom: Essays in Honor of Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza*. She is the co-editor of *the Fortress Commentary on the Bible: The New Testament* (2014).

Cynthia serves as assisting priest at The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Austin. She is married and has three grown children. Cynthia enjoys walking, swimming, and making art.

Workshop Presenters for Fall Assembly 2020

Workshop 1

The Holy Spirit Resides in You: A Labyrinth Experience



Glynden Bode

Rev. Glynden Bode is an ordained minister (now retired) in The United Methodist Church, and was also certified by the UMC in both Spiritual Formation and Christian Education. She attended Perkins School of Theology (Dallas), and Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary (Evanston, IL). She has served on numerous boards and committees, including chairing the Charis Spiritual Director Training board for over a decade.

Gifted by one of her parishes with a canvas labyrinth, Glynden has shared it in many groups and retreats over the last twenty years. Glynden is a wife, mother, and grandmother, and enjoys reading, knitting, cooking, art, nature, family and friends.

Workshop 2

Choosing a Personal Icon: Seeing God Everywhere via the Holy Spirit



Annette Matthews

Annette Matthews M.D., the current President of the DOK in the Diocese of Texas, became a Daughter in 1998 at Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church where she was confirmed in 1971. She has been active in her chapters and, specifically, at the diocesan level for more than 11 years. She organized at least 8 Quiet Days and coordinated and ran 4 Alpha courses at Good Shepherd, Tomball as well as participated in and prepared workshops at her churches and Camp Allen. With the help of the Holy Spirit (and a great pianist), she led Good Shepherd's choir for almost 2 years without her having any musical training.

Annette is a retired pediatrician who loves to read, dance, sing, watch movies and television, cook, travel, volunteer, and spend time in nature. She's been married 51 years and has an Eagle Scout son who is getting married this October.

How to Prepare for the Workshops

The Invitation Method of Discussion: In the 2 workshop breakout sessions, which are confidential, you will discuss your workshop activity experience using the invitation method. Go around the virtual room in the following manner to discuss each question:

One person takes the initiative by discussing the first question. When she is finished, she invites by name another person in the room to discuss the same question who may then respond in 1 of 3 ways:

- 1) she discusses her experience
- 2) she passes and invites by name another person in the room to speak
- 3) she passes, but requests that she be asked to speak to the question later in the session, then she invites by name another person in the room to speak

This continues until everyone in the room has had an opportunity to discuss the first question. Repeat the process for additional questions.

For: The Holy Spirit Resides in You: A Labyrinth Experience

You should print the 2 labyrinths that are included in your documents. It is suggested, but is optional, that you have at hand a small candle, such as a votive candle, and matches to light it. You might also have at hand some plain paper or a small journal and a pen or pencil or crayons to record your thoughts. Print out the 3 pages with sabbath and finger labyrinth reflections to guide your activity and discussion.

For: Choosing a Personal Icon: Seeing God Everywhere via the Holy Spirit

You should have at hand 1-3 magazines filled with lots of photos or drawings, either paper, pen, pencil, or crayons or markers and some scotch tape or glue or glue stick, and, perhaps, a pair of scissors if you don't like tearing paper.

These questions will be used in the breakout rooms for workshop 2:

1. *What did you choose as your icon? Why? What appealed to you?*
2. *Is it possible to find or see your icon at all times or only infrequently? What might be the advantages or disadvantages of frequent vs. infrequent sightings?*

7 Circuit Labyrinth



11 Circuit Labyrinth



Finger Labyrinth Reflections

- Reflect on your relationship with God - your spiritual hunger, your needs and desires, your hopes and fears. Think about how Spirit is inviting you ... and to what. Open yourself to the Holy

- Notice your feelings as you rest in God's presence. Think about who you are being called to become...
~ in spite of your own inner resistance....

~ in spite of others' opposition or lack of understanding....

- The labyrinth is a place where one can be with a problem or challenge in the energetic presence of the Divine. Notice what Spirit is inviting you to pray about, ... to do, to become,

Sabbath Reflections

- ❖ Sabbath is an incubator for wisdom. We need to allow the rush and pressure of our days to fall away, even for a short period of time. Through meditation, prayer and stillness, we refine our vision; we sharpen our hearing.
God makes me lie down in green pastures, leads me beside still waters, and restores my soul.

- ❖ Do you have the patience to wait till your mud settles and the water is clear? Can you remain unmoving till the right action arises?
"Let us remain as empty as possible so that God can fill us up."
Mother Teresa

- ❖ Whenever we slow down long enough to notice that God is *here, now*, we are both practicing and inviting the presence of the Holy.

- ❖ I keep myself so busy making up for yesterday that I cannot even imagine tomorrow. I can de-clutter by putting a few things at the center so that the rest falls away.

An Order of Service for Noonday

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

People **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as
it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Psalm 67 *Deus misereatur*

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 **Let your ways be known upon earth, ***
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, ***
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 **The earth has brought forth her increase; ***
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Officiant The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the
Holy Spirit that has been given to us. *Romans 5:5*

People **Thanks be to God.**

Thoughts by The Reverend Dorothy Gremillion

An Order of Service for Noonday

The DOK Service of Rededication

Presider: Members of The Order of the Daughters of the King® are gathered here in the sight of God to rededicate themselves to its Rule of Life: a vow of daily prayer, service and evangelism. The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Oh Lord, show us your mercy.

All: And grant us your salvation.

Presider: O God, make clean our hearts within us.

All: And take not your Holy Spirit from us.

Strengthen us O Lord, to think, do, and say always those things that are right. Enable us, who cannot exist without you, to live according to your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Presider: The Order of the Daughters of the King® is an Order for women whose mission is the spread of Christ's kingdom, especially among women and girls, through Prayer, Service, and Evangelism. Do you desire to continue your membership in The Order?

All: I do with God's help.

Presider: Are you ready, so long as you remain a member of The Order, to wear its cross faithfully and to work for its purposes, as God may give you the opportunity?

All: I am with God's help.

Presider: Almighty and merciful God, since it is only by your gift of grace that your faithful people do true and praiseworthy service, bless your servants who have signified their desire to continue in your holy service as members of The Order of the Daughters of the King®. Guide them to lead godly lives and to labor faithfully for the spread of your Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

All: Almighty and everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, we here dedicate our whole being to you and your service in faith and joy and love. We pray that you will confirm and strengthen us in this purpose, O merciful God, that as we grow in age we may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our King, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. *Amen.*

Presider: May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen you, that in this and in all things, you may do God's will in the service of the Kingdom of Christ. *Amen.*

An Order of Service for Noonday

The Officiant then begins the Prayers

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Officiant and People

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

Officiant Lord, hear our prayer;

People **And let our cry come to you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant Heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, to direct and rule us according to your will, to comfort us in all our afflictions, to defend us from all error, and to lead us into all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The service concludes

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



Province VII Virtual Assembly

Saturday October 3, 2020 from 9am to 12:00 - “Rooted in God’s Love”

“That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love,” Eph 3:17

All participants must register in advance to participate in the meeting and vote during the business session. Register in advance by clicking the link below:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZctfuCuqTluE9PsZV2AQMXWfNyBM_uVMH3P

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Our guest speaker, The Rev. Michael Bordelon, will deliver a message, Province VII Chaplain, The Rev. Rowena White, will share with us during a devotional time, and Province President Judy Bordelon will conduct a short business meeting with election of officers and a closing Eucharist.

Questions? Please contact Province President Judy Bordelon at judymsa02@gmail.com or jbordelon@doknational.org

More Information at: <http://www.dokprov7.org/fall-assembly-2020.html>

NEHEMIAH PRAYER VIGIL 2020

SEPTEMBER 1 – OCTOBER 22, 2020

More Information and Resources at: <https://www.doknational.org/page/nehemiah>

We are encircling in PRAYER our families, churches, cities and our nation from Sept 1 - Oct 22, a total of 52 days, so that the Holy Spirit can come into our country and bring about Peace and Healing. This is much like Nehemiah did in 52 days to bring Peace and Healing to the Jews in Jerusalem 450 years before Christ. Please refresh yourself by reading again the book of Nehemiah, and asking the Lord to show you how to pray. Luke 24:45 says, "Jesus opened the minds of his disciples to an understanding of the scriptures." What HE did for them. HE does for us, if we ask. Please join us in prayer.