

## 2023 Diocese of Texas Daughters of the King Fall Assembly – Speakers

### **WORKSHOP: “What makes it Gospel” presented by Reverend Marcia Sadsberry and Carver Mathis and Andre Pleasant**



**Rev. Marcia Sadsberry** is a native Texan and cradle Episcopalian who grew up in St. Luke the Evangelist Episcopal Church - the oldest historically black Episcopal Church in Houston. On August 1, 2020, Marcia was ordained as a Transitional Deacon and on February 14, 2021, she became the Rector of St. Luke. Marcia is also a member of the Order of the Daughters of the King. She has served as the Department Secretary for the Community of Hope at St. Luke Episcopal Hospital in the Texas Medical Center (now CHI St. Luke) and Director of Youth Ministry at St. James’ Episcopal Church in Houston.

Marcia has been deep background in Music. Marcia serves as the string instructor for the Diocese of Texas Music Camp. She is currently the Orchestra Director at Cardiff Junior High, in Katy I.S.D. Marcia is the Assistant Music Director for the Community Music Center of Houston (CMCH) and a violinist in the CMCH Scott Joplin Chamber Orchestra and William Grant Still String Quartet. She performs annually in Miller Outdoor Theater’s Motown Review. During Houston Grand Opera’s inaugural performance of Aida in Houston’s Wortham Center, Marcia was a part of the Houston Grand Opera Chorus, the cast featured the world-famous tenor Placido Domingo. When Houston hosted the Superbowl, Ms. Sadsberry was a violinist in the orchestra that accompanied Beyonce as she sang the national anthem. Along with having played for Beyonce, Marcia’s claim to fame is that she was Beyonce’s 3rd grade music teacher!

Rev. Sadsberry is a proud graduate of Jack Yates High School in Houston’s historic Third Ward. She received her Bachelor’s degree in Music Education from Texas Southern University. When not involved in music, Marcia loves playing racquet ball, flying her kite, riding her motorcycle and bicycle. Marcia is the proud mother of one son, Christian Love, Sr. and two grandsons DeAndre and Christian Jr.

**Houston “Carver” Mathis** is a native Houstonian with deep roots in The Episcopal Church. Carver is well versed in the breadth and versatility within Episcopal church liturgy. He served as an acolyte, was a member of the choir, and was actively involved in his youth group.

Carver also holds a deep love for Camp Allen! He was employed there for over seven years, and was a camper before that. Carver served as a counselor and was on Senior Staff.

In addition, Carver has a great gift of singing. Carver holds certificates in Lyric Singing and Alexander Technique from Manhattan Concert Productions in New York City. As a tenor, Carver has been blessed with invitations to sing twice at Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center for premiere sacred works and oratorio repertoire. Carver has also had the great fortune of being a masterclass teacher on Broadway. From 2014-2016, Carver was appointed choir director at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church in Pearland, TX. There, he worked with a variety of ages and different community groups to further the music ministry. Carver remains an active performer and educator in the Houston area.

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**Andre Pleasant** - Andre is a nativity of Texas born in Houston. Andre's first piano lessons was from channel 8 after being sent home with chickenpox in kindergarten. From there he started taking lesson with many different piano teachers here in Houston and in Philadelphia. He started composition and performing at year 8. He attended Texas Southern University and received his BA in performance and MA in composition. Soon after receiving his certification in education. He has played for many different music companies including M.E.C.A. where he was the music direction for 12 years. He has also played for many

different Christian denomination here in Houston and surrounding areas. He is now been servicing 20 plus years at St. Luke the Evangelist Episcopal Church in Houston.

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### Workshop: “Soaking Prayer” presented by Karen Courville



**Karen Courville** has been married to Shelton Courville 40 years. Retired after working 45 years as a sales representative in the steel industry.

Installed as a Daughter on May 1, 1999 Trinity Episcopal Church in Baytown, TX.

Christ Church Episcopal in Tyler, TX is our church home since summer of 2007 where I have served as DOK Vice President and President as well as past Community of Hope leader. Other ministries include a trained and active spiritual director including retreats, retreat leader, Stephens Minister, certified in Mental Health First Aid USA, volunteered at UT

Tyler Hospital as a chaplain for several years until Covid. Also, served many years on teams for the “Epiphany” youthful offender ministry and “Kairos” prison ministry for adults as well as Cursillo. Love serving Christ and others. 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.”

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### Workshop: “Our Legacy of Sacred Music, from Chant to Taize” presented by Dr Linda Sutterby Patterson



**Dr. Linda Patterson** holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Organ Performance from the University of Houston, where she was a member of the Honors College. She did additional graduate study in Nonprofit Administration and received fellowships from the Belgian Government to study in Mechelen, Belgium, with Organist/Composer Flor Peeters, and later in an International Masterclass and Competition in his memory, competing live on Radio Europe. She completed her doctoral studies

(DMA) in Organ Performance, Sacred Music Emphasis at the University of Texas, where she studied with Drs. Gerre and Judith Hancock.

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She was appointed as Music Director in 2019 for historic St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Bryan, TX, where she leads vocal and handbell choirs. As Chair of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas Music Commission since 2003, she has organized the yearly Diocesan Music Camps and Diocesan Choral Festivals, as well as two trips to the National Cathedral. Active as a teacher, accompanist, and organist, she has performed, taught, and accompanied for national and regional gatherings, including AGO Boston and Episcopal Church Women (ECW) Triennial Meeting, as well as DOK Triennials, directing our own Diocese of Texas Glory Bound Singers. She has been a Board member and Committee Chair for the Association of Anglican Musicians (AAM), and enjoys varied collaborations with professional and student instrumentalists and vocalists.

She is the mother of three adult daughters and now grandmother of three girls.

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### **Workshop: “Making and Praying with beads JDOK” presented by Vicki Terrell, Adelle Muller-McKinstry and Junior DOK members**



**Vicki Terrell** lives with her husband of 26 years, Josh, and grown son, Bryce, in League City, Texas. Vicki and her husband love to travel and have been to Scotland and Israel within the past 6 years. She is an avid reader and loves to crochet. One of her favorite prayer activities is Bible Journaling which she was introduced to through her participation in the annual JDOK Diocese of Texas Retreat held at Camp Allen in Navasota.

Vicki has been a member of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Dickinson, Texas for the past 20 years. Vicki was introduced to her church's DOK chapter over ten years ago and has officially been a member of The Order since 2012. She is the current secretary for her Chapter at Holy Trinity. Vicki has participated in the Daughters Going Deeper program in 2016. She is also a trainer for the Planning a More Effective, Functional Chapter Meeting program developed by Father

Mike Gemignani.

Vicki is also the Directress for her parish's Junior Daughter Chapter which she helped re-charter in 2014 with her co-directress. Vicki is currently the Co-Directress with Adelle Muller-McKinstry for the Diocese of Texas. Vicki has served as Co-Directress for the Diocese of Texas for the past 5 years.

If you are interested in learning more about how to start a Junior Chapter at your church, or would like to help with the annual JDOK Retreat at Camp Allen, you can reach out to Vicki at [vicki.terrell@hotmail.com](mailto:vicki.terrell@hotmail.com) or on her cell at 281-235-9890.



**Adelle Muller-McKinstry** has led a chapter of Junior Daughters since 2009, although she has been involved in Christian education since the age of 16 years old when she began teaching kindergarten Sunday school under the guidance of a retired teacher. Throughout her adult life, Adelle has continued sharing God and faith by teaching Sunday school, working as a counselor at Spring Hill Camps and the Salvation Army, as well as leading vacation Bible school and Christian youth

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retreats. Through these experiences Adelle has developed an interactive style where participants are invited to grow through movement, art, games and stories.

Adelle's background in education combined with more than a decade of leading Junior Daughter, training new directresses, and directing the annual Junior Daughters retreat prepared her to completely rewrite the Junior Daughters Handbook (2019) as well as create the Metamorphosis Journey, a nine-year curriculum created specifically to meet the needs of JDOK directresses and girls. Both the handbook and the Metamorphosis Journey cater to multiple ages and learning styles while focusing on developing faith and building faithful friends through interactive prayer, age-appropriate service opportunities, and active Bible study combined with games and laughter.

Adelle loves to read, knit, hike, and share faith. Currently she is in the process of turning her house into a jungle by propagating and growing dozens of plants. If you have trouble reaching her, she is probably somewhere with her husband and family where cell phones don't reach. Their latest adventure included sailing a 39' sailboat around Tortola in the British Virgin Islands and reveling in the beauty and wonder of God's creation.