

Daughters of the King – Diocese of Texas – Spring Assembly – Feb 2025 – Officer Reports

UPCOMING DATES

Feb. 21-22, 2025	Diocese of Texas Spring Assembly – Waco, TX	https://dokdot.org/
Mar. 28-29, 2025	Province VII Assembly – Little Rock, AR	https://www.dokprov7.org
Oct. 3-5, 2025	Diocese of Texas Fall Assembly – Camp Allen, Navasota, TX	
Jan. 16-18, 2026	Diocese of Texas Junior DOK Retreat	

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

My dear Sisters,

God has been busy and He keeps me hopping! I have spent much of the last 5 months dealing with a myriad of physical ailments and I am so very grateful for your prayer support and God’s grace. I am aware that “We rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance and endurance produces character and character produces hope (Romans 5:3-4). And I am mindful also for 2Timothy 4:3, “As for you, always be sober minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, and fulfill your ministry.” So I put one foot in front of the other and keep going. Thanks be to God!

September 1 Worshipped at St Christopher’s in Fort Worth and then enjoyed a lovely Italian meal with Marti, Cynthia and some of the other Daughters there.

September 6-8 Attended the Prov7 Board retreat at St Crispin's conference center in Oklahoma City. The Board is like a Chapter unto itself and God is surely glorified.

September 8-11 finishing up preparations for Fall Assembly

September 12-14 at Camp Allen for our celebration of Gratitude, 168 attendees, the most since before 2020

September 23 Traveled to Christ Episcopal Church in Eagle Lake with Sister Veronica-Noel; Rev Margarite, Sara and DAL Judi hope to establish a chapter.

September 26 ZOOM meeting with Bishop Fisher to discuss a two day Assembly at Camp Allen.

October 12 Phone meeting regarding potential new members with Laura

October 23 Rev Margarite has women committed to train as DOK; Sister agrees to train them! Thank you
Discussed dues relief issues with Prov7 and National, many phone calls ensued

October 25 Met with Charli to sign the paperwork for a new Chapter in Jasper (Charli had attended services there while in the area, the ladies were interested, Charli trained them over the course of a few months and a new set of Sisters was chartered. Thank you Charli!

October 31 Participate with my JDOK Chapter in Trunk or Treat

November 11 Met with Josh Fultz with Camp Allen to discuss two day Assembly logistics

November 10-20 Finally completed my Safeguarding training

November 19 sent out a letter to Chapters

December 1 Worshipped at Grace Episcopal Church in Menomonie, Wisconsin with my sister Martha (this is our home church, only 2 left from the original parish).

January 4, Baked and served at a funeral.

January 10-11 Spent time with the Executive board in Navasota, Met with Bishop Fisher to discuss the two day Assembly further; an Agenda was reviewed and approved.

January 17-19 Spent the weekend in the kitchen at the JDOK retreat. Their faith, their joy and their singing brought me to tears on the first night. Many thanks to Vicki for her leadership.

You know I am always knitting, and 23 people received Blessing Blankets; it is such an amazing feeling to be the hands of God even in this small way. God Bless you all with joy and gratitude. Love, Tory

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR REPORT

<u>SENIORS:</u>	Chapters	104
	Total Members (Incl. DAL)	2164
	At Large	97
	Behind on Dues	395
	Chapters with 0 Members	0
	Chapters with 1 Member	2
	Chapters with 2 Members	0
<u>JUNIORS:</u>	Chapters	10
	Total Members (Incl. DAL)	69
	At Large	3
	Behind on Dues	26
	Chapters with 0 Members	0
	Chapters with 1 Member	0
	Chapters with 2 Members	1

I work with all the Chapters in our diocese in providing any help they need. I build the Membership Report for each of our two Assemblies and the Necrology report for the Spring Assembly. I assist our President Tory Arnold with anything she needs regarding membership. I also supply annual membership statistics for Province VII. I work closely with our National Office to keep our Membership lists error free.

I work with the Chapters who have less than 3 members to see how they are doing regarding building up the chapter with new members. Currently we have only two chapters with 1 member and these chapters have asked to stay active on our list because they want to encourage membership and grow.

My focus is to continue to keep up with all the Chapters where we have many Daughters in default. This is a situation that needs to be addressed at the Chapter level. Do you know that the National Office of the Daughters of the King give back to the diocese a portion of your dues payment? These funds help to provide for the Assemblies, scholarships, grants and mission work.

One final note. Please send in to the National Office the New Officer’s Report if you haven’t already. It is due every September 1. You need to send this form whether or not the officer’s have changed. To have a correct membership database that our National Office keeps for us is important when working with Chapters that we are reaching the correct chapter officer.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Polmanter

GLORY BOUND SINGERS CHAIR REPORT

The Glory Bound Singers of the Diocese of Texas DOK rehearsed once in January and will rehearse once in February to prepare for the EDOT Spring Assembly, and to prepare to sing at the Province VII gathering in Little Rock, Arkansas. We have a talented group of singers and instrumentalists that varies based on location, dates and other circumstances. We were delighted to add a cellist to the group at our last rehearsal. New members are always welcome to join us. For more information, email me at music@standrewsbcs.org.

Faithfully submitted, Linda Patterson, Director

COMMUNICATIONS-WEBSITE CHAIR REPORT

Yesterday, I spent the day at Villa de Matel at a Quiet Day. They had so many sacred places to relax and just listen to God in various ways. My favorite room was the music room (of course) – they even had music with several of the instruments that I play. We need to go away and take some time to listen to what our Father is saying to us – just like Jesus did.

It has been a busy few months. We moved both our website and domain registration to a new host. if you find something that does not work, please send me an email so I can correct it.

Did you know that the Order has various social media sites? Below is a list of a few where you can connect with other Daughters:

Group	Website	Facebook Group Name	Instagram
Diocese of Texas	https://dokdot.org/	DOK Diocese of Texas Facebook Link	
Province VII	https://www.dokprov7.org	Daughters of the King (DOK) in Province 7 Facebook Link	
National DOK	https://www.doknational.org/	The Order of the Daughters of the King® Facebook Link	Orderofthedaughtersoftheking Instagram Group

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JUNIOR DOK REPORT



ANNUAL JDOK RETREAT - F.R.O.G. – Fully Rely on God

January 17-19, 2025 | Camp Allen, Campsite 3

- We **PRAYED** morning, noon and early evening prayers. We sang compline and prayed with prayer boats.
- The girls made **Pocket Altars** to use as PRAYER TOOLS.
- We learned about **Hope Center Houston** and **SERVED** their mission by packing 24 backpacks with essentials such as hand sanitizer, hats, sunscreen, books, tee shirts, deodorant, toothbrushes & toothpaste, soap, personal fans, flashlights, snacks and re-fillable water bottles.
- We **SERVED** over 60 girls and 30 women from 10 different churches.
- We **SHARED OUR FAITH** during cabin talks and devotions. We had six college aged Junior Daughters serving in leadership roles.
- We **HONORED THE SABBATH** by worshiping and taking communion together.

LEADERSHIP TEAM:

Retreat Directress – Vicki Terrell & Adelle Muller-McKinstry

Retreat Registrar – Lissette Smead

Retreat Prep Chef – Paige Akard

Retreat Chef – Jodi Long

Camp Nurse – Algay Wowo

Retreat Musician– Lee Read

Retreat Chaplain – Rev. Beth Fain

Service Project- Deborah Johnson with Hope Center Houston

DIRECTRESS DAY

A GATHERING OF DIRECTRESSES

JULY 15, 2024 | CHURCH OF THE HOLY APOSTLES

- 7 Directresses from throughout the Diocese gathered to spend the day sharing their faith and exploring new ways to reach out to the girls in their chapters.
- We **PRAYED** with Morning Prayer and Prayer Goo.
- Adelle led a session on how to jumpstart your JDOK Chapter
- We studied the Faith Like A Mustard Seed lesson from the Metamorphosis Curriculum.
- We had a yoga session led by Victoria Walls.
- We ended our time together with prayer and music.

FALL ASSEMBLY PRESENTATION - HANDS OF PRAYER: ACTS BEADS

September 14, 2024 | Camp Allen

- Junior Daughters from throughout the Diocese of Texas lead DOK in learning how to use ACTS beads as a prayer tool. The girls also used songs that they sing at our annual January Retreat as part of their ACTS prayers.
- The girls lead the DOK in songs with our Retreat Musician Leader, Lee Read.

METAMORPHOSIS RETREAT FOR HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE-AGED JDOK

THE FIVE MARKS OF LOVE

October 11-13, 2024 | Camp Allen, Dunn Center Cabin

- We SHARED OUR FAITH during cabin talks, devotionals and prayer partner time. We used the curriculum **The Five Marks of Love** from the Society of St John the Evangelist to explore 1. What does it mean to be a Christian 2. How does DOK help us honor our baptismal covenant 3. How can DOK and having a Rule of Life sustain us 4. How can DOK and the Rule of Life provide shelter from the storms of life 5. How does journeying in community strengthen our spiritual gifts.
- We PRAYED with prayer beads that the girls made on Friday evening and a copy of Reverend Nan's book [Praying with Beads: Daily Prayers for the Christian Year](#)
- We SERVED by making F.R.O.G. pony bead bracelets for the Juniors and volunteers who will attend the Fully Rely on God Retreat in January.
- The girls also SERVED by using paint markers to decorate and write encouraging notes on rechargeable personal fans that will be part of the service project at the January retreat for Hope Center Houston.
- We DECIDED to continue growing together as Daughters and Junior Daughters by meeting weekly via Zoom to participate in a short devotional and pray the prayer beads with Rev. Nan's book

COMMUNICATION AND TRAINING

GOOGLE GROUP

- All known directress and involved adult leaders are invited.
- Communicate information about the retreat and bi-annual gathers

RETREAT TRAINING AND FELLOWSHIP (Four Sundays in Advent)

- Empowered volunteers to share the Biblical and DOK message of the retreat
- Provided networking
- Encouraged preparation for the retreat and offered a platform for asking questions

GOALS | GROWTH

- Increased support by DOK at the annual retreat. We need DOK willing to spend the weekend with Junior Daughters and act as dorm leaders who share their faith and support the girls. Next retreat, **Follow the Biblical Road to the Wonderful Wisdom of God**. January 16-18, 2026.

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CHAPTERS WITHIN THE DIOCESE OF TEXAS

	CHURCH	CITY	TOTAL MEMBERS	PAST DUE
Ben E Junior	Trinity Episcopal	Galveston	14	1
Queen Esther	Church of Holy Apostles	Katy	7	3
Eve Jr	St. Andrew's Episcopal	Bryan	2	0
Elizabeth Jr	St Peter's Episcopal	Brenham	3	0
Lamb of God	Good Shepherd	Kingwood	0	0
St Josephine Bakhita	St. Mary's Episcopal	Cypress	0	0
Angels of the Cross	St. John the Divine	Houston	10	8
Janet Jr	St. Cuthbert Episcopal	Houston	12	1
St Mary & Martha	Holy Trinity Episcopal	Dickinson	3	0
Little Flower Jr	Trinity Episcopal	The Woodlands	7	4
All Saints-Stafford Jr	All Saints Episcopal	Stafford	0	0
Grace Jr	St Dunstan's Episcopal	Houston	8	2
St Rose of Lima Jr	Trinity Episcopal Baytown	Baytown	3	0
Holy Comforter jr	Holy Comforter Episcopal	Angleton	7	1
Lydia Jr	Church of the Ascension	Houston	0	0