

Diocese of Texas Fall Assembly 2025 – SPEAKERS

The speakers for our Assembly are:

- Laura Logan - Thankfulness for Humility
- Nancy Leaton - Entering into His Presence with Thanksgiving
- Reverend Francene Young – The Iona School for Ministry

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The Rev. Francene Young is the Dean of Administration for the Episcopal Diocese of Texas' Iona School for Ministry. <http://www.ionaschool.com/>. In the Diocese, she served as Chair for the Diocesan Commission on Ministry and was the Rector at St. Luke the Evangelist in Houston's Third Ward from January 2012 until February 2021. While at St. Luke, Rev. Young served for three years as the Transition Minister for the Diocese of Texas. In this role, she assisted churches in transition through the search process, seeking new clergy. Prior to her ordination, she worked for Shell US in Human Resources for 23 years. At the time of her retirement in 2013, she was the VP for Diversity for Shell US and Canada and VP for Talent Management for Shell's Upstream business. Prior to her career at Shell, Rev. Young worked in the healthcare industry. She is a graduate of the Iona School for Ministry and the

University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health (MPH). Her undergraduate degree is in Social Services from Cleveland State University. She is married to Ken Jones, an accountant in the Research Grants Division at the University of Houston. They live in Houston.

Nancy Leaton - Entering into His Presence with Thanksgiving



Nancy Leaton, a devoted member of God's Family for 74 years, has lived a life of faith, service, and gratitude. Married for 54 years, she has been a loving wife and a nurturing mother for 38 years. Nancy's passion for education spans 14 years as a professional teacher and 8 years as a homeschool educator, shaping young minds with care and dedication.

For 40 years, she has led adult Bible Study groups, sharing her deep knowledge and love for scripture. Additionally, she served as a Sunday school teacher for 25 years, inspiring countless children in their faith journeys. Nancy has been an active member of the Daughters of the King (DOK) for 16 years and served as the Junior Daughters of the King

(JDOK) Directress for 10 years, guiding young women in spiritual growth. As a member of the Glory Bound Singers for 12 years, she has uplifted others through music and worship.

Nancy's life is a testament to her many opportunities to be thankful, reflecting a legacy of devotion, leadership, and joy in service.

Laura Logan - Thankfulness for Humility



Laura Logan has been a DOK, since 1995. She was raised Roman Catholic and grew up in church as a small child.

When she met her husband, Chris, they decided to attend the Episcopal church and received marital counseling from Father Elwood in St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Beaumont, Texas, 34 years ago.

Her vocation as a nurse has brought her closer to the Lord while witnessing humanity at its worst and best. Throughout her years of living, she has learned to be grateful for the pain life may bring and to find something to be grateful for.

She is the mother of two adult men, Adam, 30 years old and Matthew, 26 years old. She lives her daughter in love, like her own daughter and adores her grand boys, Jace-4 and Reed-9 months. She attends St.Cyprians Church in Lufkin, Texas. She would say " those

are my people". The last three years have been especially hard for her. She has witnessed some of the ugliest side of Christians and has had to forgive and be forgiven. Healing from church hurt is a process that requires great humility and repentance that can only come from Jesus. She hopes her discussion on how to be grateful in the midst of pain, will encourage the woman who is struggling to show up for Jesus.