

Diocese of Texas Daughters of the King – Fall Assembly 2026

Nominees for Diocesan Officers (election/installation in Spring 2027)

President: Sheryl Colley, All Saints of Cameron Chapter, All Saints, Cameron - One question that



I have struggled to answer many times in my life is “Where are you from?” I have been asked this question a lot in my life, whenever I moved to a new location for family, work or other life-changing reasons. So here is my easiest answer: I am the eldest child of four children born into a Navy family. I was born a traveler and a seeker! I was born in Honolulu, Hawaii in July of 1961. When I was six weeks old my Dad got his orders to transfer us to another Naval base in the mainland states.

Since then, my life has been filled with travel for purposes of earning a living or to be with family. I am currently in the final chapter of my career as Technical Training Specialist within the Nuclear industry. I have been blessed with the ability to work remotely and am hoping to retire sometime within the next two years. Prior to becoming a Training Specialist; I was one of the first women that worked inside a Nuclear Power plant as a Radiation Protection Technician, which is best described Industrial Safety and Health Technician. It was a challenge then and sometimes still is.... working within this male-dominated business, but I have survived it with many life-lessons!

My parents gave me a foundation of faith formed in the Roman Catholic worship tradition. My mother was the heart of our home and the rock unto which we all landed. My dad became an ordained Deacon in the Roman Catholic church after he had retired from military life. Their love greatly influenced my spiritual path.

I moved back to Texas onto our family land in Milam County in 2020 when my parents’ health went into decline. It was time well spent walking with them during the last days of their earthly lives. My parents left a legacy of love that continues as a guiding light for me.

After my first marriage failed, I was church-hurt and I spent years away from any formal religious community. I no longer found God within church community walls. I became a Seeker. This time helped me to develop a deeper faith through my yearnings and sufferings that occurred during this chapter of my life. Eventually, God drew me through the Red doors of an Episcopal church community in Newberry, SC where I found a family of people who welcomed all who entered and taught me to trust a community again. I noticed there were numerous woman who wore the same cross and I inquired. I had been seeking that cross and what it meant. I entered into discernment and found what I had been yearning for as a Daughter of the King. When I read our motto prayer...I knew I had found a spiritual compass. Since my DOK installation in 2012, God has taken me on many adventures in this life. I moved from SC to Vicksburg, MS in 2016 and then when the Covid pandemic occurred my former employer allowed me to work remotely... so I could help my Mom care for my Dad health issues. Eventually, I was forced to choose between my job and my parents’ needs. I chose to stay with my parents, and God blessed me with my current position that allows me to work remotely-most of the time. My Dad transitioned in Jan 2021 and Mom transitioned in 2023. My forever-husband, Bubba, also experienced taking care of his mother and helping her through her last days in 2021. Since that chapter of our lives has closed, we have both been set on a course of redefining the world we live in.

My favorite line in the DOK motto is “Lord, What will you have me do?” I believe whatever God answers is what I need to do. I have since been honored to answer and to begin serving others.

In 2024, God called me to help install a brand new chapter at All Saints Episcopal Church. We are a small ecumenical chapter with Sisters who worship as Episcopalians, Roman Catholics and Lutherans. We are building a community of women in our city that supports other women and their family needs.

I also responded to a call to study at IONA Theology School at Camp Allen in Navasota, TX. Theological studies deepening my understanding of historical /biblical theology, worship traditions, prayerful discernment

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processes and how to become a vessel of God's word. I earned my certificate as an Episcopalian Lay Preacher for the Diocese of Texas serving the congregation of All Saints Episcopal Church.

God lead me to be a founding member of "Milam County Mission" who's focus is to try to address the needs of Elders and home-bound individuals within our county. We offer resources for families and individuals experiencing the last chapter of life. This has been an amazing opportunity for our community that keeps growing and evolving as volunteer groups are beginning the work within our communities.

I have found thus far, that if I continue to say YES to what God calls me to do and to continue to seek Gods way of Love...I can truly lead my earthly life with an overall feeling of walking in confidence in God's Love.

I believe that God is calling women of all ages to firmly and lovingly "right the ship" during these stormy times. My hope and prayers for the DOT DOK chapters is to grow as an ecumenical community with the purpose of serving and enriching the lives of women and their families in their communities. It continues to be a privilege to serve our unknown sisters who might not have Rock to hold on to or a Compass to guide them on their path. So, I hope I continue to ask: "Lord, what will you have me do?"

Vice-President: Audie Adkins, Bishop's Chapter, St. Alban's, Waco - I am retired after 23 years of



service with 2 Chamber of Commerce's and the Frisco ISD Communications Department in Frisco, Texas, where I helped connect businesses and mentors with FUSD schools.

I live on Dragonfly Farm, a small farm 14 miles east of Waco, Texas, with my husband, Larry; our lively 3-year-old German Shepherds, Link and Zelda; 22 chickens of various breeds; and 8 Muscovy ducks.

Larry and I are members of St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Waco, Texas. I serve on the altar guild and as a new Lay Eucharistic Visitor (LEV).

I was installed as a DOK Daughter in 2023 into the Bishop's Chapter in Waco, Texas.

I currently serve as president of the DOK Bishop's Chapter, a unique chapter with members from all three Episcopal churches in Waco: Holy Spirit, St. Alban's, and St. Paul's.

Also, I serve as Diocese of Texas DOK Vice President.

I love being a Daughter of the King because it strengthens my daily prayer life, deepens my service to the church, and connects me with like-minded women of faith. It also reminds me to reflect God's love in the world.

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Membership Secretary: Erika Callison (Sister Veronica-Noel), St. Margaret of Scotland



Chapter, St. Dunstan's, Houston - Erika Anzaldua Callison is a retired certified administrative professional who worked in the oil and gas industry for 44 years. She has been a member of the Order for 32 years and has served as a Chapter President, Diocese of Texas Vice President, Junior Daughter Chapter Directress, Junior Daughter Diocese of Texas Chair, and Junior Daughter Province VII Chair. She is currently serving the Diocese of Texas as your Evangelism Chair and as a member of the Glory Bound Singers. Additionally, she is a member of the Order of Saint Benedict and has the religious name of Sr. Veronica-Noël. Erika looks forward to learning the role and responsibilities of being your next Diocese of Texas Membership Chair.

Recording Secretary: Christi Crow, Woman of the Well Chapter, St. John's, Austin - My name is



Anita Crow and I was nicknamed Christi before I left the hospital. I looked like my dad who was called Chris in the Marine Corp, short for Christopherson.

I am a cradle Episcopalian having been baptized at St. Thomas in Wharton. I was confirmed at St. Timothy in Lake Jackson. I left the DOT when I went to Texas Woman's University in Denton.

After college, I moved to Longview where I attended Trinity Episcopal. I attended spiritual director's training while there and became a Daughter of the King about 1997 and received a scholarship from the Master's Fund.

Fast forward to 2002, I found myself without a job and decided to finally move to Austin. I didn't intend to follow Rev. Al Rodriguez to St. John's. After visiting several churches in Austin, I got a very clear message that St. John's is where I am supposed to be. I joined The Woman of the Well chapter and eventually was

elected president.

I graduated from college with a BS in dental hygiene. I have been working part time after retiring. Next year will be 50 years of working in dentistry. I may retire my license.

When I told my friends I was standing for recording secretary, I was reminded that I have pens.

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Treasurer: Kimberly Hawkins, Sts. Mary and Martha Chapter, Holy Trinity, Dickinson - Kim



Hawkins has been a devoted member of the Daughters of the King since November 1991, faithfully serving her chapter and parish for more than three decades. She currently serves as Treasurer of the St. Mary and Martha Chapter of Holy Trinity in Dickinson, Texas, and has previously held multiple leadership roles, including Chapter President and Chapter Secretary.

She began attending the Episcopal church as a child and was confirmed as a teenager. Kim has served in a wide range of ministries in the church, including eight years as Treasurer of her parish, demonstrating her reliability, integrity, and commitment to stewardship.

Professionally, Kim brings more than 30 years of experience in accounting and financial management. She is currently the Plant Controller for a major food manufacturing company in Houston, where she oversees complex financial operations with accuracy and accountability.

Kim and her husband Joel have been married for 31 years and are blessed with two children and five grandchildren. They reside in League City, Texas.

With her long-standing dedication to DOK, extensive service in the Episcopal Church, and professional expertise in financial management, Kim is honored to be nominated to serve as Treasurer.

Nominee for National Council (election in Fall 2026)

SHIRLEY SILER, CPA - Shirley Siler has been a Daughter of the King since 10/2009 and has served as the



National Treasurer since 2021. 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 has a combination of unique experiences with management, nonprofits, accounting, and computers.

She is enjoying retirement and especially her work with The Order at all levels. She can be reached at shirleylsiler@gmail.com or 512-423-3026