

# The Order of the Daughters of the King®

Prayer and Service for the Spread of Christ's Kingdom



## The Province V Spring 2024 Assembly Book



### Things to Bring

A candle for Friday night's Service of Remembrance—if you have a speaking part

Items for Pray Dough:

A flour mixture in a zip-top bag: 1 c flour, 1/4 c table salt, 1 t. cream of tartar

1/2 cup water

1/2 T oil

A plate

Colored Candies (M&Ms,/Skittles/jelly beans...) of your choice

Your DOK Handbook

### Agenda

#### Friday, April 12th

7pm EDT / 6pm CDT

- Service of Remembrance
- BYO Pizza Party (Online Social)
- Blessing

#### Saturday, April 13th

10 am EDT / 9 am CDT

- Liturgy of the Word with Service of Rededication

11 am EDT / 10am CDT

- Business Meeting with Election of Officers

12:15 pm EDT / 11:15 am CDT Break for lunch

1 pm EDT / 12 pm CDT

- Keynote by Mthr. Lynn Carter-Edmands, National Chaplain
- (for her bio, see: [doknational.org/page/OurChaplains](https://doknational.org/page/OurChaplains) )
- Discussion in Break out Rooms

1:40 pm EDT / 12:40 pm CDT

- Invitational Evangelism Workshop

2 pm EDT / 1 pm CDT

- Healing Service with Pray Dough
- Pray Dough recipe:
- Blessing



*"The whole earth is filled  
with awe at Your wonders;  
where morning dawns,  
where evening fades,  
You call forth songs of joy."  
Psalm 65:8 (NIV)*

June 26 - 30, 2024  
Louisville, Kentucky

# Friday, April 12

Province V Assembly of the Order of the Daughters of the King®  
Spring Gathering 2024  
Remembrance Vespers

***Bold Text indicates parts which are prayed in unison. A person's name appearing in bold beside a bold text indicates that all others should mute their microphones and pray in unison with that person.***

Officiant: Alleluia. Christ is risen!

**People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Karen D. Sullivan (*Officiant*)

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn tonight," darkness is not dark to you, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike. *Psalm 139:10-11*

Sue Fain

Grant us, Lord, the lamp of charity which never fails, that it may burn in us and shed its light on those around us, and that by its brightness we may have a vision of that holy City, where dwells the true and never-failing Light, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Each Diocesan president names her Diocesan Assembly as she lights a candle for all the more recent and past departed sisters of that Assembly. A representative of each Chapter in that Diocesan Assembly will then light a candle as she names each sister from that chapter deceased within the past year.*

Mtr. Terri (*Chaplain*):

Almighty God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: we ask for your comfort and peace as we gather to remember and honor our dear sisters who have gone to greater glory:

Assembly President: Lena Neally, Diocese of Michigan [lights candle]

- Patricia Pike: Sister lights candle
- Elvia Janespenick: Sister lights candle
- Dorothy Calmes: Sister lights candle
- Linda Ferguson: Sister lights candle
- Lou Anna Williams: Sister lights candle

Assembly President: Karen D. Sullivan, Diocese of Indianapolis [lights candle]

- Beth Debard and Carol Smalley: Sister lights candles
- Gloria Hasler: Sister lights candle
- Sue Graves: Sister lights candle
- Delores Anderson and Imogene Carpenter: Sister lights candles
- Mozelle Williams: Sister lights candle
- Ann Durkos: Sister lights candle

Assembly President: Karen Swan, Diocese of Ohio [lights candle]

- Phendalyne Crosby: Sister lights candle
- Mary Lynn Grove and Marian Lott: Sister lights candle
- Betty Armstrong: Sister lights candle

Officiant: Father of all mercies, giver of all comfort, these sisters' lives were knit together with ours as we worked to fulfill your will on earth through prayer, service and evangelism. Thank you for the time we shared with them as sisters in the Order of the Daughters of the King. Bestow your gracious mercy and strength on all who mourn their passing. Let us cast every care on you that we may know the consolation of your love through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Chaplain Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe, even though they die, will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die *John 11:25-26*

Officiant God of love, our sisters have worked faithfully for the extension of your kingdom. Together with Daughters who have gone before, may they enter into the land of light and joy, and the fellowship of all the saints.

Sue Fain Jesus, Lamb of God.  
**Have mercy on us.**  
 Jesus, bearer of our sins.  
**Have mercy on us.**  
 Jesus, redeemer of the world.  
**Give us your peace.**  
 Lord, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Chaplain Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend these your servants. Acknowledge, we pray, sheep of your own fold, lambs of your own flock, sinners of your own redeeming. Receive them into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of those who have gone before them into everlasting light. **Amen.**

Officiant Dear heavenly Father, we bless you for all those who have departed this life in your faith and fear, especially your daughters who daily prayed for others and served cheerfully in fulfillment of their vows. May their faith and example inspire other women and girls to greater and more faithful service for you. Grant the light of your presence and the glory of the life beyond to be their real and everlasting reward. **Amen.**

Sue Fain O God, make speed to save us.  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**  
**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:**  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**  
**Alleluia.**

O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron*

Lois Weed **O gracious light,**  
**pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,**  
**O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!**

**Now as we come to the setting of the sun,**  
**and our eyes behold the vesper light,**  
**we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

**You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of Life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.**

A Sister, Volunteering

And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it.

*Revelation 21:10,22-24*

The Song of Simeon *Nunc Dimittis* Luke 2:29-32

**Lois Weed      Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten the nations, \*  
and the glory of your people Israel.**

Officiant      The Lord be with you.

**People      And also with you.**

Officiant      Let us pray.

**Sue Fain      Lord's Prayer—According to the language of your heart**

Sue Fain      That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

**Lois Weed      We entreat you, O Lord.**

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,  
**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,  
**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,  
**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,  
**We entreat you, O Lord.**

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of The Blessed Virgin Mary, the blessed patrons of our chapters, and all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,  
**We entreat you, O Lord.**

Officiant      Lord Jesus Christ, by your death you took away the sting of death: Grant to us your servants so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake up in your likeness; for your tender mercies' sake. **Amen.**

O God, you manifest in your servants the signs of your presence: Send forth upon us the spirit of love, that in companionship with one another your abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### **A Sister, Volunteering**

Join me now in the Motto of the Order:

**For His Sake...**

**I am but one, but I am one.**

**I cannot do everything, but I can do something.**

**What I can do, I ought to do.**

**What I ought to do, by the grace of God I will do.**

**Lord, what will you have me do?**

Officiant      Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Chaplain      The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. **Amen.**

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## **Triennial Service Project**

Our theme for Year Three is "Gather and Send." Those attending Triennial will put our theme into action by gathering toiletries to send to **Uniting Partners for Women and Children** a drop in day center for women and children. Those daughters not attending Triennial are asked likewise to gather toiletries to send to a Women's Center of your choice. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.doknational.org/page/t24service>

#### **Hygiene Items Needed:**

- Travel size lotion
- Travel-size body wash/soap
- Travel-size Shampoo & Conditioner
- Toothbrushes & Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Scrubs or washcloths

#### **Food Items Needed:**

- Individual Fruit /Applesauce cups w/spoon
- Water bottles
- Single-serving trail mix/nuts
- Tuna pouch/pull tops & crackers w/spoon
- Single-serving protein drinks/protein bars
- Beef jerky/snack sticks
- Cheese & crackers/ Peanut butter & crackers
- Single serving Chips

Saturday, April 13

**Province V Assembly  
of the Order of the Daughters of the King®  
Spring Gathering 2024  
Liturgy of the Word and Service of Rededication**

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Opening Hymn

*I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*  
**Bethany Paden, soloist**

Gather #777

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated unto you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Lena Neally

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

Isaiah 6:1-8,

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Jeannine Totzke**    **1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; \*  
before the gods I will sing your praise.**

**2 I will bow down toward your holy temple  
and praise your Name, \*  
because of your love and faithfulness;**

**3 For you have glorified your Name \*  
and your word above all things.**

**4 When I called, you answered me; \*  
you increased my strength within me.**

**5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, \*  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

**6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord, \*  
that great is the glory of the Lord.**

**7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; \*  
he perceives the haughty from afar.**

**8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; \*  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my  
enemies; your right hand shall save me.**

**9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me; \*  
O Lord, your love endures forever;  
do not abandon the works of your hands.**

Judy Stark

A Reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

I would remind you, [sisters], of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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**Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

*Rise up ye saints of God*  
**Northern Indiana—Mary and Martha Chapter**

*Hymnal 1982 #551*

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Homily

The Rev. Terri Bays, Chaplain, Province V

The Prayers of the People

Gretchen Kenower      With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying,  
"Lord, have mercy."

Bunmi Okanlami      For the Church—may it be filled with truth and love, and found without  
fault at the day of your coming. We pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those ordained to your service— Michael, our Presiding Bishop, our  
diocesan bishops of Province V, our priests, our deacons—may we help  
and encourage them to be faithful witnesses to your word and Sacra-  
ments. We pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who serve you in your Church—may we be filled with the grace to  
do your will in all that we undertake. We pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord have mercy.**

For the Order of the Daughters of the King—our members, our officers,  
our chaplains—may our mission of prayer, service, and evangelism bear  
witness to your love in all places, at all times. We pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord have mercy.**

For our chapters, and our local congregations, the places where your  
work is truly done—may we always remember to work for the spread of  
Your Kingdom. We pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the courage to keep our Rule of Life and for continued nudging from the Holy Spirit to never give up the life of ministry to which you call us. We pray to you, O Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For our sisters in Christ, for our prayer partners—may we always be open to one another's needs, as we encourage each other in the service of others. We pray to you, O Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who need comfort and healing of body, mind, or spirit; that they be freed from anxiety and live in joy, peace, and health. We pray to you, O Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Praising God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored, and especially for those who have encouraged each of us on our journeys and witnessed Christ's love to us, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.  
**To thee, O Lord, our God.**

The Service of Rededication (Leader: Celeste Hilliard, Responder: Phyllis Nottingham)

Celeste Hilliard      Members of the Order of the Daughters of the King are gathered here in the light of God to rededicate themselves in the Rule of Life: a vow of daily prayer, service, and evangelism.

Phyllis Nottingham      The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
O Lord, show us your mercy.  
**And grant us your salvation.**  
O God, make clean our hearts within us.  
**And take not your Holy Spirit from us.**

Phyllis Nottingham      **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 and with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Celeste Hilliard      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?

Phyllis Nottingham      **I do, with God's help.**

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?  
**I am, with God's help.**

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.**

**Almighty and everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being: we here dedicate our whole being to you and your servants 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.**

Chaplain

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.

Hymn

*Jesus Calls Us*  
Soloist: Bethany Paden

*Hymnal 1982 #550*

Kathy Schultz

**Lord's Prayer—According to the language of your heart**

Blessing

Hymn

*Lift high the Cross*  
Soloist: Bethany Paden

*Hymnal 1982 #473*

The Rev. Virginia Hall

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

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Two bits of big news in the Conversations with Daughters arena:

- ◆ Our next CWD will be about all things Triennial! What to expect, what you need to know, what you should bring, etc. Join us on May 25th at 5pm EDT, 4pm CDT. To participate, you will need to register—look for an email from National around May 20th for the invite, or go on the DOK National website and click the above picture on the home page.
- ◆ CWD will be coming to Triennial! Look for me, Carol Townsend, with the tall flag (think “bicycle pennant”) and be a part of history. I will be recording actual conversations... (wait for it)... With Daughters at Triennial for broadcast in July. Come talk about your experiences in Louisville, your love of our Order, your plans for the future of your chapter...whatever you want to talk about.



Look for the Daughters with the “See Me on CWD” badge ribbons and ask what they talked about... in other words—start a conversation with Daughters about Conversations with Daughters!

See You on CWD,  
Carol Townsend, Chair  
Conversations with Daughters

**Province V Assembly of the Order of the Daughters of the King<sup>®</sup>**  
**Spring Gathering 2024**  
**Business Meeting**  
**April 13, 2022**

- Call to Order—Celeste Hilliard
- Prayer of the Order—Karen Sullivan [\[see page 29\]](#)
- Roll Call—Judy Stark
- Approval of Minutes from 2023 Spring Assembly at Bellwether Farms, April 23, 2023—Judy Stark [\[see pages 15—16\]](#)
- Treasurer’s Report for First Two Quarters—Phyllis Nottingham [\[see page 17—18\]](#)
- President’s Remarks—Leadership
- Announcements:
  - Triennial Delegates—your credentialing form must be in by May 31
  - Welcome to Georgia Irre, interim president of the Diocesan Assembly of Milwaukee, WI
  - Questions? – Remain after the closing of the assembly.
  - Policies and Procedures
  - Budget for the New Triennium [\[see page 19\]](#)
  - Triennial Outreach – Uniting Partners for Women and Children is a drop-in day center that provides comprehensive services: a safe space, showers, access to a restroom, phone, mailing address, help obtaining vital documents and case management. UP has provided a safe haven for homeless women & children since July 2018. Bring or Send the following items to Triennial:
    - Personal items for women
    - Disposable diapers or wipes
    - Monetary gifts welcome
    - Individually wrapped, nonrefrigerated food items
    - Water bottles
- New Business
  - Report for the Nomination Committee – Lena Nealley [\[see page 20\]](#)
  - Those Standing for Provincial Office: [\[see page 21—22\]](#)
    - President – Sue Fain
    - Vice president – Cathy Wolford
    - Secretary – Judy Stark
    - Treasurer – Jeannine Totzke
    - Province V Alternate Delegate to 2024 Triennial
    - Province V DAL Alternate Delegate to 2024 Triennial – Susan Benjamin
  - Reminder: only those Daughters in Good Standing (dues are current) may vote
  - Election of new Province V executive board and triennial delegates
  - Review of proposed Budget for the Next Triennium
  - Any other new business
- Old Business
  - Working on developing the use of the credit/debit cards
  - Any other old business
- Motto of the Order – Sue Fain [\[see page 29\]](#)
- Meeting Adjourned





## **Keynote Speaker**

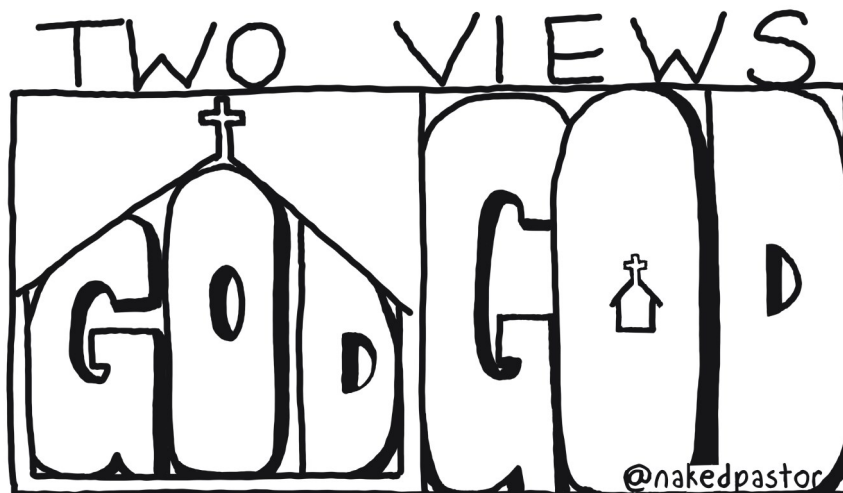
### **Mother Lynn Carter-Edmands, National Chaplain**

The Rev'd Lynn Carter-Edmands has over thirty years of leadership experience as a priest in parish and diocesan ministry. This experience includes congregation and clergy transitions, vocational discernment and mentoring, formation and leadership development, and mediation and conflict transformation. Mother Lynn concluded eight years as a member of the Bishop's staff in the Diocese of Southern Ohio as the Canon to the Ordinary. She has served as the rector of two parishes and as a chaplain and teacher at a boy's boarding preparatory school where she taught Bible, Ethics, and senior electives in religion.

Mother Lynn is certified in Transitional Ministry through the Interim Ministry Network and in the Appreciative Way and recently completed a year as the transition priest-in-charge of St. Alban's in Bexley, OH. She volunteers as a member of the Board of Directors of Healthy Congregations, Inc.

This summer she will return to General Convention as a deputy from the Diocese of Southern Ohio and also as a member of the Legislative Committee concerning Title IV Disciplinary Canons. Lynn is married to the Rev'd Frank A. Edmands II, also an Episcopal priest, and they live in the Columbus, OH area.

Mother Lynn has described herself as "an outgoing and encouraging leader committed to living and sharing the good news of Jesus to build up the body of Christ for our life in the world, offering my gifts and experience as a priest to bring out God's best in others as they bring out God's best in me." She considers herself blessed to have been appointed as national chaplain to The Order of the Daughters of the King® and to be able to work alongside National President, Nancy Severin, and other leaders in the Daughters' remarkable ministry of prayer, service, and evangelism. She is very much looking forward to being with the Province V Virtual Spring Assembly this April as keynote speaker.



## Workshop on Invitational Evangelism

The main point is that folks invite us to talk about our faith all the time in conversation, but we allow our anxiety about being considered “one of *those* Christians” get in the way of our presenting our faith in a positive light. We also think we have nothing to say, because when we hear a phrase like “faith sharing,” we think we’re being asked to tell an “I once was lost but now am found” story. What people want us to share with them about our faith may be very different, in fact. Try the following exercise:

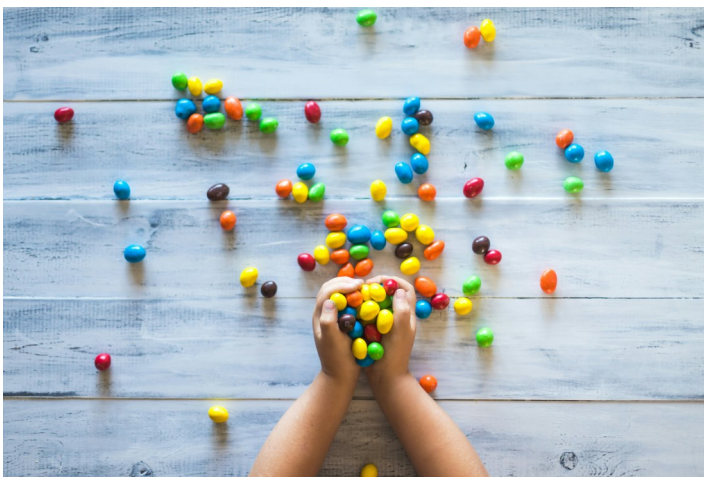
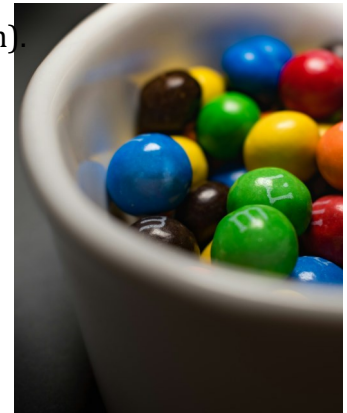
### **M&M Exercise**

Pick an M&M at random from the package (or, if you don’t have any M&Ms, pick one of the following colors: red, blue, green, yellow, orange, brown. Divide into one of the break-out rooms that corresponds to your color.

Note: we **could** just divide people randomly, assign them a color, and tell them to enjoy their package of M&Ms!

Take turns launching a conversation with the other people in your group on the topic that corresponds to your color. Consider as a group the way in which the conversation you’ve started does (not) present Christianity as attractive. Is there a different way of expressing the same feelings or concerns without the negative impact you’ve identified?

Red	Describe something that angers or annoys you (about the church).
Blue	Describe something (about the church) that gets you down.
Green	Identify an area in which you long for personal spiritual growth.
Yellow	Wax nostalgic about “the good old days (in the church)”
Orange	Identify an issue that has you feeling anxious.
Brown	Tell a joke about religion.



Feedback with the group as a whole—the point of the exercise is that we all have things to say about the life of faith that can either attract people to Christianity or push them away from it. Can we be honest about our experience of church in a way that invites others in?

Transforming our approach to evangelism might well require us to transform our own way of thinking about church!

## Pray Dough

While God is, of course, quite capable of healing us, or those for whom we intercede, without touch (Mt. 8), the laying on of hands combines God's healing power with the assurance of human compassion. That's quite a powerful combo, and an especially hard loss at a time when, even with the worst of COVID now behind us, many may still be feeling cut-off from the warmth of human contact.

God made us through and for contact. The Creator molding us from clay and Jesus declaring bread to be his flesh got us thinking about kneading dough as a tactile reminder of our human connection. That's how Pray Dough was born!

Each daughter should prepare a sandwich or quart-size zip-top bag containing a flour mixture:

1 cup flour—"I am the bread of life" (Jn 6)

1/4 cup table salt—"Have salt in yourselves" (Mk 9).

1 t. cream of tartar—Did you know that cream of tartar is a byproduct of the winemaking process?

At the time of the healing service, each daughter will gather together:

that flour mixture

1/3 c. of water—"If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." (Jn 4)

½ Tablespoon of oil—"God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness" (Heb 1)

A plate

As we begin to pray, we will mix the materials together in the bag, just as by seeking to mix such elements into our lives we participate in the work of healing. We will then turn the dough out onto our plates, and as we pray for each daughter who requests healing for herself or others (by way of private chat, for the sake of privacy), we will continue to work our Pray Dough in our hands, trusting that as we knead our prayers into the dough, so also will our sister knead our prayers out into herself from the dough.

Just as our prayers keep giving even after the words have gone silent, your Pray Dough will keep (if you put it back in the bag) for quite some time. You can dye it with food coloring or keep it plain. You can keep it yourself and/or pass some along to someone else! Take it out and work it between your hands whenever you happen to knead it.

Blessings,

Terri+

# PROVINCE V SPRING ASSEMBLY

## BUSINESS MEETING -- 5/6/2023

### CALL TO ORDER

Province V President Celeste Hilliard called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM, ET. Mother Terri Bays led the Prayer of the Order.

### PRESENTATION OF THE NORMS

Judy Stark, Secretary, read the Rules of Procedure.

### ROLL CALL

Chicago	7	Milwaukee	2
Eastern Michigan	0	Missouri	0
Eau Claire	1	National	0
Fond Du Lac	0	Northern Indiana	5
Indianapolis	5	Northern Michigan	0
Michigan	2	Ohio	6
Springfield	0	Southern Ohio	1
Western Michigan	2	Guests	0
<b>TOTAL:</b>			<b>31</b>

J. Stark reported that we have a quorum for this meeting.

### APPROVAL OF 2022 SPRING VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES

A motion to accept the minutes of the 2022 Spring Virtual Assembly was made by Susan Benjamin and seconded by Jeannine Totzke. Motion to accept was unanimous.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Phyllis Nottingham, Treasurer, presented the Profit & Loss statement for September 1, 2021 through June 1, 2023. It was accepted and will be submitted for audit.

There was a question regarding the fees charged by Chase Bank. C. Hilliard said the Executive Committee will look into this and report back.

The Province's total income was \$6242.28 and the total expenses are \$5455.24. The Net Income is \$787.12.

Vivian Lund made a motion to designate our free will offering to Province V, Sara Heck seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

There was a question about using credit cards for payment. The Executive Committee will check into this and report back.

### NEW BUSINESS

J. Totzke presented the revised By-Laws & Procedures. Her committee worked diligently for several weeks to go over the document with the help of Mother T. Bays. J. Totzke moved that the By-Laws be adopted, seconded by S. Benjamin. Karen Swan asked to 'Call the Question' for a vote, and then the

motion to accept the revised By-Laws passed unanimously.

There was a motion to suspend the meeting by Sue Fain and seconded by Kathy Schultz. The motion passed unanimously. This was done at 10:00 AM E.T. to be ready for the message from our National President, Nancy Severin via Zoom.

The meeting was called back to order at 11:00 AM E.T.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Janet Irvine reported on membership numbers in Province V. There are no new chapters yet, but there is 1 potential new chapter in discernment in the Dioceses of Chicago, Springfield, MO & OHIO.

Carol Townsend reported on Conversations with Daughters. Meetings are held on Zoom and can be accessed on the Province V website under "Conversations with Daughters". Also, on the website is the National Enrichment Program, a way to make the Strategic Plan happen,

Susan O'Brien reported on the Royal Cross newsletter. To submit articles, go to doknational.org.

J. Totzke reported that the handbook for "Hosting an Assembly" will be attached to the revised Policies and Procedures document.

S. Benjamin reported on what's happening with the Book Club. Its participants live all over the country and they meet the first Monday of the month at 4:30 PM (Central) on Zoom. Their list of books for discussion are suggested by the members and are vetted by Mother T. Bays, Province V Chaplain. The Nominating Committee Chair is Lena Nealley, and the members are K. Swan, OH; Cynthia Turner, S. OH.


C. Hilliard would like to know the names of chapter members who have been in DOK 50 years or more.

The meeting was closed with a prayer from Mother T. Bays and J. Irvine led us in the Motto of the Order. Meeting adjourned at 12:06 PM ET.

Respectfully submitted,

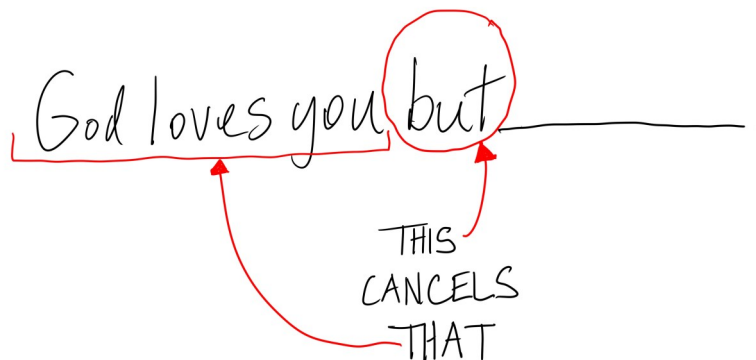
Judith Stark, Secretary

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**Province V Assembly—DOK**  
**Profit & Loss**

September 2023 through March 2024

	<u>Sep 23 - Mar 24</u>	
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
400 - INCOME (REVENUE)		
415 Dues from National	2,890.00	
420 Dues - Uassembled Dioc.	420.00	
425 Interest Income	1.47	
445 Repayments/Donations	60.39	
Total 400 INCOME (REVENUE)	<u>3,371.86</u>	
Total Income		3,371.86
Expense		
1030 Triennial Expenses		
1045 - Sr. Daughters Scholarship Tri	1,341.69	
1030 Triennial Expenses - Other	<u>620.00</u>	
Total 1030 Triennial Expenses		1,961.69
1055 Dues Scholarships		
1060 Nat'l Dues Assistance/Scholar.	<u>50.00</u>	
Total 1055 Dues Scholarships		50.00
1100 Triennium - Pres. Expenses		
1105 Registration	<u>575.00</u>	
Total 1100 Triennium - Pres. Expenses		575.00
600 EXPENSES		
650 Administrative Expense		
660 President's Travel & Expense	405.41	
670 Travel Expense	<u>99.43</u>	
690 Website Expenses	<u>371.70</u>	
Total 650 Administrative Expense	<u>876.54</u>	
Total 600 EXPENSES		876.54
765 Bank Service Fees		(12.00)
785 Bond		187.00
800 Retreat/Assembly Expenses		
930 Music License	<u>104.00</u>	
Total 800 Retreat/Assembly Expenses		<u>104.00</u>
Total Expense		<u>3,742.23</u>
Net Ordinary Income		<u>(370.37)</u>
Net Income		<u><u>(370.37)</u></u>

**Province V Assembly—DOK**

**Profit & Loss**

January through March 2024

									Jan - Mar 24	
	Ordinary Income/Expense									
	Income									
		400 - INCOME (REVENUE)								
		425 Interest Income						0.65		
		445 Repayments/Donations						60.39		
		Total 400 INCOME (REVENUE)								61.04
	Total Income									61.04
	Expense									
		1030 Triennial Expenses								
		1045 - Sr. Daughters Scholarship Tri						1,341.69		
		Total 1030 Triennial Expenses								1,341.69
		1100 Triennium - Pres. Expenses								
		1105 Registration						575.00		
		Total 1100 Triennium - Pres. Expenses								575.00
		600 EXPENSES								
		650 Administrative Expense								
		670 Travel Expense					99.43			
		Total 650 Administrative Expense						99.43		
		Total 600 EXPENSES								99.43
		785 Bond								187.00
		800 Retreat/Assembly Expenses								
		930 Music License						104.00		
		Total 800 Retreat/Assembly Expenses								104.00
	Total Expense									2,307.12
	Net Ordinary Income									(2,246.08)
Net Income										(2,245.08)

## Province V Proposed Budget for the 2024—2027 Triennium

	Proposed 9/1/24 to 8/31/25	Proposed 9/01/25 to 8/31/26	Proposed 9/1/26 to 8/31/27
<b>INCOME:</b>			
Dues Income	\$ 3,990.00	\$ 3,990.00	\$ 3,990.00
Retreat Income	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
Interest Income	<u>\$ 3.00</u>	<u>\$ 3.00</u>	<u>\$ 3.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 13,993.00</b>	<b>\$ 13,993.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,993.00</b>
 <b>EXPENSES:</b>			
President's Triennial Registration	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
DAL Chair Triennial Registration	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Travel	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 150.00
Newsletter	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 125.00
Website	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Liturature	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Surety Bond	\$ 190.00	\$ 190.00	\$ 190.00
Board Retreat	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,200.00
Retreat Expenses	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 620.00
Triennial Expenses	\$ 240.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 140.00
Outreach	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Scholarships	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
International Daughters	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Dues Assistance	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Savings	<u>\$ 3,313.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,313.00</u>	<u>\$ 18.00</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 13,993.00</b>	<b>\$ 13,993.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,993.00</b>

## **Other Reports, References, and Notes**

### **Nominating Committee Report**

April 13, 2024

Per Article IX, Section 2 of the Province V Assembly bylaws, the nominating committee discerned and contacted several Daughters over the past several months for the Province V executive board for the next Triennium dated September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2027.

The following Daughters accepted the call to service and will be presented as a slate for elections during the annual business meeting for the province:

President:	Sue Fain, Diocese of Indianapolis
Vice President:	Cathy Wolford, Diocese of Ohio
Secretary:	Judith Stark, Diocese of Chicago
Treasurer:	Jeannine Totzke, Diocese of W. Michigan

The membership can be assured that the candidates nominated have expressed interest in the position, have agreed to serve, are qualified for the offices for which they are nominated, and that they are Daughters in good standing as per Article IX, Section 2 c of the bylaws.

Per Article VIII, Section 1, our current president, Celeste Hilliard, and DAL chair, Susan Fain will serve as Province V Delegates to Triennial. Per Article VIII, Section 2, we are required to present names for alternate delegates for each of these. We respectfully present Lois Weed, Diocese of W. Michigan, and Susan Benjamin, Diocese of Chicago as alternates for Province V and for Daughters at Large, Province V. They both meet the qualifications to stand as delegates for Triennial.

The nominating committee will be dissolved as of the presentation of the candidates at the annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lena R. Nealley, Chair  
Karen Swan  
Cynthia Turner

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### **For Faithfulness in Service**

O Lord, Jesus Christ, head of the mystical body of the church of which we are members, cleanse our eyes to see You, quicken our ears to hear You, open our lips to show forth Your praise, give our hands skill to do Your bidding, and make our feet swift to go where You guide, that Your Kingdom may come and Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven, all for Your dear sake. Amen.

# The Daughters Standing for Provincial Office

## Sue Fain: Standing for President

I am a cradle Episcopalian and have been a member of The Order of the Daughters of the King since 2001. I have served as Diocesan President and as Provincial Vice-President and Secretary. I am currently a DAL and serve as the DAL Chair on the Province V board.

After completing the DOK study I knew God was calling me to become a Daughter. I love the prayer community, and I was able to be a part of planning the first DOK Assembly in the newly assembled Diocese of Northern Indiana.

Serving as President would allow me to lead, while also being equitable and flexible when necessary. My goals are to develop a diverse and cohesive provincial board, to fill leadership roles where needed, to assist Diocesan Presidents with their concerns, and to be supportive of the DAL community through the DAL Chair.



## Cathy Wolford: Standing for Vice President

I am a life-long Episcopalian and became a charter DOK member in 2003 of The Living Water chapter at Christ Episcopal Church, Shaker Heights, Ohio. Currently serving as President of my chapter for the second time. Serving as Diocesan DOK Secretary for the Diocese of Ohio since 2013 and Diocesan DOK Treasurer prior to that. Exhibitor for DOK at Diocesan Conventions and Winter Convocations.

Before becoming a Daughter, I was active in the ECW chapter at my church. Several of the women were Daughters-at-Large and they wanted to establish a DOK chapter. In the Spring 2003, they scheduled time to go through the Study Guide and I joined in. That Summer while visiting my parents in Kansas, I learned that my stepmother was a Daughter. She shared with me her Study Guide with all her notes penciled in. Reading it and discussing it with her was quite meaningful and moved me to decide that taking the Daughter's vows was right for me.

As Vice President, I would be an aid to the President and be knowledgeable about the plans and functions of the Province. I would perform the duties of the President in her absence and If she unable to serve her full term, I would be ready to step in to lead in her place. I expect to actively participate in planning Province activities and support the goals of the Province. My goals are to be a resource to the Diocesan Assemblies and help with communications throughout the Province.



## Judy Stark: Standing for Secretary

I've been a Daughter since October, 1986. My church was Church of the Mediator in Chicago, IL and the chapter was Mediator Chapter. My first "job" was sending out the DOK Diocese of Chicago Newsletter. Then, a few years later, I was the Diocesan Treasurer for 3 years. In 2021 I was elected to the office of Province V Secretary, a position I've enjoyed doing, I just wish I knew shorthand!

I became a Daughter at Church of the Mediator in Chicago in October, 1986 through the efforts of Janet Irvine. She'd heard about DOK during a Cursillo weekend and thought it would be a good idea to have a chapter at Mediator.

A meaningful experience would be at the Triennial in August, 1994 in Brown County, Indiana. On the last day, at the Sunday Eucharist, I was one of many Eucharistic Ministers assisting the Bishops. That experience was made more special because it was my 50th birthday!! A true "Beam me up Scotty" experience!

I envision that my role as a Province V officer is to take the Board Meeting minutes in a clear, concise way. I've learned a lot about getting the pertinent facts from each person giving a report. My thoughts and goals I see is for Province V to be a vital Province doing the work of the Order in the Midwest. Reaching DALs and inactive Dioceses is an ongoing program.



## Jeannine Totzke: Standing for Treasurer

I am a cradle Episcopalian and current president of the Western Michigan Diocesan Assembly of DOK. I have held several leadership and lay positions with Church of the Mediator in Harbert Michigan. I was the Treasurer during building of our new church. I currently work full time for Berrien County, Michigan in Water Resources.

The reason I joined the Daughters was partly due to Betsy Cole relentlessly asking me to join. She knew that I would love being a daughter. I pushed it aside as I was carrying many duties with the church and felt I couldn't give the Daughter's quality time. I have always talked to God, but craved a more personal relationship with Him and a structured way of praying in my life.

As a Province V officer, I see myself presenting solid reports that are easy to understand. I will do my best to be on schedule with reports as much as I am able. I see working with electronic payments for events as that has already begun. I would like to get that all set up well for others to easily follow in the future. I will be asking for suggestions to make anything within the treasurer's position easier for others to understand. I see many eyes glaze over when finances are discussed, and many are fearful of them. Marilee was a superb treasurer and has gotten Province V in good shape, much like she did for our church.



## Diocesan Assembly Reports

### Diocesan Assembly of Michigan

The Diocesan Assembly of Michigan Daughters of the King have enjoyed several meetings and assemblies over the past two years. I chose the theme of **Isaiah 40:31**, *“Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint.”*

**Fall Diocesan Assembly, 2022.** In November 2022, **new officers were elected and installed.** They are: Lena Nealley, President, Gail Fleming, Vice President, Janice Baldwin, Secretary, and Rev. Carolynn Johnson, Treasurer. We met at St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Waterford, Michigan, and were delighted to welcome Celeste Hilliard, Province V President, as our special guest. The theme for the day was **“Come to the Table.”** Triennial highlights were shared, with wonderful memories shared that day as scrapbooks and photo albums were provided. Our chaplain, Father Robb Kerr was our celebrant for Eucharist.

**Quiet Day, March 2023** For a Lenten observance, we met at St. John’s Episcopal Church, Detroit. The theme for the day was **“Trusting Jesus”** from Psalm 56:3. *“When I am afraid, I will trust in you.”* Father Steven Kelly and Father Robb Kerr led devotions. A soup luncheon was provided, and all who were there enjoyed the quiet time, and took home a journal for private devotions.

**Fall Diocesan Assembly 2023** In November 2023, we returned to our theme from Isaiah, **On Eagles’ Wings**, as we met at our Cathedral of St. Paul, in Detroit. Janice Baldwin was our speaker. Father Robb Kerr celebrated Eucharist, a full lunch was provided, and our attendance that day included Daughters from all our active chapters.

**Quiet Day, March 2024** On March 2, 2024, we met at the Church of the Redeemer in Southfield, Father Kerr’s parish. Our theme for the day was **Renewing our Strength in Praise and Prayer.** Father Kerr led us in a beautiful, informal Eucharist service where we gathered around a table altar and many Daughters shared personal responses to the Gospel of the day. Again, we had attendance from all active chapters. Breakfast and soup luncheon were enjoyed. Carolynn Johnson led devotions for our Quiet Time. A nominating committee was appointed, chaired by Pat Tilley. We hope to have a new slate of officers for our Fall Assembly. Our delegate for Triennial, Pat Kent, was nominated and elected. (For health and personal reasons, none of the current board members are able to attend Triennial this year.)

Many of our chapters are facing serious issues, with priest vacancy, members aging, leadership challenges. We are praying for each other, to stay strong and keep living our vows of prayer, service, and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ, in all we think, do, and say!

It has been an honor to serve as President to the Diocesan Assembly of Michigan, Daughters of the King.

With love in Christ and FHS,

Lena Nealley

## Diocesan Assembly of Western Michigan

The Western Michigan Diocesan Assembly held a Fall Joint Gathering with the ECW featuring the newly released “Philadelphia 11”. We invited the Eastern and Western Diocese of both the ECW and the DOK to attend; we had about 40 participate. It was held in Mt. Pleasant at St Johns in November of 2023. We gathered to view the wonderful documentary of the story that leads up to the ordination service held for the first 11 women priest. The documentary also interviews several of the women and they gives insight on their trials and successes after the ordination.

We also invited two retired women clergy for a live interview and then we also had two retired women priests via video speak to us, all answering the same questions. It was a great gathering. The Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Michigan and the Episcopal Diocese of WesternMichigan have agreed on a juncture; the respective Diocesan Assemblies will do the same. We are now known as the Great Lakes Diocese Assembly of Michigan. Our two Diocesan Assemblies will need to get our Assemblies in line with the help of Province V and National to guide us.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeannine Totzke

President of Western Michigan Assembly

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## Diocesan Assembly of Ohio

2023 was an excitingly busy year for the Diocesan Assembly of Ohio. At Winter Convocation while at our table Bishop elect Ann Jolly stopped for a chat and photo op. We were honored to be participates in Bishop Jolly’s consecration service, in the procession as chalice bearers and ushering. We joined the ECW to purchase one of her miters.

We were delighted to be the host diocese for the Province V Spring Assembly at Bellwether Farm. *[Editor’s note: if you ever get the chance to go to Bellwether, do so! This was one of the best assemblies I have ever attended.]*

Our summer meeting included Chaplain Rev. Ann Kidder blessing the new banner and sorting donated greeting cards for chapters who have card ministries. Fall Assembly we installed our new chapter St Catherine’s of Siena. The chapter will be officially “housed” at Grace Church Sandusky and includes members from Christ Church, Huron and St Paul’s, Norwalk.

At Diocesan Convention we again had our table and several of us were delegates/alternates. Toni Ponzo, Trinity Chapter (Trinity Cathedral) was elected to a 3 year term, lay on Diocesan Council.

Now on to 2024.

Karen Swan, President

Diocesan Assembly of Ohio

# Diocesan Assembly of Milwaukee

## Milwaukee DOK Assembly Report 2024

The Diocesan Assembly of Milwaukee of The Order of the Daughters of the King, Inc. is reorganizing. I have accepted this role of Interim President of the Diocesan Assembly of Milwaukee. Sandra Halgerson has agreed to continue as Interim Treasurer. Janet Irvine continues as Programs Chair and Ginny Laurent will become DAL Chair.

Our plans include -

1. Taking what the Diocesan Assembly of Milwaukee does best and growing it
2. Filling out the positions of leadership and responsibility to allow the talents of our group to work together in producing a strong Diocesan Assembly
3. Re-energizing the DALs of our Diocesan Assembly to help them feel a part of their larger DOK sisterhood,
4. Organizing and holding election of officers in the Fall,
5. Charting the waters of reunification with the other Daughters of Wisconsin for the first time in a very long time.

We have some new officers and a couple of chair positions filled, but we are slowing down on the physical reorganization until our statewide Reunification is final and we know if the Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee does or does not join with The Episcopal Dioceses in Eau Claire and Fond du Lac. The feeling of relationship is palpable while we wait for the final vote on May 4, 2024! Potentially our Diocesan board will include members from each of the other Dioceses to make the Diocesan Assembly of Wisconsin.

In the meantime, we are focusing on our mission and identity as a Diocesan Assembly. We have an outstanding, forward-thinking Diocese that has been generous with us. We have been recognized for our adult Christian formation. We are fortunate to have an inspired Program person in Janet Irvine and the DOK chapter of St. Francis of Assisi who have been leading us in truly inspired Quiet Days, Retreats, and Assemblies Her themes this past year were "Equipping the Saints" in November 2023 "Lenting for Joy" in March 2024 was an opportunity to spend the day in quiet with prayer stations, workshops ,and Lectio Divina. Both included the Eucharist as a closing to the day. "Lenting for Joy" ended with a Taize' Eucharist. The result of these efforts has engendered new chapter potential (especially from the Wisconsin Dells and Delafield) and better attendance of existing members. We welcome all DOKs, all women, and as a result, we have welcomed some new members to DOK!

Our presence at the Milwaukee Episcopal Diocesan Convention in October offered a prayer chapel for the delegates. We intend to continue these activities and begin the process of reaching out to the new chapters in the reunified Diocese of Wisconsin. Our first such activity will be a Meet and Greet with our lunch boxes at the Special Convention on May 4th.

The job of reunification will bring some problems with distance and communication with each other. Thanks to technology, these problems can be overcome. Attendance at retreats, Assemblies and so forth is an area that we are considering but until reunification takes place, it is all on hold.

For His Sake,

Georgia Irre

Interim President,  
Diocesan Assembly of Milwaukee

## Diocesan Assembly of Indianapolis

Diocesan Assembly of Indianapolis  
October 21, 2023

Indianapolis Diocese celebrated our Assembly with 20 Daughters in person and three joining us on Zoom. It was held at St. James Parish, New Castle, IN, and was hosted by St. Clare Chapter.

Our guest speaker was Dr. Janet Irvine, Jan did an arduous drive from Wisconsin to attend and speak to our Assembly. Thank you Janet!

We borrowed our theme from Province V: "Ponder Anew, What the Almighty Can Do." Janet spoke about "Survival in the Trenches, or back to the basics of why we are Daughters of the King." Janet shared a example of a letter to women in a Parish who are considering becoming a daughter, a paper called "Wanna Become a Daughter of the King?," and quotes from The Rev. Karl Rahner and Dorothy Sayers.

My favorite quote from Rev. Rahner is "Knowing God is more important than knowing about God." We had lots of time to share our feelings and problems in our Parishes and Chapters and our love of Jesus, our Lord.

St Clare had a wonderful homemade lunch and we had more time to share and fellowship with our sisters in the Diocese. One of our attendees was Deborah McMillan, a DAL from Belize. She hopes to start a chapter there (our first one in Belize).

In the afternoon we celebrated with the Holy Eucharist and Healing, the Feast of St. Luke, transferred. Our chaplain, The Rev. Barbara Kempf and Sister Carolyn Shupert designed the Service. We used the Prayers of the People from the Triennial Retreat in Philadelphia (1997) and Fr. Brown Mujete, Supply Plus priest, was our Presider and offered "Healing Prayers" to everyone.

We also practiced *Lectio Divina* or meditative reading of scripture before the Eucharist Service started. Thank you to all the Sisters who attended in person or via Zoom!

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D. Sullivan  
President  
Diocesan Assembly of Indianapolis

## Diocesan Assembly of Northern Indiana

Greetings from all of us in the Northern Indiana Diocesan Assembly. The year 2023 was a year of continued stabilization and a return from the disruptions that the pandemic created in how we live out our vows. Many of our chapters have resumed chapter meetings but have accepted Zoom meetings as a part of life. Some chapters are rethinking what it means to be a “Daughter of the King” so that we can explain this to other women in our communities. Our Diocesan board continues to meet monthly via Zoom. One common theme across the chapters in our Diocesan assembly is the aging of our members and the inertia that seems to impact our participation in service within our parishes and outreach into our communities. Many of our chapters are held together by a small group of women who feel increasingly overwhelmed by the weight of keeping the Chapter alive and rotating through the various official positions in the chapter leading to signs of burnout among our members.

On a good note, we remain committed to supporting each other and are active in our parishes as we go through the various phases of life that invariable alter our levels of support and participation. Our collaborative discipline during Lent in 2023 (and in 2024) was to encourage our members to save at least one dollar per day per member and we created a fund in our Diocesan account which was used to offset membership dues for Daughters whose chapters participated. This year the funds will be made available to support our members to attend the Triennial 2024 in Louisville, KY.

We are determined to continue to increase our membership by attracting young women and girls to create Junior Chapters. This is going to be necessary in all our chapters nationally for the continued survival of our Order.

Above all, we are doing our best to live out our vows, bearing our crosses through the battles of our earthly lives.

Bunmi Okanlami, President

Diocesan Assembly of Northern Indiana

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## Diocesan Assembly of Chicago

The Diocesan Assembly of Chicago has undergone little growth over the past year, but also no decline. It feels as if we are just continuing on until we have our change of leadership in the Fall. This past November, we were unable to attend the Episcopal Diocesan Convention as they decided not to have a large vendor’s area. We partnered with the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and hosted a prayer chapel for the delegates. In the future, the Diocese plans to do the Diocesan Convention on Zoom; we are currently unsure how to best contribute and make our DOK presence known.

There was a Fall/Winter “get together” at St. John’s Naperville; thank you to the St. John’s chapter for hosting. It was good to gather as Sisters in DOK.

Our Spring Assembly will be held at St. Charles Episcopal Church and will be a hybrid meeting: there will be a Zoom link available for all who cannot attend in person. There will be a short program after the business meeting in which we will elect an entirely new Diocesan Assembly Board. Standing for Co-Presidents are Sandra Hurlbert and Pat Perrier. Standing for Secretary is Katie Thomson, and standing for Treasurer is May Anstee.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Townsend, President

Diocesan Assembly of Chicago

## Province V

### Daughters-at-Large

Province V currently has around 100 DALs. This is still a large number that I hope continues to decrease with DALs transferring into chapters. Every other month Province DAL Chairs meet via Zoom with the National DAL Chair. It is a valuable time of sharing.

One of our zoom calls noted that some Province DAL Chairs have a varying number of DALs in churches where there IS a DOK chapter. One of the main reasons given is that some DALs have little interest in attending chapter meetings. This is disappointing as well as disturbing! It has been reinforced to keep Province DAL Chairs connected with their Diocesan Presidents particularly when there is no DAL representative in a particular Diocesan Assembly. It is the National DAL Chair's goal that each Assembly would have their own DAL Chair.

This past September at my church I had spent time discussing with women of my parish what The Order of the Daughters of the King was all about. I had two women interested. My Diocesan President traveled over from Indianapolis to provide the orientation. Unfortunately, the two women interested changed their minds and decided not to proceed in the DOK study at this time.

On October 1, 2023 the National DAL Chair gathered on Zoom as many DAL Chairs that were available to discuss DAL goals. One of the DAL goals that was discussed was the understanding and participating in a sister to sister program. The Diocesan DOK book club that I am a part of has certainly made me feel that sense of belonging to an actual DOK community which is an example of how a sister to sister program can work.

As DAL Chair I set a goal to send a letter each year to my DALs. I sent a letter in Advent, 2023 to all DALs either via email or snail mail. This letter communicated what the Advent season means to me and referencing some of the contemplative writers I enjoy reading. I received a few positive responses of thanks.

I have had several opportunities to assist DALs in their transfer from one Province to another. I alerted the specific Province DAL Chair of these transfers. I believe that these DALs are still in process of finding a church that has a DOK chapter with the initial assistance from their new Province DAL Chair.

I continue to attend monthly Province V Board meetings now not just as a DAL, but finishing the term of a Vice-President who resigned.

The last few months I have been the Chair of the Spring Assembly Planning Committee. The Assembly will be held virtually April 12th and 13th. DALs have been encouraged to attend too.

Sue Fain, DAL Chair

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### **The Prayer of The Order**

O Eternal Father, You have sent us Your Son to teach us things pertaining to Your heavenly Kingdom. Give Your blessing to our Order wherever it may be throughout the world. Grant that we, Your Daughters, ever may discern Your truth and bear the cross through the battles of our earthly life. Give us strength to overcome temptation and the grace to work to spread Your Kingdom and to gather Your scattered sheep within Your fold. Pour out upon us the sevenfold gift of the Holy Spirit that we may always remember it is Your work we are called to do, that all we think, do or say may be pleasing in Your sight. We ask it all For His Sake, our King and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **The Motto of The Order**

For His Sake...

I am but one, but I am one.

I cannot do everything, but I can do something.

What I can do, I ought to do.

What I ought to do, by the grace of God I will do.

Lord, what will you have me do?

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