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From Our Chaplain

Prayer, Service and Evangelism - and Politics

This Lenten season differs from seasons past. The political scene is overwhelming and inescapable. As Christians and as Daughters of the King, we perceive ourselves to be above secular politics - or indeed, we intend to.

Yet persons in leadership, specifically persons of great power, set questionable examples by discriminating against minorities and various religious groups.

But we are able to employ a greater power, that of prayer.

It is not exaggerating to say that prayer is the *only* certain way to temper corruption and misuse of trust.

We personify our prayer through service to our neighbors as well as to our colleagues and friends. Thus we demonstrate our devotion and incorporate our inclusivity.

When we reach out in love, we are counter-indicating the forces of discrimination and hatred.

To quote Mother Teresa, "Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier."

This Lent, let us seek to appropriate persons of all sorts of conditions, creeds and faith. Each day, make an offering of love by befriending a stranger, elevating a minority and seeking out persons of other faiths.

In doing that with joy, letting your light shine forth, your example becomes unquestionably attractive.

Undeniable and resplendent evangelism truly will occur, and as others are touched, the result will be a fruitful Lent - the world thus becoming less vulnerable to politics and more strong by love.

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A letter from our Diocesan President, Lydia Gibson

Dear Sisters,

At a recent Board Meeting of chapter presidents, we discussed our hopes for the Spring Assembly. The Province IV theme for this year is "Being a Child of God," and we have decided to title our assembly, "Growing as a Child of God." We shared our views of what it means to be a child of God. Here are some of our responses:

- a child has a sense of wonder and loves to play
- a child is always growing and soaking up new experiences like a sponge; "Don't be a loofah, all scratchy on the outside; soak it up like a sponge!"
- a child is present in the moment
- a child loves to hold a buddy's hand
- a child trusts the security of a loving parent

We realized that while children are innocent, naive and trusting, they can also be resistant, selfish and rebellious. We agreed that God accepts the whole package. (Thanks be to God for this!)

Our assembly will be April 29 at St. George's Church in Germantown. Our guest speaker will be Alise Davis, Founder of Memphis Room In the Inn Ministry. We look forward to seeing you at the assembly as we explore Growing as a Child of God.

FHS,

Lydia Gibson,

President, West Tennessee DOK Assembly

Looking Ahead

Feb. 25: Quiet Day, St. George's

March 1: Ash Wednesday

April 16: EASTER

April 29: Spring Assembly, St. George's

Chapter presidents: Please send Jessica Heckle all dates you are planning for quiet days, study days, service days, etc.

*DOK Spring Assembly
St. George's Episcopal Church,
Germantown, TN
Saturday April 29, 2017
Growing as a Child of God
Keynote Address by Alise Davis*

Agenda:

9:00 am - Registration, Coffee

9:30 am - Business Meeting

10:00 am - Keynote Address

11:30 am - Eucharist

12:00 noon - Lunch

Reservations: Send \$20.00 to Judyth Wilson, 2809 Altruria Rd. Bartlett, TN 38134 by April 25th or email Judyth at judythwilson@att.net or call her cell, (901-497-0302) to make your reservation. You may pay at the door on April 29

**Epiphany Tea - January 28th,
Church of the Holy Communion,
2 to 4 p.m.**

**Daughters gather together for
the tea. Smiles all around!**



Service Report, Diocese of West Tennessee

Submitted by Margaret Dean, V.P. for Service



West Tennessee Daughters of the King Chapters have found many ways to serve. May your chapter be inspired! As stated in the National Handbook, "we are to be Christ's faithful servant in the extension of His Kingdom."

St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, Memphis, Constance and Her Companions Chapter, Rebecca Chappel, President

1. Organized and hosted several visitation receptions for funerals of families and friends of the parish.
2. Provided items indicated as need for St. Therese de Liseux Community House in Memphis
3. Offered a book study of Bishop Curry's "Crazy Christians" and invited parishioners to join us
4. Members are part of the Pastoral Care Committee, Hospitality Committee, Flower Delivery, and Altar Guild. They provide their time, talents, and resources to perform these tasks to God's glory

Calvary Episcopal Church, Memphis, Joy Chapter, Linda Nelson, President

1. Quiet Morning – Saturday leading up to Advent for all women of the Church
2. Stations of the Cross on Good Friday
3. Serving "waffle shop after dark" each Wednesday during Lent
4. In some years provide dinner for our choir on Christmas Eve between services

All Saints Episcopal Church, Memphis, St. Blandina Chapter, Susan Leigh, President

1. "Undies on Sundays" collection of underwear and socks for all ages to provide the guidance counselor for distribution to children and families in need at our neighborhood elementary school. It was a big success and the counselor was very grateful.
2. Celebrating "Silverware Sundays" – providing silverware to our neighborhood senior citizens center, which serves lunch daily and has difficulty keeping silverware
3. Participation in "Trunk or Treat"
4. Provide help for our first Sunday breakfast cleanup

Ravenscroft Chapel, Brighton, Tennessee, Julie Whitaker, President

1. Linked with "Amanda's Way", a shelter house in Covington for women who are victims of domestic abuse
2. Donated money, clothes, and household items during our Homecoming Celebration with Bishop Johnson

Chapter Admissions this fall and winter



A food table filled with delicious treats.



Individual snaps!

Judy Tucker – St. Elizabeth's



Rebecca Chappell - St. Mary's



Dec. 4, 2016 - St. George's Chapter admits four new daughters: Mary Fields, Kimberlee Keef, Carmen Sisnett and Cynthia Tuckeron



Dec. 4, 2016 - Calvary Chapter admits two new daughters: Rhoda Smith and Linda Bennett



Barbara Jones – St. Andrew's



Sandi Bethel – St. George's



Anne Boykin, St. Mary's, with
new Calvary DOK, Rhoda Smith



Dec. 11, 2016 – St. John's admits 4 new Daughters – Anne Brand,
Doritte Early, Emily Fields and Sissie Griffon.



DOK Diocesan President Lydia Gibson joined Constance and Her Companions
Chapter at St. Mary's for the admission of three new daughters on Jan. 29th, 2017
– Pat Kelly, Maureen Woodruff and Sunny Ross



Upcoming Quiet Day at St. George's

Jenny Matthews, St. George's,
Diocesan Junior DOK Directress



Margaret Dean and Roseanne
Anderson, Holy Communion



St. George's Episcopal Church Daughters of the King Quiet Day for Women

February 25, Saturday, 8:45 am—12:30 pm
All women of the church and guests are welcome
\$20 includes breakfast snack and lunch
The Rev. Dorothy Sanders Wells, Rector, will be
the meditation leader

RSVP 754-7282

Are there some exciting items to report from your chapter?
Pictures, special events, Chapter reports?
Please submit to Jessica Heckle at jjheckle@yahoo.com
It is helpful if you will put DOK News in your subject line.
Deadline for Easter Season Newsletter is: Monday, April 24, 2017