



President's Message

Thanks again to those who attended the Spring Assembly in Beckford and thanks especially to Joanna chapter for hosting. Hope to see more of you at our Fall assembly at St. James Mount Vernon Chapter at St. James Episcopal in Mt. Vernon, which is scheduled for September 22nd.

As you know by now, our diocese will be hosting the Province III retreat for 2019, most likely at the [Claggett Center](#) in MD May 31-Jun 2. I will be asking all chapters to assist and planning conference calls with chapter presidents will be every other month beginning in September.

Our Executive Committee Meeting (diocesan board and chapter presidents) will be at Sisters of St. Jane Chapter at Trinity Episcopal in Fredericksburg on November 3rd. This is an important meeting and I'm asking all Chapter Presidents to attend or send a representative.

As I write this, I'm getting ready to head to Triennial. I will be posting pictures on our Facebook page (*DOK: Diocese of Virginia*), so look out for those. I hope to come back with lots of ideas for our diocese.

FHS,
Debbie

Chapter News

Truro Chapter Celebrates 15 years

On April 28, 2018, the Truro Chapter of The Order of the Daughters of the King celebrated its 15th anniversary since its institution in April 27, 2003. It started with a Service of Re-dedication that was held in the Chapel, led by our Chaplain, The Rev. Coleman Tyler.



Following the service, members were treated to an English Tea, complete with fine china, vintage linens (much like it might have been in 1885) and a variety of delicious treats.



We were privileged to be served a proper "English Tea" by Journey to Jerusalem students Stephen Desmarais and Sara Corn.



We are very grateful to Tory and Coleman and all the Clergy who have supported us throughout our 15 years at Truro, and look forward to "continuing our journey."



The Daughters enjoyed the English Tea, conversing and reconnecting with each other.



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Province III Retreat

by Norma Patterson and Barbara Bracebridge

What a wonderful setting for Province III's annual retreat that was held at the Claggett Center in Frederick County, MD! The original building, Buckingham House, built in the mid 1700's, overlooks the Monacacy River and Sugarloaf Mountain. The land was transferred to the Diocese of MD in 1950 to be used as a camp and conference center. It is in a beautiful, serene location to which many other buildings have been added. This was the perfect spot for our retreat of "Spiritual Discovery through Our Words."



We are glad we decided to stay over rather than commute. We enjoyed being with sisters from other chapters, meeting and getting to know each other, and learning about them and their activities.



The Rev. Jocelyn Irving, our Province III Chaplain, presided at the Taizé service on Friday evening, the healing service Saturday night, as well as at the Holy Eucharist on Sunday. We were inspired by the many prayers and hymns during the services. We were encouraged to "Let go and let God be God."



Our speaker, Martha Johnson Bourlakas, is an energetic mother, teacher, author, and retreat director who encouraged us to focus on words in our lives. She suggested we focus on one word for a week - pray how that word is active in our lives and search how that word is found in Biblical stories and in our secular lives. She encouraged talkers to listen and listeners to focus on how to share. We learned that women tend to use their gifts of resiliency as

caretakers of others, giving of ourselves. We have to take the space and time to honor each other as God's children.



There were many activities we could engage in during our free time. We could walk around the fairly level main part of the campus, go down a slight incline to walk the outdoor labyrinth, walk farther to view the banks of the Monocacy River, walk to a grave site for slaves who worked on the original plantation, ride our bike, or just chill out under a tree, on a chair on a porch, or in our comfortable room.



This retreat provided a deeply moving experience in a very tranquil setting. We encourage others to go to the retreat when possible.



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Funds Available for Members

The Diocese of Virginia DOK has funds available for our membership. This year we have given out scholarships for ladies to attend the Province III Retreat and the Triennial.

If you would like to celebrate the anniversary of your Chapter institution but your treasury can't support a party, if you have a new Senior or Junior member who needs

help with her membership admission fees or a Daughter is traveling to a mission field assignment and needs some funding assistance, just ask!

Send me your request with information about the event, how much you are requesting, and what date you need the funding. The Diocese of Virginia DOK Board will consider your request and get back to you as soon as possible. Individuals must be in good standing with DOK National dues to be considered. Upon accepting funds from the Diocese, you will agree to give a report at one of our Assemblies or write an article in the Daughters

Digest, telling us about the event and your experience.

Our Diocese is blessed with funds that we can share with our DOK sisters. This offer ends June 30, 2019.

For His Sake,
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