



Diocese of Central Pennsylvania Daughters of the King Assembly Newsletter



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THANK YOU SO MUCH!!

The Spring 2016 Province III Retreat was such a success and it all was because of you! This newsletter is a roundup of the Retreat and the upcoming Fall Assembly.



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FALL ASSEMBLY IN GETTYSBURG

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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.

On April 15-17, the Order of the Daughters of the King from the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania hosted 178 members of the Daughters of the King from Province III at the Claggett Retreat Center in Adamstown, Md., for a spirit-filled weekend. In attendance were Daughters of the King from the thirteen dioceses in the province as well as several national officers. Pictured are the Daughters from St. Andrew's in the Valley; St. Andrew's, State College; St. James, Lancaster; St. John the Baptist, York; Prince of Peace, Gettysburg, and All Saints, Hanover, as well as Diocesan Chaplain Barbara Hutchinson from St. Andrew's, Shippensburg. – Courtesy of the

Letter from the President . . .



Dear Daughters of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania,

Thank God. And thanks to all of you, for all that each and everyone of you did in the previous twelve or so months. I believe that it is right to say that our faith, and our commitment to our Order has been very evident in everything that we have accomplished in the past year.

Well, we did it, and the whole Diocese should offer up prayers of thanksgiving – our Diocese, only 3 years assembled, successfully hosted the 2016 Annual Province Retreat at the Bishop Claggett Center in Buckeystown, MD on April 15, 16 and 17, 2016. Did I remember to say thank you? Well, I should, because I am very grateful for all the prayers that were offered, all the phone calls that were attended, all the planning that took place, all the crafting of sheep and prayer boxes and prayer bracelets, all the food that was offered, all the yarn crosses that were prepared and then finished, all the signs that were made, all the things that were organized and re-organized and re-organized again – the list just goes on and on. The Retreat was a success because we, as Daughters, lived our vows out in very tangible ways.

I owe very special thanks to Alison Vedder, who served as our registrar – she should have gotten hazardous

duty pay for taking on that job, to Linda Hoover who helped plan and organize the different presentations (especially Dr. Anthony Leach and the gospel choir), to Mother Barbara for her unfailing support of all of us who attended the retreat, and for her never ending support of me as we completed the retreat process, Susan Steffen who did a super job of hospitality (I think she might not ever want to see another Utz Potato Chip bag again), Sarah Terhune for her oversight of the communion services, for Barbara House who supported us with prayers during the planning process, Betsy Howell for her help with the retreat bags and pens, and the donation of the signage, Carolyn Hinton for her help with the design of the bags (they were really nice – someone should bring a bag on Saturday for everyone to see) and the prayer boxes, Dorothy Kapnic for her organization of the yarn cross project, and for leading the yarn cross sessions along with Betsy, for Kitty Mussett who assisted Donna Snyder (who we just might convert to a Daughter), along with Linda Hoover for the Praying with Colors sessions, for Fran Allison who cheered us on from Thursday to Sunday, Kelley Paulsen who constructed 180+ prayer bracelets for the retreat attendees, Cathy Rippeon for all her attention and work with the ladies from Love, INC and thanks

to the brave ladies from Lancaster, Daughters for only a few months who attended their very first retreat – they served as my traffic cops when we were moving from spot to spot on Saturday morning. And I owe additional thanks to the ladies who made it to the Diocesan Assembly in the beginning of March – our sheep construction project was fun, and many of the ladies who attended the retreat were just so happy with our sheep. And though they will never see this (probably) to the staff at Claggett who attended to our every need, served us delicious food, and provided us with comfy accommodations; and thanks to Carole Novian who served as my faithful advisor during the Retreat planning.

I can never say thank you enough times to God, for He carried me through some tough times during the planning and execution. I would be remiss if I didn't admit that there were tough times, but His presence was ever comforting – even when turned over my trials to Him and then took them right back. Eventually I came to the place, where instead of worrying and fussing over the details, I gave the whole Retreat over to God, for it is truly His success, His word that was shared, His love that we feel when we think of the lessons we learned. It was, after all, For His Sake.

With love and unending affection and constant prayers for all Daughters, but especially for our Diocesan group. You are awesome prayer warriors, amazing spiritual women, and I am blessed to work and to pray with all of you. God bless you.

I hope to see you on May 28th. Plans are still coming together, and there will be an update by mid-week, but we will gather at Mount Calvary Episcopal Church in Camp Hill, PA at 2:00 pm. Mount Calvary has an outdoor labyrinth that we might take advantage of, but if the weather is not hospitable, we can also use their indoor facilities. Camp Hill is a direct drive north from Claggett, and its location is why I picked it, as I can get there relatively quickly and it is pretty central to our different chapters. There will be time for spiritual reflection, prayers, especially healing prayers and time to get to know each other a little better.

For His Sake

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Chaplain's Letter . . .



Crying out to Christ

In our times of despair and lament at the horrific events which seem to happen daily in our country, may we always know we are crying out to a Christ who is within us, among us, and before us. We are in a relationship with Christ who is loving us in our despair, holding us in our anguish, steadying us when we feel we can no longer fight against the evil in the world, and perhaps most importantly, leading us always into a place of compassion and love. It's hard to know what to do as our hearts break in the light of the recent mass shooting in Orlando. I hear the cry from so many, "When will this ever end?". It's easy to imagine it will never end, that the state of the world as it is now will be forever. But as Christians we can't allow ourselves to believe that; as Christians we must always hope for the in-breaking of the kingdom; as Christians we must always open ourselves up for becoming the change we want to see in the world; as Christians we must dig in our heels and commit ourselves once again to our baptismal vows, where we renounce the forces of evil and turn our whole selves toward Christ; as Christians we must find within us the strength to be a beacon of hope for all others. The only way I know how to do that is to pray faithfully from the depths of my soul. praying for and holding in the light of Christ one victim of the Orlando shooting each day.

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A friend of mine is posting the person's name, photo, and a description of who the person was. I carry their image with me throughout the day and hold them into the redemptive love of Christ. Jesus taught us that death is not the end and one way to allow Jesus' power of love to cast away the darkness associated with these senseless deaths is to pour love into our world by naming and claiming these victims as God's beloved. Let us do our part to keep the light shining.

In Christ's love,

Mother Barbara

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church



Recap of the Spring Assembly at St. John the Baptist, York

Many hands make light work. That was the theme of the assembly at York. The Daughters gathered together to

pray, assemble packets, make sheep, and cross kits for the upcoming Province III Retreat, and come together in fellowship.

- Sarah Terhune

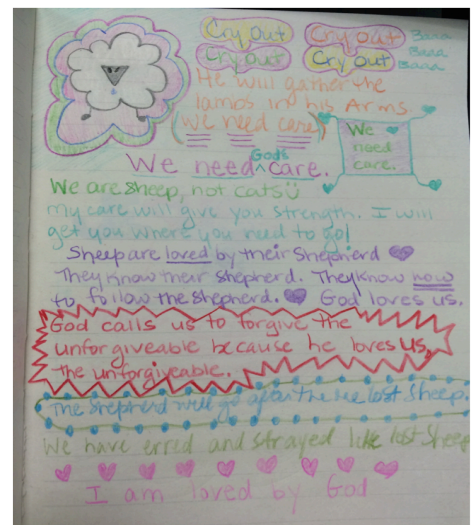
Latest News from Province III

As many of you may already know, effective April 23, 2016, Province III elected President Ronda Toll resigned from her position. To paraphrase, Ronda said that she felt her gifts would be better used in other ways in the Province. In keeping with the Province By-laws, and after some prayerful consideration, second VP, Carole Novian has assumed the position of President of Province III. Anyone who knows Carole will tell you that she is a wonderfully spiritual person, and I believe she will serve our Province well as our President. Carole was the President of the Diocese of Maryland, when they hosted the 2015 Province III Retreat. Following from this chain of events, we had a healing prayer session that was conducted by phone conference; in attendance were myself, Alison Vedder and Rev Barbara Hutcheson along with most of the members of the full board for Province III. A special meeting was called for all the Diocesan Presidents and the Executive Board of Province III to meet at the Bishop Claggett Center. This meeting was called by National President Susan

Province III Retreat In Spring Great at Buckeystown

TEACH MY SHEEP

Our Province Chaplain, Father Jack Lynch helped us to realize that we are the Lord's sheep (not cats) during our Bible Study on Saturday afternoon during our retreat. The bottom line of Fr. Jack's look at the "Lord is Our Shepherd and we are His Sheep" is that we need God's care. He will gather all his little lambs in his arms as we cry out to him (baa, baa, baa). The Lord's care gives us strength and He shepherds us to where we need to go. Sheep know how to follow their shepherd. God calls us to forgive the unforgiveable because He loves us, the unforgiveable. That one little lost sheep is worth all the time and effort that the shepherd puts into drawing it back into the fold. When we have erred and strayed like lost sheep, just remember that we are loved by God and that is all we need. – Kitty Mussett



COLOR MY SHEEP WITH PRAYERS

Daughters at the Province III Retreat attended a workshop session led by Donna Snyder, a parishioner at St. Andrew's, State College and self-proclaimed Daughter "wannabe", Linda Hoover, Diocese Vice-President and Julian of Norwich Vice-President and Kitty Mussett, Julian of Norwich Chapter President. Inspired by Sybil MacBeth's book *Praying in Color: Drawing a New Path to God*, Donna guided daughters in three sessions through prayerful doodling with beautiful examples of prayer journals by B.J. Rhodes and contemplative music. Everyone left armed with a journal and box of colored pencils, ready to pray in color!

- Kitty Mussett



LOVE, INC.

Each year when planning the Province III Retreat the host diocese chooses a Service Project to be approved by the Province III Board of Directors. This year the DOK in the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania chose an organization in the Greater Hershey area by the name of Love INC (Love In The Name of Christ). After careful thought and consideration, the Province Board gave their approval for Love INC to become this year's recipients of our gifts from the DOK in Province III. Part of Love INC's mission is to meet God in the mobilization and transformation of lives in the community through providing needed services to them. There are multiple ways this is done through their call center or clearinghouse. The Parsonage Ministries, which is a "free, home-away-from-home for families of patients at the Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center living outside of its 50 mile radius" is one of the ministries Love INC provides. They have served families who come for treatment from many of our 50 states and other countries.

The part of Love INC's parsonage ministry our daughters chose to embrace was the "Personal Care Closet Ministry," serving the two parsonages available to families who are staying there. Families are permitted to stay for up to 30 days. The Personal Care Closet includes many items for families staying in these parsonages. Having these items on hand allows families to spend their time at the hospital as much as possible with no worry about items such as soap for bathing, deodorant, shampoo, baby wipes, diapers, snack items, coffee, Kleenex, first aid kits, bath mats, laundry detergent, dish soap, etc. Gift cards are also accepted to purchase items for the house or to give a family for an occasional meal at a local restaurant.

Our Province III daughters always embrace our Province Service Project with love and generosity. The items donated were loaded into a large SUV (with room for a driver only), a car and the back of another SUV for transport to Love INC. The offering from our Eucharist on Saturday was also given to support the needs of those staying at the Love INC parsonages. We enjoyed a presentation by Kate Smith

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representing Love INC on Saturday and they were amazed by the offering of goods they would receive. They could not believe it! They were very touched.

Thank you Province III Daughters for your compassion and care in continued service to those in need. "I cannot do everything, but I can do something..."

Thanks be to God!

- Cathy Rippeon



Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ

Chapters

Dame Julian of
Norwich, State
College

Margaret of
Scotland, Hanover

The Peacemakers,
Gettysburg

Daughters of
Glory, Harrisburg

Apostles of Christ,
York

Harriet Lane
Johnston,
Lancaster

The Perplexing Parables – DOK Fall Assembly

For this Assembly, we will be exploring the most enigmatic and often perplexing teachings of Jesus - **The Parables**. The parables range from (deceptively) straightforward to downright confusing. All are uniquely constructed to jolt our thinking into new and unexplored pathways. We will be walking these pathways with The Reverend Doctor Herbert Sprouse, Rector, of the Memorial Church of the Prince of Peace Episcopal Church.

We are lucky to have a resource as unique as the body of artistic interpretations or the parables created over many years by sculptor (and UCC minister) Charles McCollough. McCollough's artistry as employed in support of his highly original and thought-provoking new understandings of the meaning of these complex stories. So, save the date of Saturday, October 29th in Gettysburg.

- Barbara House

