

Annual Report 2021

The Order of the Daughters of the King

Vision and Mission Statements

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, the vision of The Order of the Daughters of the King® (DOK) is to know Jesus Christ, to make Him known to others, and to become reflections of God's love throughout the world. The Mission of the DOK is the extension of Christ's Kingdom through Prayer, Service and Evangelism.

Who We Are

DOK, founded by Margaret J. Franklin at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in New York City in 1885, is a religious order for women who are communicants of the Episcopal Church, churches in communion with it, or churches in the historic episcopate but not in communion with it. Membership currently includes women in the Anglican, Episcopal, Lutheran (ELCA) and Roman Catholic churches. Members take lifelong vows and dedicate themselves to prayer, service, and evangelism.

For more information about becoming a Daughter or starting a new chapter, please contact Susan Landin, Landin717@comcast.net.

Central Pennsylvania DOK Diocesan Officers

President – Linda Hoover, Dame Julian of Norwich Chapter, State College
1st Vice-President – Kristle Evans, Harriet Lane Johnston Chapter, Lancaster
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Recording Secretary – Lynne McCabe, Harriet Lane Johnston Chapter, Lancaster
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Corresponding Secretary – Ross Fairweather, Harriet Lane Johnston Chapter, Lancaster

Chapter Presidents

Vacant, Daughters of Glory, Harrisburg
Susan Steffen, The Peacemakers, Gettysburg
Jen Trenary and Heather Trenary, co-presidents, Harriet Lane Johnston, Lancaster
Kelley Paulsen, Dame Julian of Norwich, State College
Ann Brooks and Susan Leake, co-presidents, Apostles for Christ, York

Websites

Daughters of the King National: <https://www.doknational.org/>
Province III: <http://dokproviii.org/>

Ministry Work 2021

As with many organizations, DOK struggled this year to maintain its membership and its projects due to restrictions created by the COVID-19 pandemic. The five DOK chapters in the diocese and the executive board used various means to remain active and connected: conducting business meetings and prayer meetings via Zoom, organizing outdoor meetings in local parks, meeting within the church building when social distancing could be maintained, and maintaining monthly prayer chains via email.

All chapters in The Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania (DCPA) continued to support their parishes by praying for the clergy, staff, and parishioners and by helping as needed. Daughters and chapters also provided support for local parishioners with cards, gifts, and telephone calls. The Peacemakers in Gettysburg and the Apostles for Christ in York did tasks around the empty church such as polishing and cleaning the church, laundering acolyte robes, and joining with the altar guild in caring for the silver and brass on the altar.

The diocesan fall assembly 2020, via Zoom, was beautifully done by The Peacemakers at The Memorial Church of the Prince of Peace, Gettysburg, Pa., and included an original organ composition by Cathy Elkiss, speaker Darcy Maier from Better Angels, and an historical Gettysburg video presentation by Lt. Col. Arthur House.

The Harriet Lane Johnston chapter in Lancaster strengthened itself and its mission by gathering daughters together in small groups for prayer and conversation and by having an outdoor summer gathering. Its prayer list and individual prayer requests through email kept its members bonded and mindful of their own needs as well as those of others. It organized and facilitated the Maundy Thursday - Good Friday watch through the night at St. James, Lancaster. The way the chapter came together to offer the spring assembly on March 20, 2021, with a theme of "Morning of Joy and Hope," was a perfect example of the power of prayer, evangelism, and joy.

The Julian of Norwich chapter in State College has returned to in-person meetings twice monthly after many months of using Zoom. It plans to participate in the Dolls for Haiti project, and it is creating a new chapter banner. Members are reading and discussing *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger. An afternoon tea is in the planning stages.

In spite of being without leadership, the Daughters of Glory in Harrisburg have been a support to their parish throughout the pandemic.

The major diocesan service project - assisting organizations working toward stopping human trafficking in central Pennsylvania - was interrupted by COVID-19 restrictions. However, the project was revitalized at the fall assembly via Zoom on Saturday, October 9, 2021, with guest speaker Stacey Springer from Sparrow Place in York, Pa.

The bylaws committee completed a revision to the diocesan DOK bylaws to accommodate electronic meetings and elections and to clarify the nomination and roles of officers.

At the province level, DCPA's own Michele Marini was elected Province III DOK president.

Because the in-person annual Province III spring retreat planned for the Claggett Center in Maryland had to be cancelled, a Zoom retreat took place on Saturday, April 10, 2021, with the theme, "God's Beloved Community of Daughters." The retreat was attended by about 180 women from Province III.

At this time, in addition to local projects, all DOK chapters in Province III are focused on preparations for the international DOK convention to be held in Baltimore, Md., from June 22 to 26, 2022. Province III is hosting the convention which is expected to draw about 500 women from around the world.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Hoover, diocesan president