

**Fall
2021**



Prayer and Service for the Spread of Christ's Kingdom

**Diocese
of
Central
Pennsylvania**

**Daughters
of
the
King
Assembly**



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Letter from our Assembly President

Fall is upon us once again. Days grow shorter; temperatures drop; leaves turn. Mother Nature begins the annual process of preparing for a long winter's nap. At the same time, I look toward the cold quietness and the peace of winter that naturally follow the vibrant colors of autumn. On an excursion to Peight's Store in the Big Valley of Mifflin County, I am so struck by the beauty of a stand of joyfully bright yellow flowers that I feel compelled to photograph them. As I draw closer, I find an industrious bumble bee going about her business of collecting pollen from the blooms. She seems completely undisturbed by my presence or by the coming change of seasons.



The bumble bee is a truly social creature living in a multi-generational community. She gathers pollen to make honey to feed and sustain her community, the hive. Unlike the common honey bee from which we get our supply of glorious golden honey, the bumble bee only produces enough



honey to feed the hive for a few days during bad weather. In the fall, newly emerged queens get ready to hibernate for the winter, and the rest of the colony begins to die off. In spite of what may seem to be her self-centered and, perhaps, ill-fated pollen collection labor, the bumble bee serves as a valuable and essential pollinator for plants that provide food and sustenance to a much wider animal community. When watching the bumble bee go about her work, I am impressed by her steady, calm, methodical, and determined effort to do her job even as she approaches the end of her life cycle. Winter is coming, and the flowers will soon be gone. Yet the humble bumble bee diligently continues on with her work of gathering God's abundant pollen harvest to support her own community as well as a plethora of other plant and animal communities.

As Christ's daughters, we live in a multi-generational community just as the bumble bee does, and following her example, we too need to diligently continue our work without being discouraged or distracted by the impending change of seasons that tends to move us into our own hives. We must continue our work in spite of the inactivity that often comes with winter weather. We must evangelize about the Kingdom of God, pray continuously, and serve our communities looking for the opportunities God puts before us, perhaps, through people, activities, email, or social media. Stay awake and aware. Write notes. Call people on the telephone. Do whatever you can. As the cold and barrenness of winter draw near,



try not to hunker down and turn inward. Instead, find inspiration in the humble bumble bee and calmly, diligently, and prayerfully move forward living into your vows. "And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9

For His Sake,
Linda



Executive Board Mtg Minutes

The Order of The Daughters of the King Diocese of Central Pennsylvania Executive Board Business and Prayer Meeting Minutes August 2, 2021

Attendees: Susan Steffen, Michele Marini, Lynne McCabe, Kelley Paulsen, Linda Hoover, Ross Fairweather
Call to Order 7:31

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.

Minutes from May 3, 2021 reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report -- eff. her June 30th report (\$7,533.89); Michele asked whether we have scholarship money set aside for Triennial? Allison thinks the money in the savings acct would be used for the registration fee for the president + any of those who cannot afford to attend; she thinks DCPA should pay the president's fee from checking. Susan Landin will likely represent DCPA in Linda Hoover's absence.

Old Business

Executive board meetings are held the 1st Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m. via Zoom or conference call. Business meeting and prayer meetings are on alternate months. Call for volunteers to lead prayer meetings

Province elections: Michele Marini is Province President effective September 1, 2021. Installation of new Province III officers will be held in person on August 20, 2021, at Claggett, an in-person retreat and working meeting to help transition new officers into their roles.

Conversations with Daughters: Next CWD is Aug 21, 2021. Ideas are needed for new programs

Chapter election updates: Chapters are encouraged to think out of the box to encourage leadership if volunteers do not step forward to fill positions; Harriett Lane Johnston will have co-presidents plus a new secretary. Dame Julian elected Kelley Paulsen as president, Michelle Marini as VP, Kitty Mussett as treasurer, Darlene Nordoff as secretary.

Reminder: If the chapter president is also a diocesan officer, the chapter vice president should attend the executive board meetings.

Fall diocesan assembly will be hosted by Apostles for Christ, York; in person or via Zoom unknown pending COVID; Sat. October 9, 2021

Installation of new DCPA officers effective September 1, 2021

President – Linda Hoover

Recording Secretary Lynne McCabe

First Vice President – Kristle Evans

Corresponding Secretary – Ross Fairweather

Second Vice President – Susan Landin

Treasurer Alison Vedder

Diocesan Assembly Leadership Instruction (DALI) Workshop is part of DOK's National Enrichment Program. Kathy Paulo would like to run one for our Assembly; maybe part of Fall Assembly.

National dues are due September 1, 2021 – Do we have a diocesan fund to help pay dues? Please remind your sisters to get online and pay dues ASAP.

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New Business

Province-wide call to prayer via Zoom – Aug. 23, 2021, at 7:30 pm. Details to be sent by email.

National convention (formerly and commonly known as “Triennial”)

NEW DATE: Wed. June 22 to Thur. June 26, 2022 – Hyatt Inner Harbor, Baltimore, Md.;

if volunteering, arrive on Tuesday;

Province III is hosting;

Diocese of Central Pa is responsible for Junior Daughters check-in.

Theme is “**Come to the Table**” (based on Luke 13:29);

Province III dinner on 1st night, Wed. June 22, 2022;

Begin saving for personal travel expenses;

Chapters: begin saving to provide scholarships if possible or if needed;

Entertainment ideas are requested (prefer donated services; honorarium possible)

Workshop ideas and presenters are needed. Need to be in place by Dec. 1, 2021.

Application deadline for exhibitors is April 15, 2022. (Details and fee structure in exhibitor application form.)

Early registration is \$575; will be opened in February and due by March 31, at which time registration goes to \$675; (Registration covers all 11 meals Wed – Sun AM); after March 31 = \$625; then \$675 by May 21st.

Anyone who is reimbursed is expected to double up (chapter pres, scholarship).

Room rate is approximately \$169/night includes taxes (could be split with up to four)

Costs are intended to be flexible to accommodate partial participation, if possible, but are not set yet (e.g., commuter only, no meals, some meals, 2 days only, etc.)

Province III retreat (shortened) will be held for committee chairs and workers– April 8-9, 2022, (Friday and Saturday of Palm Sunday weekend) at Claggett. It will include worship services. (It was the only weekend available at Claggett in 2022.)

Expectation is 500-600 attendees

Ideas being solicited for entertainment and workshops; workshop ideas can be submitted via forms available from Ross Fairweather or the chapter presidents; your ideas need to include all the materials and handouts; the workshop content is to be decided by Dec. 31, 2021. (Attendees will register in advance for workshops.)

Flexible registration planned for commuters who will eat fewer meals.

Next national convention will be in 2024.

Province III Executive Board Retreat – August 20-21, 2021 at Claggett

DPCA Spring Assembly hosted by State College (Mar. 5th or April 23rd); may have to plan on it being via Zoom to avoid travel and other DOK spring/summer conflicts; it could also be in February to stretch out the events.

Fall diocesan meeting schedule – Linda wants people to volunteer to lead the prayer meetings

September 6 – prayer meeting (Gettysburg vol'd)

October 9 - business meeting (at fall assembly)

November 8 – prayer meeting (xx vol'd)

December 6 – business meeting

Ways to invigorate assembly – please brainstorm with your chapters and send ideas and suggestions to Linda Hoover (Lsh4488@gmail.com)

Business meeting adjourned.

EVENTS

Our 2021 Fall Assembly, hosted by the Apostles for Christ Chapter at St John's in York, PA, will be held virtually on the morning of **Saturday, October 9th**. If you haven't already registered or requested prayers for this free event, contact Ross Fairweather at 717-464-4382 via email at rossfair63@gmail.com. Please join us!



DOK Motto

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?

Save the Date
Triennial 2022
June 22nd - 26th, 2022
Hyatt Regency Baltimore



7 Poems That Evoke Autumn

[7 Classic Poems That Evoke Autumn \(thoughtco.com\)](http://thoughtco.com)

Poets have long found inspiration from the seasons. Sometimes their poems are a simple testament to the glory of nature and include beautiful descriptions of what the poet sees, hears, and smells. In other poems, the season is a metaphor for an emotion the poet wants to convey, such as maturation, harvest bounty, or the ending of a season of life. Experience autumn in seven magnificent poems from poets of different eras.

TO AUTUMN:

[John Keats'](#) 1820 ode to the fall season is one of the great classics of the poetic movement of Romanticism. The poem is a rich description of the [beauty of autumn](#) that focuses on both its lush and sensual fruitfulness and the melancholy hint of shorter days. Keats ends his poem evoking the closing of the season and finding a parallel in the beauty of an early-evening sunset. His words depict the haunting beauty in the quiet winding down into winter.

"Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eves run;
To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees,
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;
To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells
With a sweet kernel; to set budding more,
And still more, later flowers for the bees,
Until they think warm days will never cease,
For Summer has o'er-brimm'd their clammy cells...
Where are the songs of Spring? Ay, where are they?
Think not of them, thou hast thy music too,—
While barred clouds bloom the soft-dying day,
And touch the stubble-plains with rosy hue;
Then in a wailful choir the small gnats mourn
Among the river shallows, borne aloft
Or sinking as the light wind lives or dies;
And full-grown lambs loud bleat from hilly bourn;
Hedge-cricket sing; and now with treble soft
The red-breast whistles from a garden-croft;
And gathering swallows twitter in the skies."



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ODE TO THE WEST WIND:

[Percy Bysshe Shelley](#) wrote this poem in 1820. Typical of [Romantic poets](#), Shelley found constant inspiration in nature and the seasons. The ending of this poem is so well-known that it has become a saying in the English language, the origin of which is unknown to many who invoke it. These final words hold a powerful message of finding promise in the turning of the seasons. Shelley conveys the hope implicit in our knowledge that even as winter is approaching, right behind it is spring.

"O wild West Wind, thou breath of Autumn's being,
Thou, from whose unseen presence the leaves dead
Are driven, like ghosts from an enchanter fleeing,
Yellow, and black, and pale, and hectic red,
Pestilence-stricken multitudes: O thou,
Who chariotest to their dark wintry bed..."

And the famous last lines:

"The trumpet of a prophecy! O Wind,
If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?"

SUMMER MIDNIGHT:

[Sara Teasdale](#) wrote this poem in 1914, a memoir to autumn filled with sensuous detail of sight and sound. It is a meditation on saying goodbye to the season and on sealing the memory of the soon-departing season into the poet's mind.

"Lyric night of the lingering Indian summer,
Shadowy fields that are scentless but full of singing,
Never a bird, but the passionless chant of insects,
Ceaseless, insistent.
The grasshopper's horn, and far-off, high in the maples,
The wheel of a locust leisurely grinding the silence
Under a moon waning and worn, broken,
Tired with summer.
Let me remember you, voices of little insects,
Weeds in the moonlight, fields that are tangled with asters,
Let me remember, soon will the winter be on us,
Snow-hushed and heavy.
Over my soul murmur your mute benediction,
While I gaze, O fields that rest after harvest,
As those who part look long in the eyes they lean to,
Lest they forget them."

AUTUMN FIRES

This 1885 poem by [Robert Louis Stevenson](#) is a simple evocation of fall that even children could understand.

"In the other gardens
And all up the vale,
From the autumn bon-fires
See the smoke trail!
Pleasant summer over
And all the summer flowers,
The red fire blazes,
The grey smoke towers.
Sing a song of seasons!
Something bright in all!
Flowers in the summer,
Fires in the fall!"



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THE WILD SWANS AT COOLE:

[William Butler Yeats](#)' 1917 poem lyrically describes another lush autumn day. It can be enjoyed for its beautiful imagery, but the poem's subtext is the pain of the passage of time. In the final image, Yeats writes of the longing and lack that autumn evokes as he imagines the departure of the swans he is observing and waking one morning to their absence.

"The trees are in their autumn beauty,
The woodland paths are dry,
Under the October twilight the water
Mirrors a still sky;
Upon the brimming water among the stones
Are nine-and-fifty swans.
The nineteenth autumn has come upon me
Since I first made my count;
I saw, before I had well finished,
All suddenly mount
And scatter wheeling in great broken rings
Upon their clamorous wings...
But now they drift on the still water,
Mysterious, beautiful;
Among what rushes will they build,
By what lake's edge or pool
Delight men's eyes when I awake some day
To find they have flown away?"

LATE OCTOBER:

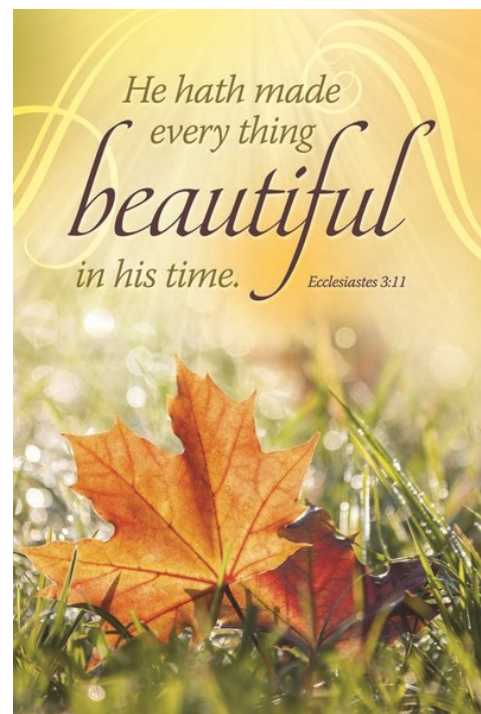
In this poem from 1971, [Maya Angelou](#) speaks to the idea that life is a cycle, and beginnings lead to endings that lead to the start again. She uses the simple context of the seasons as a metaphor for life and the special insight that lovers have into endings and beginnings.

"Only lovers
see the fall
a signal end to endings
a gruffish gesture alerting
those who will not be alarmed
that we begin to stop
in order to begin
again."

NOTHING GOLD CAN STAY:

[Robert Frost's](#) short poem from 1923 writes about the effects of time and the inevitability of change and loss. He writes of the ever-changing color of leaves through the seasons to make this point. He sees the loss of Eden, and the grief of that loss, in the turning of the year.

"Nature's first green is gold,
Her hardest hue to hold.
Her early leaf's a flower;
But only so an hour.
Then leaf subsides to leaf,
So Eden sank to grief,
So dawn goes down to day
Nothing gold can stay."



Prayers

[10 Beautiful Psalms for Change and a New Season \(crosswalk.com\)](http://crosswalk.com)



It's early, just after dawn. I plunge my spade into the blackest of soil, and grin as I hear that rowdy rooster from down the lane. He sounds extra energized this morning. Perhaps it's the slight nip in the air? I hold my seemingly meager seeds and smile, pondering their potential and the transformation they'll undergo.

I ready them for their slumber, covering them with their blanket of darkness. I tuck them in tight as a cool hint of anticipation dances on the breeze, softly brushing my ponytail aside, reminding me the change of the season is here. *Autumn*. The season of transition, nudging us from a summer that was most likely too hot for many of us to a winter that will most likely be too cold for most of us.

I gently pat the bed and tell them to sleep well. Will these seeds I've sown yield a harvest I'll be pleased with? I wonder what these months of transition and change will yield in my own life. *Change*. That word makes me so uneasy. So much uncertainty in this next season of my life.

My anticipation turns to anxiousness as the 'what ifs' parade through my mind. Will I yield fruit? Will *my* potential be made known? Will this season of my life be one of hurting or healing, absence or abundance, hardship or happiness?

I close my eyes and pray. I am comforted when He whispers Truth to me: No matter the changes that come my way, [He is the same yesterday, today, and forever](#). He is eternally unchanging and faithful—no matter the season, no matter the circumstances.

Maybe you're salvaging what's left from the fiery aftermath of summer. Perhaps you're already chilled to the bone at the mere thought of the impending winter's bite. May these Scriptures provide encouragement, comfort, and inspiration. May you praise Him and trust Him in every season of your life.

1. [Psalm 126:5-6](#)

Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy. Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them.

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Prayers (cont'd)

2. [Psalm 107:1](#)

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever. [Psalm 107:1](#)

He is worthy of our praise and *thanksgiving*. He is a good, compassionate, and loving God in every season.

3. [Psalm 32:8](#)

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with My loving eye on you. [Psalm 32:8](#)

Be open to His leading and trust that He will lovingly counsel you as you transition into this newest season of life.

4. [Psalm 55:22](#)

Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you; He will never let the righteous be shaken. [Psalm 55:22](#)

The Lord will take care of you and will not let you *fall*. Cast your burdens and entrust this season of your life to Him, for He is able.

5. [Psalm 27:14](#)

Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord. [Psalm 27:14](#)

He has a good plan for your life, though some days the *fruit* may not be evident. During this season, trust Him fully as you wait for the harvest.

6. [Psalm 23:5](#)

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. [Psalm 23:5](#)

He yearns for us to take our seat at the table of His *bountiful* blessings. Our Provider, Protector, and Comforter is so good, full of mercy, and love—even in the darkest of valleys.

7. [Psalm 8:3-4](#)

When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place, what is mankind that You are mindful of them, human beings that You care for them? [Psalm 8:3-4](#)

It's hard to fathom that He who made the heavens and moon, and *gathered* the stars would be concerned with us, such small creatures in the grand scheme of things. But, He really does care about even the smallest of things in our lives.

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Prayers (cont'd)

8. [Psalm 24:1](#)

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. [Psalm 24:1](#)

Everything belongs to Him. May we continually thank Him for each and every thing He has entrusted to us. May we use Godly wisdom in our choices as stewards. It really is true that we *reap* what we *sow*.

9. [Psalm 31:19](#)


How abundant are the good things that You have stored up for those who fear You, that You bestow in the sight of all, on those who take refuge in You. [Psalm 31:19](#)

All good things are from Him. Take comfort, knowing He's working out a good plan for your life. One that's full of *abundance*.

10. [Psalm 61:2](#)

From the ends of the earth I call to you, I call as my heart grows faint; lead me to the rock that is higher than I. [Psalm 61:2](#)

He is able to lift you higher than you could ever reach by yourself. Trust that He will *plant* your feet firmly when your heart is heavy and your body frail.



A calm and undisturbed
mind and heart
are the life and health
of the body

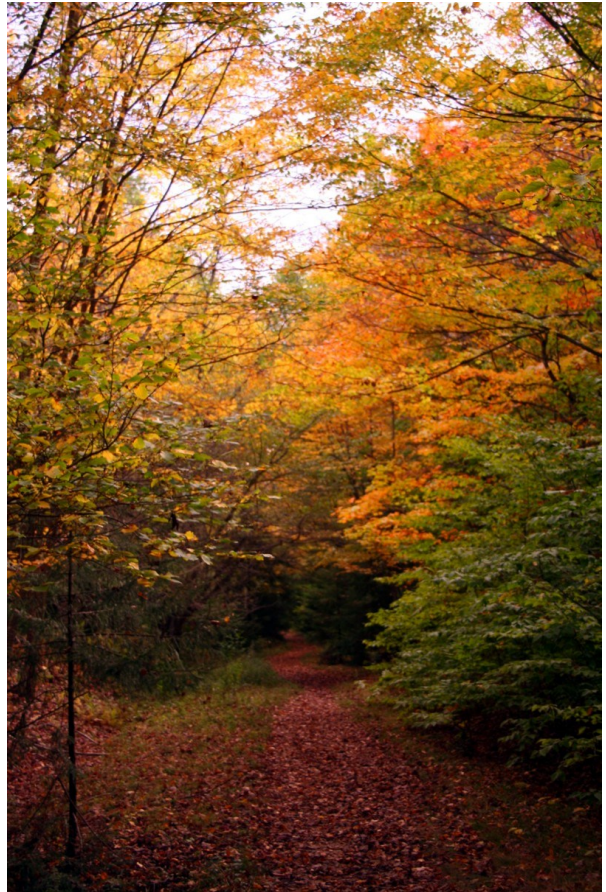
Proverbs 14:30

Prayers

Dear Father God,

Thank You for Your unfailing love for me, Your blessings, and goodness. Thank You for Your faithfulness to guide me and see me through times of uncertainty, for lifting me up, and setting me on high. Thank You for Scripture that comforts and reminds me of Your promises, plan, and provision. Thank you for taking away my fears and worries, the what-ifs, and reminding me that my help comes from You. Help me be a good steward and to sow wisely.

In Christ's Name. Amen



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