

Daughters of the King Annual Report

October 2023 – September 2024

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

The Order of the Daughters of the King, founded by Margaret J. Franklin at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in New York City in 1885, is a religious order for women and girls who desire a closer walk with the Lord. We are Christian women, both lay and ordained, who are strengthened through the discipline of a Rule of Life and supported by the companionship of our sisters. Our primary goal is to know Jesus Christ and to make Him known to others. Members take lifelong vows and dedicate themselves to prayer, service, and evangelism. For more information about becoming a Daughter or about starting a new chapter in the diocese, please contact Michele Marini (michelemarini@comcast.net).

Diocese of Central Pennsylvania Daughters of the King Executive Board

President – Kitty Mussett, Dame Julian of Norwich Chapter, State College

1st Vice-President – Kristle Evans, Harriet Lane Johnston Chapter, Lancaster

2nd Vice-President – Michele Marini, Dame Julian of Norwich Chapter, State College

Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary – Heather Trenary, Harriet Lane Johnston Chapter, Lancaster

Treasurer – Ross Fairweather, Harriet Lane Johnston Chapter, Lancaster

Chapter Presidents

Vacant, Daughters of Glory, Harrisburg

Susan Steffen, The Peacemakers, Gettysburg

Kristle Evans, Harriet Lane Johnston, Lancaster

Michele Marini, 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 2023-2024

Of the diocese's five DOK chapters, three chapters engage in the leadership of the diocese, one maintains a healthy chapter within the confines of their parish but does not regularly engage in diocesan activities and the other struggles to maintain membership and status as a chapter. The executive board held monthly business and prayer meetings via Zoom and conducted its annual spring assembly at St. John's, York with Daughters in the Apostles for Christ Chapter.

The Harriet Lane Johnston Chapter in Lancaster strengthened its mission by gathering Daughters together for prayer and adapting their schedule to include a book study of Bible Women: All Their Words and Why They Matter. The group helped deliver gifts during Christmas to the homebound of the parish. As a part of their annual tradition the chapter organized and facilitated an overnight prayer vigil on Maundy Thursday into Good Friday at St. James. During Covid and through early 2024 the chapter met either in St. John's as more opportunity for social distancing was available. Thus, the chapter had a Homecoming of sorts as they were able to move back to space at St. James in February 2024. The monthly prayer list kept everyone focused, while as with most chapters everyone prayerfully considered their call to being an officer. The new officers are Kristle Evans (President), Susan Landin (VP), Debbie Wetzel & Jeannie Keener (Co-Secretaries), and Lissa Olson (Treasurer).

The Dame Julian of Norwich Chapter at St. Andrew's in State College supports the spiritual life of our parish by hosting special baptismal celebrations for new parish members, and by hosting fellowship hour. The chapter organized and led weekly Taizé services in both the Advent and Lenten seasons. A bible study focused on the Acts of the Apostles in the African Bible Study method was offered to all members of the parish. We have refurbished our chapel to make it a more inviting prayer space. Members of DJN are active in diocesan activities and are active at the Province III level with Michele Marini serving as Provincial President, and Kitty Mussett serving as PIII Service and Evangelism chair. DJN has bi-weekly chapter meetings, where we spend time in intercessory prayer, as well as monthly social luncheons.

The Apostles for Christ Chapter at St. John Episcopal Church in York has continued to send Christmas cards to those who cannot attend services as well Valentines to people who might not otherwise receive one. The chapter enjoyed hosting the Diocesan Spring Assembly on May 4, 2024. The chapter currently has one person in discernment to become a daughter.

The Daughters of Glory Chapter at St. Andrew's in Harrisburg support their parish in a myriad of ways. Their ongoing DOK project has been their Sewing Group which began when the Chapter was founded. Daughters meet once a month and have focused on making dresses for nutritionally at-risk little girls at a facility in Haiti. They have also made prayer quilts for parish members and Christmas pillow slips for hospitalized children at Hershey Medical Center. Their next project will be over-the-head pinafores for residents of nursing homes.

Daughters from all over Province III gathered for the annual province retreat held in April 2024, at the Claggett Center in Maryland. The retreat was organized under the guidance of our own Michele Marini, current president of Province III. The theme for the retreat was "What is Evangelism? Is Evangelism for Me?" Guest keynote speaker, Rev. Patricia Lyons, was an inspiring and motivational speaker and graciously accepted the role as Province III Chaplain for the upcoming triennial. Sister daughters who chose a secret prayer partner at the Spring 2023 Province Retreat revealed themselves to their partner and selected a new prayer partner for the coming year. The service project was Mamatoto Village.

The DOK Province III executive committee, consisting of elected officers, committee chairs, and diocesan presidents from around the province met at St. Andrew's, State College, in August for a two-day workshop on how to be an officer in the Order of the Daughters of the King. Materials for the workshop included modules from the National Enrichment Program Leadership Academy.

Two Daughters from the diocese of Central PA were active contributors to the Triennial Meeting for Daughters of the King that was held in Louisville, KY from June 26-30. Kristle Evans, from the Harriet Lane Johnston chapter in Lancaster served as vergers for all 4 worship services. Her mentor commented that Kristle would be called upon for future Triennial meetings to serve in this capacity. Michele Marini, from the Dame Julian of Norwich chapter in State College was the Altar Guild chair for all services and is serving the National Council for DOK for the upcoming Triennial period as the Worship and Devotions chair and Prayer Coordinator.

Respectfully submitted, Kitty Mussett

President, Diocese of Central Pennsylvania

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