

FOURTH WATCH

— Newsletter of The Province of Sewanee —

Province IV of The Episcopal Church

Vol. 17 No. 2

Fall 2017

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Province reponds to suffering

Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm. — Mark 4:39 (NKJV)

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you. . . .
Isaiah 43:2 (NKJV)

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Province IV,

The last time I wrote to you was in August, and Hurricane Harvey had just devastated much of Texas and parts of western Louisiana. I encouraged you to pray for those whose lives were impacted by this huge force of nature and to give generously, if possible, to Episcopal Relief and Development. Little did any of us know that Irma, José, and Maria soon would follow and that much of Province IV would be touched in some way, along with Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and others in the Caribbean — literally millions of God's children. Add to that the deadly earthquakes in Mexico and wildfires in the western part of our country, and you have an incomprehensible amount of suffering.

What do we do? First we pray - for everyone: believers and non-believers; victims and all responders; those who lost loved ones and those who experienced miracles; those whose lives never will be back to "normal" and those who still are in need of the basic necessities for life. Next we act as the hands of Christ in a broken - in so many ways - world. So many of you have pitched in to help (thank you!) either individually, through your parishes or dioceses, through ECW, Episcopal Relief and Development, the Red Cross; with friends, neighbors, family; by monetary contributions, by collection and donation of food, clothing, and supplies, or by rolling up your sleeves and providing physical labor. Then, perhaps, we might ask ourselves how, as a well-connected province, we network in a more effective way to use our provincial resources in a timely manner of response.

As you think creatively, remember that soon we will be posting information regarding Province IV grants for 2018. The total amount of available funds will be \$25,000 and may be granted in one lump sum or divided among two or more proposals deemed feasible by the review committee. Please be on the lookout for more information and respond as soon as



PIV President Angela Daniel and Vice President, the Rt. Rev. Don Johnson, at Synod 2017

you are able.

Thanks, once again, to all those who helped to make our Province IV Synod 2017 so informative. Mark your calendars for **Synod 2018, just prior to General Convention: June 6-8 at Kanuga, beginning with a reception on June 6 and ending with lunch on June 8.** Our agenda will fill very quickly with items pertaining to General Convention and sessions that will better prepare all of us for our time in Austin, Texas. Elsewhere in this issue of our newsletter, please read articles that provide us with updates on the work leading to resolutions that we may discuss.

I want to share an exciting piece of news that may be of interest to many of you, even though it may sound unapologetically like a commercial. Kanuga Conferences, Inc. is offering a rare opportunity to experience politics and spirituality combined. Please go to www.kanuga.org to learn more about *Civil Discourse in America*, the topic of this year's Lansing Lee Conference. Taking place March 16-18, 2018, this event "will

Continued on Page 2



President's Report: Province responds to suffering in the world

Continued from Page 1

address the role of civil discourse in America. Featuring members of the United States House of Representatives (both Republicans and Democrats) along with nationally recognized voices from The Episcopal Church, this conference asks how we pivot from our current milieu to a place of cooperation and collaboration. In addition to plenary sessions where our representatives will share personally from their own stories, break-out workshops will include a variety of topics to equip attendees to be agents of goodness in the world. This conference is expected to be in high demand so early registration is suggested.”

Your Province IV Executive Committee will meet in early November to discuss many issues, including our grant process,

our budget, plans for Synod 2018, and the election of new officers and other positions in 2018. Please feel free to offer important agenda items that you would like to see discussed. It is a blessing and an honor to serve you, and we truly like to hear from you.

Thank you again for all that you do to maintain Province IV as a viable network for doing God's work in our piece of the Kingdom and in the world.

Faithfully,

Angela Daniel
President, Province IV

Environmental resources group organized

A “Regional Consultative Group” (RCG) has been formed in Province IV by members of the Advisory Committee on the Stewardship of Creation. An RCG is a group of individuals with various gifts to use in support of creation care activity within the province. The Province IV group has members who are clergy, professors, lawyers and community organizers with interests and experience in environmental issues, spiritual formation and parish development. The initial members were nominations from various dioceses in the province. The RCG will serve as a resource to churches, organizations and individuals in the province who need support, advice and resources for creation care work.



The Province IV RCG has begun to meet via conference call and during a face to face organizing meeting at Sewanee in October. Membership in this group is through nomination, and self-nominations are welcome. If you have an interest in serving on this group, have some experience and skills that could support this work, and have a heart and calling for environmental stewardship and creation care, please contact Jerry Cappel, the Province IV Environmental Network Coordinator, at jjcappel@hotmail.com.

Forming a group for this purpose in each province of the Episcopal Church is a directive from resolution A030, passed by General Convention in 2015. The work of establishing a RCG in every province is well under way. Together, the network of RCGs from every province will be able to support each other in expanding the work of creation care across the Episcopal Church.

— The Rev. Jerry Cappel
Province IV Environmental Network Coordinator



Youth working at PYE to help restore 10 homes destroyed by the flooding of Hurricane Matthew



PIV Youth Ministries

EYE in Oklahoma, ‘Lift Every Voice,’ PYE in N.C.

What an amazing and wonderful summer Province IV Youth Ministries had! The community that has been built within our Province IV Youth Community has continued to grow stronger and more meaningful and our service, outreach and worship have touched many lives. The genuine conversations that were shared continue to point us towards the magnitude of God's Love and God's desire to heal our world and each of us.

In July, The Episcopal Youth Event, an international event, was held in Oklahoma and Province IV had one of the largest groups of young people attending! We focused on “Path to Peace” with plenary sessions, workshops known as “Praxis,” small group gatherings and worship experiences challenging each of us to seek justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God.

During our week, EYE visited the Oklahoma City Bombing Site and heard the life experiences of many people whose lives were drastically changed by the actions of Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nicholas. Sitting on the lawn of the Oklahoma City National Memorial that night, more than 1,400 participants at The Episcopal Youth Event prayed for healing, forgiveness and reconciliation. The Episcopal Youth Event was truly a powerful experience for all who attended!

Following The Episcopal Youth Event, The “Lift Every Voice” Planning Team gathered at St. James Church, Wilmington, N.C. Forty-three young people from South Africa, False Bay, Botswana and the United States gathered to complete the details for the “Lift Every Voice Conference” that was held at The Summit near Greensboro, N.C.

This ministry was designed to revisit the historical truths of slavery and the Civil Rights movement in North Carolina and apartheid in South Africa and to build an understanding of social



Mike Wiley presents ‘Freedom Ride’ dramatization.



Continued on Page 5 South African and Botswana groups at airport before returning home.

Youth community meaningful, interconnected

Continued from Page 4

injustice that will help participating young people develop a vision and skills to lead their dioceses' programming around race and inclusivity. Following this summer's experience, participants were expected to creatively engage issues of justice in their own contexts through visual art, music, poetry, filmmaking, liturgy, writing, dramatic performance and direct action. This ministry looked forward as well, developing tools for identifying structures of injustice and oppression and for enabling cooperative intervention and positive change. The conference was designed to train and equip participants to develop a model of church leadership in today's multicultural communities. Deep gratitude goes to Beth Crow, the Diocese of North Carolina's Lead Youth Missioner, for the tremendous work that she has done in the area of Truth and Reconciliation and with three years of "Lift Every Voice!"

Province IV Youth Event

The Province IV Youth Event 2017 was held in Lumberton, N.C. immediately following "Lift Every Voice," with 163 participants from all over Province IV. For three days our young people worked on 10 homes that had been destroyed by Hurricane Matthew's flooding. Our young people "gutted" houses, hung sheetrock, put shingles on roofs, put tin roofs on houses, replaced insulation, painted and shared our lives with the residents whose lives were profoundly changed by Hurricane Matthew.

Our young people heard their resident's stories about the impact of this storm. Almost a year after the flooding, many of these people still were not back in their homes. Each evening, we gathered to process what we had seen, done and experienced.

We completed our nightly gathering with worship, prayers, singing, and recognizing God's Presence among us. Province IV is blessed to have committed & loving adults who shared their lives with our young people and who helped them as they worked hard during hot summer days! Amy Campbell helped coordinate PYE 2017 and she did an outstanding ministry!

As we look ahead to 2017-2018, Province IV Youth Ministries will continue to share our best practices and to help one another as we seek to encourage youth on their journeys of faith. The Province IV Youth Ministries Leadership and Network Meeting 2017 will be held on Thursday, Nov. 30, to Sunday, Dec. 3, at DaySpring Conference Center, Diocese of Southwest Florida. All 20 of our dioceses in Province IV are strongly encouraged to send two adults and three high school young people to this gathering. While we are together, we share ideas, have "Open Space" discussions, learn about programs, conferences and educational opportunities, experience traditional worship experiences and innovative worship experiences and we listen to one another as we share our "stories" and our "hopes."

The PIV Youth Ministries Leadership & Network Meeting Registration Forms have been emailed to each Diocesan Youth Ministries Coordinator. Please contact Cookie Cantwell, Province IV Youth Ministries Coordinator as cookie@stjamesp.org if you need the registration information.

We are blessed in Province IV to have such a meaningful and interconnected youth community! In addition to our wonderful programs, deep lasting friendships are formed and our larger community of faith is experienced and valued. It is an honor and a privilege to serve God within this loving and caring community! As we look to the future, we shall continue to ground this ministry in God's Love, Healing, Joy and Grace.

— **Cookie Cantwell, Chair, Province IV Youth Ministries**



Looking Ahead:

◦ **Nov. 30 - Dec. 3, 2017** — PIV Youth Ministries Leadership & Network Meeting, DaySpring Conference Center, Diocese of Southwest Florida

◦ **July 2 -13, 2018** — General Convention Official Youth Presence Application for General Convention Official Youth Presence 2018 (Deadline Nov. 1)

www.episcopalchurch.org/youth-ministries

◦ **July 25 - 28, 2018** — Province IV Youth Event in Atlanta, Ga., Hosted by the Diocese of Atlanta (6th - 12th grades)

◦ **Sept. 5 - 16, 2018** — Iona Pilgrimage

◦ **Nov. 29 - Dec. 2, 2018** — Province IV Youth Ministries Leadership & Network Meeting 2018, The Cathedral Domain, The Diocese of Lexington

Julia Chester Emory's 165th birthday

UTO To Honor founder

Greetings Province IV from your UTO board! We have been very busy working to increase awareness of UTO and the practice of thankfulness. With that goal in mind, we have initiated a celebration in honor of the 165th birthday of Julia Chester Emory. Julia and her sisters are responsible for organizing the ECW church-wide as well as starting The United Thank Offering. She was a pioneer and spent her life empowering women to serve in the church in leadership roles. If you want to know more, check out our brochure, "A Brief History of The United Thank Offering." It is available free of charge along with our other UTO supplies. Julia began UTO to support the mission work of the church and UTO continues to do so 127 years later. You can find all kinds of ideas and information regarding the birthday celebration at



<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/posts/uto/little-more-about-julia-chester-emory>.

Be sure to share your celebration photos with us and sign up for the contest!

The United Thank Offering is in the process of receiving applications for the young adult and seminarian grants. All necessary information can be found on our website: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/united-thank-offering>. Each

diocese may submit one young adult application and each of the 10 accredited seminaries may submit two applications. The grants are for up to \$2,500 and we will fund up to 10 grants in each category. If you know anyone that has project ideas and fits any of these categories, please encourage them to apply. I am available for questions any time (email: jlander-scgc@gmail.com) as well as the Rev. Cn. Heather Melton, our staff officer (hmelton@dfms.org).

We have a new place to order supplies. All UTO supplies can be ordered at <https://shimaofnavajoland.com/collections/United-Thank-Offering>. We hope this will solve some of the problems that have occurred in the past as well as help out our brothers and sisters in Navajoland.

Please help us increase the practice of thankfulness and continue the work UTO does for the church. We are challenging the church to increase the 2017 ingathering by \$700,000 over the ingathering in 2016. This goal is do-able since we have raised



Julia Chester Emory

more than that in the past. We chose this goal because that is the amount we need to raise in order to match the Triennial ingathering of 2015. Each year we have to deny many worthy applications simply because we do not have enough money. If we had received \$700,000 more last year, we could have funded every eligible application we received. So, please help us get the word out so that your blessings can become blessings to others.

— Joyce Landers, Province IV
UTO representative



UTO Recycling Center, Camp McDowell, Diocese of Alabama



ECW participants during 2017 retreat and annual meeting at Camp McDowell

ECW theme: ‘Building Bridges’

The Episcopal Church Women of Province IV held their annual retreat and meeting at beautiful Camp McDowell in Nauvoo, Ala., June 5 though 7. This year's topic was the second part of the Province IV ECW Triennial theme, “Building Bridges of Peace and Reconciliation: In Our Parishes and Communities, with a Focus on Racial Reconciliation.”

The Rev. Mary Catherine Akamatsu, the Rev. Deacon Carolyn Foster, and the Rev. Deacon Tom Osborne led the retreat, which expanded on Presiding Bishop Curry's call to be a part of the “Jesus Movement,” particularly emphasizing the aspect of reconciliation. In addition to the retreat theme, the ECW also provided workshops on the United Thank Offering, Diocesan Presidents, the Church Periodical Club, and the Girls Friendly Society.

The current Province IV ECW Board members are: Pat Rutenberg, President; Alsie Churchman, Secretary-Treasurer; Joyce Landers, Province IV Rep. to the United Thank Offering National Board; Suzanne Harrow, Province IV Rep. to the Church Periodical Club National Board; Mary Beth Welch, Province IV Rep. to the ECW National Board, and Marcie Cherau, Vice President of the UTO National Board.

The 2018 Province IV ECW Annual Retreat will be held June 4-6 at the Kanuga Conference Center in Hendersonville, N.C. Next year's focus will be “Building Bridges of Peace and Reconciliation: In Our Country and in the World”; our retreat leader and speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Sandy McCann, a physi-

cian and Episcopal priest, who has served in the Diocese of Atlanta and Tanzania.

— Patricia Rutenberg, President
Province IV ECW



ECW retreat and Eucharist leaders (from left) the Rev. Dn. Tom Osborne, the Rev. Dn. Andrea Peacock, the Rev. Dn. Pearl Slay, the Rev. Mary Catherine Akamatsu, and the Rev. Dn. Carolyn Foster

Province IV Ministry Coordinators

ALTAR GUILD

Ms. Sarah Hill
1906 Carolina Ave., NE
St. Petersburg, FL 33703
Tel. 727-525-8340
Email: sarahhill.fl@gmail.com

ANTI-RACISM

Dr. Navita Cummings James
*Province IV Representative to Executive Council
Committee on Anti-Racism*
Tel. 813-974-6098
Email: njames2@usf.edu

BISHOP'S CHAPLAIN

To RETIRED & SURVIVING SPOUSES

The Rt. Rev. David B. Reed
5226 Moccasin Trail
Louisville, KY 40207
Tel. 502-897-9282 (home); 502-235-8289 (cell)
Email: david.reed@ecunet.org

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Mr. Michael Wood-Miles
Episcopal Campus Minister
Georgia Southern University
Statesboro, GA 30458
Tel. 912-507-4883
Email: michaelwoodmiles@gmail.com

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Ms. Jenny Beaumont
Christ Episcopal Church
427 South Sharon Amity Road, Suite A
Charlotte, NC 28211
Tel. 704-442-1718
Email: jennyatswan@netscape.net

COMPANION DIOCESES

Ms. Martha Bedell Alexander
1096 Hollyheath Lane
Charlotte, NC 28209-2011
Tel. 704-558-4670
Email: marthaebalexander@hotmail.com

ECW

Dr. Patricia Rutenberg
3663 Woodland Drive
Knoxville, TN 37919
Tel. 865-604-5479
Email: pbrutenberg@gmail.com

Church Periodical Club, PIV Representative

Ms. Rebecca Markert
802 Bishopgate Rd.
Antioch, TN 37013
Tel. 615-366-1887 or 615-430-0535
Email: sewfun100@bellsouth.net

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

Vacant

ERD/Episcopal Relief & Development

Mr. Eugene Johnston
4 Elizabeth Place
Mobile, AL 36606
Tel. 251-478-5354
Email: ejohnston14@comcast.net

ENVIRONMENTAL MINISTRY

The Rev. Dr. Jerry Cappel
5719 Prince William St.
Louisville, KY 40207
Tel. 502-541-8278
Email: jjcappel@hotmail.com

UNITED THANK OFFERING

Ms. Joyce Landers
618 Lawson Drive
Troy, AL 36091
Tel. 334-672-3061
Email: jlanderscgc@gmail.com

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Ms. Cookie Cantwell
St. James Episcopal Church
25 South Third St.
Wilmington, NC 28401
Tel: 910-763-1628
Email: cookie@stjamesp.org



PIV participants in Young Adult and Campus Ministry Conference in Austin, Texas

Learning, worship, fellowship

‘Cultivate’ fires up PIV young people

Campus and Young Adult Ministry in Province IV is growing. We enjoy new ministries in several states. A widening trend has seen ELCA Lutheran Chaplains partnering with Episcopal Chaplains joining together with great success. Many existing ministries have had to remodel their buildings to allow for the increase in student participation. There has been a slow down in turnover in Chaplain personnel as well. This demographic is ours to lose. At present we are not losing. TBTG!

Recently I attended the National Young Adult and Campus Ministry Conference in Austin, Texas. I had anticipated 8-10 Province IV attendees. As our President told me, “Never underestimate Province IV!” I learned quickly when we enjoyed the fellowship of 22 attendees, including chaplains and discerning students. William Simerly, discerning student shared his experience of attending the YACM Conference (Cultivate) in Austin:

“My name is William Simerly. I am a junior at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Tenn., majoring in Religious Studies. I am also a second year resident at Tyson House, the Lutheran and Episcopal Campus Ministry at UTK. I first heard about Cultivate through a friend who was in Austin, Texas with the Episcopal Service Corps. Upon him telling me about the conference I knew that I wanted to go.

“...**The first evening was a time** where people who had been involved with campus ministry for several years broke off and had a discussion, while the rest of us new folks talked together. Hearing from other people from around the country tell their stories and hear about their campus ministries was amazing. I realized that this beautiful thing that we do at Tyson House is not just limited to us, but it is in fact nation wide. The rest of the conference proved to be just as inspiring.

“The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry joined us the next day and his preaching and conversations with us got me on fire for the Jesus

Movement. Presiding Bishop Curry had a Q&A with the attendees that day and I got to ask him a question. I asked him if he had any advice for young people who feel they have a call to ordained ministry. He told us to seek out experiences that would test this potential call. His answer to my question has been on my heart ever since and I have continued to seek out experiences, and sometimes just have experiences fall in my lap, to “test out” my potential call to ministry.

“**The rest of the conference** was a time of learning, worship, and fellowship. My biggest takeaway from the conference was that campus ministry is a very special and a very important thing. I cannot stress to those of you who will read this article to please support your local Episcopal campus ministries. Pray for them, visit with them, and learn from them. Those of us young people who are involved in campus ministry are not just the future of the church; we are also the church in the present.

“Because of Cultivate I am now connected with other young adults and campus ministry leaders from all across the Episcopal Church. I am glad to call them my new friends and peers. I’ll leave you with one assurance of hope: People all the time are saying that the Episcopal Church is dying, well I am here to tell you that we young adults involved in campus ministry are on fire for the Jesus Movement and this beautiful thing we call the Episcopal Church, and we intend to see it live on and share the love of God through Jesus Christ with the whole world. “

The Rev. Charles Todd, St. Paul’s Savannah, and Campus Chaplain at Georgia Southern University, shared his feedback too:

“The Episcopal Campus Ministry at Georgia Southern University was very blessed to be able to attend the Young Adult and Campus Ministry Conference in Austin, Texas, this year. We

Continued on Page 10

Two clergy from Province elected as bishop in East Tenn., Delaware

Two clergy in Province IV were elected as bishops during the month of July, and a new bishop, the Rt. Rev. Samuel Rodman, was ordained and consecrated in the Diocese of North Carolina July 15.

The Rev. Brian Cole, former rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Lexington, Ky., was elected bishop of the Diocese of East Tennessee on July 28 and will be ordained and consecrated as the 5th bishop of the Diocese of East Tennessee Saturday, Dec. 2.

Another PIV clergy, the Rev. Kevin Scott Brown, former rector of the Church of the Holy Comforter in Charlotte, N.C., was elected bishop of the Diocese of Delaware and will be consecrated as the 11th bishop of the diocese Dec. 9 at Delaware State University in Dover.



Brian Cole

The Bishop-elect of East Tennessee served at Good Shepherd, Lexington, since 2012. Before that, he was the sub-dean of the Cathedral of All Souls in Asheville, N.C. He served as Province IV's clergy representative to Executive Council from 2006-2012.

He is married to Susan Weatherford; their son, Jess, is a student at Samford University in Birmingham, Ala.

His ordination and consecration service will be at the Church of the Ascension in Knoxville.

Brown grew up in Asheville, N.C. and served at Grace Church in Paris, Tenn., before he was called to Holy Comforter in Charlotte in 2007. He and his wife Carolina have two college-age daughters.



Kevin Brown

'Cultivate' conference a high point for young adults

Continued from Page 9

are most especially grateful to both the Diocese of Georgia and Province IV for making it possible for us to attend. The conference was a great source of motivation and learning for us. It has generated a tremendous level of enthusiasm among our students and given new energy and direction to our program for the coming year.

"It was a wonderful time to make new connections with others who are engaged in Campus Ministries, to share stories and ideas, and to feel that we are not isolated in our ministry. Many of the ideas we encountered at the conference challenged us to think more deeply about, or to examine from different angles, our core values and identity as an Episcopal Ministry on a college campus. It has sparked much discussion about our purpose and how to make ourselves a more vital part of the university community. Again, we are very grateful to have been given the opportunity to participate."

Truly all of us in YACM are grateful to God and Province IV for its leadership, love, support and mostly your prayers.

Especially as groups in our Province are forming to assist with hurricane relief in many various ways, as the Spirit moves.

— **Michael Wood-Miles, Chair, PIV Campus Ministries**



Presiding Bishop Michael Curry celebrates Eucharist

Task Force on Cuba moving forward

The Task Force on the Episcopal Church in Cuba (The Task Force) was established after the 78th General Convention to address Resolution 2015-B003. Members from Province IV include The Rt. Rev. Leopold Frade, Diocese of Southeast Florida; Romualdo “Romi” Gonzalez, Diocese of Louisiana; Linda Watt, Diocese of Western North Carolina; and, Martha Alexander, Diocese of North Carolina.

There are ten members of The Task Force and two ex-officio members: The Rev. Gay Clark Jennings, President of the House of Deputies, and The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop. Other members are Alexizendria Link, Liaison of Executive Council, The Rev. Canon Dr. Michael Barlowe, Executive Officer of the General Convention and The Rev. Glenda McQueen, Staff, DFMS. There have also been representatives from the Episcopal Church of Cuba, The Anglican Church of Canada and The Church Pension Group in attendance.



Martha Alexander

The Task Force has met four times over the triennium. Several members have taken the opportunity to visit Cuba on their own.

The Task Force has completed its work for the triennium and will be presenting two resolutions to the 2018 General Convention. There will be a Legislative Committee on The Episcopal Church in Cuba at the General Convention whose purpose will be to receive and propose legislation concerning The Episcopal Church in Cuba.

The Episcopal Church of Cuba is divided into 12 provinces. There are three provinces without a church. There are eight parishes and 36 missions. Besides the bishop, there are 24 priests, one deacon, four candidates for priesthood, three seminarians, plus one retired priest and one retired bishop. (These are figures as of June, 2017). Their vision which is stated in their strategic projection plan for 2017-2019 is:

“We seek to become a church that, unified in diversity, celebrates, evangelizes, teaches, serves and share's God's love.” The Episcopal Church in Cuba has two farms, active youth groups and a new ministry program which has had more than 140 lay participants. The Diocese of Florida has had a 30-year relationship with the Episcopal Church in Cuba and there are many churches and other dioceses throughout The Episcopal Church that also have or have had a relationship with The Episcopal Church of Cuba.

The following resolution was adopted on July 1, 2015. (The original resolution was heard and debated in the Legislative Committee on World Mission at the 78th General Convention. The House of Bishops adopted this resolution, which was a sub-

stitute resolution, and the House of Deputies moved concurrence.) Highlighted in bold lettering are some of the main components of the resolution. The Task Force took this resolution into consideration during their deliberations.

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention acknowledge and affirm The Episcopal Church of **Cuba's recent synodical decision to request membership as a Diocese of the Episcopal Church**; and identify and address the canonical issues (including those around pension) involved in pursuing such an intention; and be it further

Resolved, That the office of the Presiding Bishop and the Office of Global Partnerships take action to continue **to strengthen the relationship between the Episcopal Church and La Iglesia Episcopal De Cuba**, with the goal of promoting both greater understanding and fellowship between the Anglican Diocese of Cuba and particularly the Dioceses of The Episcopal Church located in the United States; and be it further

Resolved, That such efforts seek to **promote mutual ministry and understanding** through cultural exchange, prayer, worship, fellowship, education, and humanitarian work-identifying and facilitating specific opportunities for exchange, including but not limited to, travel, so that an exchange may occur between Cuban and North American Episcopalians; that such efforts seek to strengthen and support the Diocesan Center in Havana and The Episcopal Church, through the Executive Council, seek to collaboratively enhance and bolster theological education, discernment, and preparation of lay and ordained leaders for ministry within the Diocese of Cuba; and be it further

Resolved, That the 78th General Convention **reaffirm resolution GC2009-BO24 which called for the establishment of a benevolent fund that provides the clergy of The Episcopal Church in Cuba with an annuity upon retirement** and requested the Presiding Bishop to take all actions as the Presiding Bishop deems necessary or desirable to carry out the intent of this resolution; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church establish a team representative of a wide cross-section of the church including, but not limited to, Episcopal Relief & Development, Church Pension Fund and those experienced in foreign missions to work alongside the staff officer assigned in order to **facilitate our collaboration** around these endeavors with a budget of \$30,000.00 for the triennium.

Serving on The Task Force has been an opportunity to witness God's Church in action. It has been a time of education, thoughtfulness, and reflection. It has been a time of discernment, sharing and prayer. I look forward to the 79th General Convention and invite you to be a part of this journey as you read the report of the Task Force on the Episcopal Church in Cuba in the Blue Book.

— **Martha B. Alexander, Chair,**
Province IV Companion Dioceses

Provincial Calendar

- Nov. 6 — Province IV Executive Committee meeting, Charlotte, N.C.
- Nov. 30-Dec. 3 — PIV Youth Ministries Leadership & Network Meeting, Dayspring Conference Center, Diocese of Southwest Florida
- Dec. 2 — Ordination and consecration of the Rev. Brian Cole as the 5th bishop of the Diocese of East Tennessee, Church of the Ascension, Knoxville
- Dec. 13-14 — Provincial Leadership Council, Diocese of Newark, Newark, N.J.
- June 4-6, 2018 — Province IV ECW Annual Retreat, Kanuga Conference Center, near Hendersonville, N.C.
- June 4-6, 2018 — Province IV House of Bishops meeting, Kanuga Conference Center, near Hendersonville, N.C.
- June 6-8, 2018 — Province IV Synod, Kanuga Conference Center, near Hendersonville, N.C.
- July 5-13, 2018 — General Convention, Austin Convention Center, Austin, Texas

Province IV Executive Committee 2015-2018

President

Ms. Angela Daniel
1 Rice Court
Columbia, SC 29206
Tel. 803-799-5041
Email: amdaniel@sc.rr.com

Treasurer

Cn. Kathryn W. McCormick
1833 St. Ann Street
Jackson, MS 39202
Tel. 601-948-5954
Email: kwmccormick@gmail.com

UTO Representative

Ms. Joyce Landers
618 Lawson Drive
Troy, AL 36091
Tel. 334-672-3061
Email: jlanderscgc@gmail.com

Vice President

The Rt. Rev. Don Johnson
Bishop, Diocese of West Tennessee
692 Poplar Ave,
Memphis, TN 38105
Tel. 901-526-0023
Email: bishopjohnson@episwtn.org

Executive Council Representative

Ms. Tess Judge
4016 Ivy Lane
Kitty Hawk, NC 27949
Tel. 252-261-8003
Email: tsjudge@mindspring.com

ECW President

Dr. Patricia Rutenberg
3663 Woodland Dr.
Knoxville, TN 37919
Tel. 865-604-5479
Email: pbrutenberg@gmail.com

Secretary

Ms. Athena Hahn
6424 Malibu Drive
Raleigh, NC 27603
Tel. 757-735-3263
Email: athenahahn@hotmail.com

Executive Council Representative

The Rev. Cn. Frank Logue
Diocese of Georgia
611 E. Bay St.
Savannah, GA 31401
Tel. 912-236-4279
Email: flogue@gaepiscopal.org

Administrator

H. Eugene (Gene) Willard
P.O. Box 2878
Morganton, NC 28680-2878
Tel. 828-413-0040
Email: p4admin@icloud.com

Visit PIV's website: www.provinceiv.org