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PIV awards \$21,000 in grants

Evangelism, justice issues top three ministry recipients

Spreading Good News on the provincial level

"Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks for the Risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name. Spread the good news through all the earth . . . " - The Hymnal 1982

It is no great secret that "all the earth" needs the Good News now more than ever but, even on Easter Sunday, the news media churns out more stories of violence, politics, superstars, and hatred than stories of faith, hope and, most importantly, a man named Jesus. So, what do we here in Province IV of The Episcopal Church do to get the Word out? Read on, dear friends, read on!

The Executive Committee of Province IV is pleased to announce the awarding of \$15,000 in grants for two ministry initiatives submitted through the collaboration of four dioceses. The Dioceses of West Tennessee and Georgia have been granted \$7,500 for their proposal: "Turning the Episcopal Asset Map into an Evangelism Tool: Inviting Seekers to Join the Jesus Movement."

"Healing Steps," a proposal from the Dioceses of Alabama and East Tennessee to build a handicap accessible labyrinth, also has been selected to receive \$7,500. Both of these worthy projects will serve as a models not only to our province, but throughout TEC. We are most grateful to all who submitted proposals, and wish to remind everyone that, as approved by Province IV Synod 2015, grants for 2017 will amount to \$20,000, and to \$25,000 for 2018. Please start planning now for ministry initiatives that could be



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Province IV Executive Committee has awarded \$21,000 in grants to encourage ministry initiatives that spotlight evangelism and racial justice issues in the province.

Three grants are to be funded for 2016:

- \$7,500 to the community-based Healing Steps Labyrinth Initiative in Huntsville, Ala., to help provide a handicapped-accessible labyrinth for those suffering from trauma, physical or emotional abuse, addiction, life-threatening illness, and grief as well as those seeking a peaceful place for renewal. Endorsed by the dioceses of Alabama and East Tennessee.
- \$7,500 to create a digital tool that would use Episcopal Relief & Development's asset map database to invite online seekers to learn how to live out their faith. Endorsed by the dioceses of West Tennessee and Georgia.
- \$6,000 to provide scholarships for "Lift Every Voice, 2016," so that young people from Province IV can attend leadership training in racial history, conflict and reconciliation in Cape Town, South Africa, this summer. Endorsed by the dioceses of North Carolina and Alabama.

"We are thrilled and excited at the spiritual depth and vision of these applicants," said Province IV President Angela Daniel.

"I'm surprised at how drawn to this I am," the Rt. Rev. Don Johnson, vice president of Province IV, said of one application. "This is the Holy Spirit at work."

First-year applications

This is the first year for the PIV grant pool process. It follows a nation-wide pattern of changing ministry leadership and energy. Here in Province IV, funds that were not being used in several ministry networks were "pooled" together in this year's budget. The PIV Executive Committee then devised a process whereby individuals and groups could apply for funds in 2016 to help carry out ministry in a new and collaborative way. Each application had to be endorsed by the bishops in at least two dioceses in Province IV. In keeping with Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's theme of fostering the Jesus Movement, special consideration was given to grants that addressed evangelism and

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funded through these grants! This is a new way of using our provincial budget, and we were thrilled to be blessed by so much enthusiasm and originality.

Speaking of being blessed, please be sure to read all the news submitted by our Province IV Youth Ministries. Wow! This group also submitted a grant application to the Province that was extremely well received. Instead of using the funds set aside for grants, the Executive Committee authorized the use of money from the Youth Ministries' reserve fund to provide scholarships for "Lift Every Voice."

On the church-wide level of granting, four dioceses in our province recently were awarded Roanridge Trust Award Grants, given annually for new and creative models for leadership development in small communities across The Episcopal Church. The Dioceses of East Tennessee and Alabama received funds for "Transforming Congregations and Communities"; the Diocese of Mississippi gained support for the A.C. Marble School that provides an academic program to train vocational deacons; and the Diocese of Tennessee received financial support for the DuBose Conference Center's Community Engagement Initiative. Congratulations to all - and thank you for inspiring us.

A special "thank you" goes to all of you who responded to the survey sent out by the Task Force to Study Provinces. As a member of that group, I can tell you that we were thrilled by the number of respondents; we were told by a staff member at 815 that it was rare to receive such a high percentage of feedback! Of course, that means that the amount of information that we need to study and digest is pretty overwhelming, but I'll keep you posted.

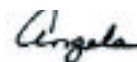
The Provincial Leadership Conference, hosted this year by Province IV, was held in December in Charleston, and it was

wonderful — an evaluation heard from many, not just from your slightly biased PIV reps. My personal and deepest gratitude goes to Gene Willard, our very well-respected provincial administrator, who did a magnificent job of handling details for the meeting. Normally, the PLC includes the presidents, vice-presidents, and administrators. This year, we invited provincial representatives Executive Council from all of the provinces, and I think that everyone agreed they were a valuable addition to the conversation (especially our own Tess Judge and Frank Logue+).

Meeting at Grace Cathedral, those most generous hospitality-givers, folks from all nine provinces enjoyed the rare opportunity to meet in a fairly small group and learn more about the ministries spread throughout our wonderful church. We truly are a diverse group, in every way imaginable, and that is a very good thing. We listened and learned, and shared ideas for strengthening those ministries that we have in common, as well as creating new ones. Serious conversations were heard about reaching across provincial borders to collaborate on ideas, and continuing to communicate with one another. Once again, I am reminded of how blessed I am to live and breathe in Province IV.

Mark your calendars NOW for Province IV Synod 2017. Our bishops will meet at Kanuga June 5-7, 2017; deputies and bishops June 7-9. I wish we met this year — I miss you guys! Now, go in peace to love and serve the Lord — and spread the Good News.

Yours in Christ,



Angela Daniel
President, Province IV

PIV awards new grants

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racial justice issues.

The 2016 budget set aside \$15,000 for grants this year. However, the Executive Committee was so impressed by the quality of the three top recipients that they divided the \$15,000 to applications for a labyrinth and an asset mapping online program. They then dipped into the Province's Reserve Fund to provide the additional \$6,000 in scholarship aid for young people to travel and study racial justice issues in South Africa.

The granting process was announced at the first of the year and applications were submitted by March 1. In next year's budget, the granting pool will increase to \$20,000. Information is available on the PIV website (www.provinceiv.org)

Altar Guild meets June 6-9

The Province IV Altar Guild will meet separately, but in conjunction with the Province IV ECW meeting June 6-9 at Kanuga Conferences, near Hendersonville, N.C.

The theme this year, and for the triennium, will be "Art in Worship. The speaker this year is Marylyn Doyle, a retired adjunct professor for the Arts and Worship at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio, as well as an EGA (Embroiderers' Guild of America, Inc.) certified teacher in silk-and-metal thread on fabric. She has taught at several regional and national seminars, including at Kanuga's Liturgical Arts program in August.

Chaplain for the gathering will be the Rev. Thack Dyson, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Daphne, Ala.



Province IV Executive Committee

The Province IV Executive Committee met in Charlotte, N.C., in November to review last year's Synod and begin to formulate the new Grant Pool guidelines. They are, pictured here, from left, the Rt. Rev. Don Johnson, vice president; Joyce Landers, UTO Representative; Tess Judge, PIV's lay representative to

Executive Council; Angela Daniel, president; Ahtena Hahn, secretary; the Rev. Cn. Frank Logue, clergy representative to Executive Council; Kathryn W. McCormick, treasurer; and Dr. Patricia Rutenberg, ECW President.

18 dioceses involved in Companion relationships

Province IV continues to be a very active province in the area of mission. Of the 20 dioceses within Province IV, 18 are involved in a companion diocese relationship or some type of overseas mission with the following dioceses: Botswana, Central Ecuador, Central Tanganyika, Costa Rica, Cuba, Durgatur (India), Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Litoral (Ecuador), Panama, Peru, Rio de Janeiro and San Paulo.

There are work trips, vacation Bible schools, medical missions and other activities taking place. I am aware that there will be some changes in the near future as some of the relationships are ending and there are new beginnings. Please let me know of these changes.

I would like to encourage those of you who have an interest in mission to attend the following:

The 2016 GEMN Conference which will be held in Ponce, Puerto Rico, May 18-20. The theme this year is "God's Mission with a World in Continuous Motion". Issues that will be discussed include poverty, the environment, and migration.



Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry will be one of the keynote speakers.

GEMN also provides a formation program for those who are interested in exploring mission theology and short-term mission themes as well as project development.

Detailed information on both of these opportunities may be obtained

at the following link:

<http://www.gemn.org/documents/GEMN-Conference-Packet-2016.pdf>

As you continue in your mission work, please let me know if I can be of help and support to you.

— **Martha Bedell Alexander**
Chair Province IV Companion Dioceses

Youth Ministries

... learning to do God's work in the world in a caring environment where the Holy Spirit can move among us

Recently I had a conversation with Angela Daniel, Province IV President, about the value of Provinces within The Episcopal Church. I thought about all that Province IV has meant to me and meant to so many other people. I thought about the young people who have served in the Young Adult Service Corp because they learned about this special ministry at a Province IV Youth Event. I thought about young people who have served on The Episcopal Youth Event Design Team because they felt that their skills matched the needs of the larger Church Community and I thought about the young people who love The Episcopal Church so deeply that they wanted to have "voice and seat" as The Official Youth Presence at General Convention.

Province IV... a gathering of God's people to do God's Work in this world! Whenever we gather as Province IV, our lives and our ministries are enhanced! We learn. We listen. We are challenged to be more than we think we can be. We are encouraged to be quiet in the Presence of God and we listen to God's Still Small Voice that will lead us to new places.

Province IV surrounds us with people who believe that God will use people like us for God's ministry. Province IV Youth Ministry is rooted in the belief that God is present within this larger community. Each community (Parish, Diocese Province, The Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society, the Anglican Commune) provides a slightly different environment where God's Love, Joy, Grace and healing can be experienced. We continue to see the growth and development that takes place within the lives of our young people and the adults who accompany our youth on their journeys of faith. Province IV enhances and magnifies the ministries that are happening within our 20 dioceses and within our parishes. How does this happen? Province IV Youth Ministries seeks to create a caring, loving environment where the Holy Spirit can move among us. We share. We play. We teach. We worship. We listen. We learn. We cry. We laugh. We share.....together!

'Tread Lightly' this summer

This summer Province IV Youth Ministries will be gathering our 6th - 8th graders at the Province IV Youth Event Middle School (PYE MS2016) June 21 - 25 at The Haw River State Park in the Diocese of North Carolina. "TREAD LIGHTLY" will be the focus of this environmental mission experience where we will be learning more about our physical world and the responsibilities that we have as we care for our world, our

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Young people visit Mother Emmanuel Church in Charleston, S.C., in December 2015 Leadership & Network meeting at Isle of Palms retreat center.



PIV Youth engaged in varied experiences

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island home. Each day we will be going out into the community to work in the fields, in streams and within nature. We will process each day's mission experience in the evening as our High School Leadership Team guides our Middle Schoolers through scripture, through the "lens" of our Book of Common Prayer and through small group sharing and activities.

Christy Beesley (TN), Amy Campbell (NC), Emily Gowdy Canady (EC), Alex Haralson (ETN), The Rev. Bob Cook (NC) and Cookie Cantwell (Province IV Youth Ministries Coordinator) will be working with our young people as they gather information about our earth and as we honor God within our environment. Our hope is that 6th - 8th graders and the adults who work with them will join us as we celebrate God's Creation together!

Civil Rights Movement

Also, this summer Province IV Youth Ministries will be gathering our 9 h - 12th grade students at Bethany Center, Camp McDowell, in the Diocese of Alabama, July 28 - August 1. This conference will immerse the participants in the historical truths of the Civil Rights movement in Birmingham, Ala. We will work together to build an understanding of social injustice that will help all participants develop a vision and the skills to lead their dioceses' programming around race and inclusivity. We will "strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being." (BCP p. 292).

Beth Crow (NC), Susan Oakes (ALA), Jamey Graves (NC) and Cookie Cantwell (Province IV Youth Ministries Coordinator) will be working with the Leadership Team of High School Students who will be helping shape the evening program and worship opportunities.

Through the Province IV Youth Ministries Leadership & Network Meetings 2009 Beth Crow (NC) heard about a youth program taking young people to tour some of the significant sights of the Civil Rights period. With the help of Cookie Cantwell (Province IV) and Canon Michael Hunn (NC), we lead Freedom Ride 2010, which started in Wilmington, NC and ended nine days later in Greensboro. It was a powerful experience for all of us. In 2014, Beth Crow began planning another Freedom Ride. Bishop Michael Curry encouraged Beth to apply for the Jessie Ball duPont Fund for a grant, which was received. The grant is a three-year program designed to empower young people to recognize and respond to injustice. Last summer was the first of the three years and this event was held in North Carolina with youth from around the United States, Botswana (the Diocese of North Carolina's Companion Diocese) and Cape Town, South Africa. This summer there will be 42 young people from the United States, 22 from Botswana, Africa and 25

youth from Cape Town, South Africa, participating in "Lift Every Voice." You can see our schedule on the Lift Every Voice website. Thanks Be to God for empowering our young people and adults within the Province IV Youth Ministries Community to learn more about our world and how we can be agents of healing with our world! For more information, please contact Beth Crow, beth.crow@episdionc.org

Leadership & Network Meeting

It is also time to mark your calendars on Thursday, Dec. 1 - Sunday, Dec. 4, for our Province IV Youth Ministries Leadership & Network Meeting that will be held at Lake Logan, Diocese of Western North Carolina. The Rev. Jonathan Myers (WNC) and the Diocese of Western North Carolina will be hosting this gathering where ideas, successes, challenges, opportunities and worship will be shared. Each year all 20 dioceses within Province IV are invited and encouraged to gather at this valuable meeting where we learn from one another and where we seek to share our "best practices" and our biggest "challenges." We listen to one another. We learn from each other. We worship together. We pray together and we seek to hear God's Still Small Voice as we look to the future to serve, to learn, to share, to love and to heal.

Province IV Youth Ministries is very excited about the opportunities that lay before us. Please contact Cookie Cantwell, cookie@stjamesp.org if you have any questions or if you need more information about these wonderful opportunities that await us. Thank you for your prayer and for your investment in the lives of our young people!

— **Cookie Cantwell**

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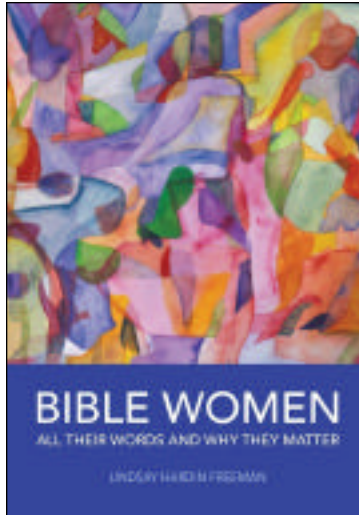
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The Rev. Lindsay Hardin Freeman and the cover of her book, 'Bible Women: All Their Words and Why They Matter'

'Building Bridges'

ECW Retreat planned June 6-8 at Kanuga

The Episcopal Church Women of Province IV will meet June 6-8 at Kanuga Conferences for their annual retreat whose theme is "Building Bridges of Peace and Reconciliation."

The Rev. Lindsay Hardin Freeman, Episcopal priest and author of "Bible Women: All Their Words and Why They Matter," will be the speaker and chaplain.

Freeman is a Minnesota-based priest who has won more than 30 awards for journalistic excellence, including the 2015 Gold Medal Award in Bible Study from Independent Publisher. Her work takes her around the country, speaking to groups about the accomplishments and struggles of Bible women.

From 2010 to 2014, she and a research team worked to do something never done before: to document every word spoken in the Bible by women. The resulting 477-page book, "Bible Women: All Their Words and Why They Matter," was published by Forward Movement and co-sponsored by The Episcopal Church Women in September, 2014.

"Please join us at beautiful Kanuga for spiritual rejuvenation and fellowship," said Pat Rutenberg, Province IV President.

For more information or to register, visit the Province IV website: www.provinceiv.org



Young Adult grants

Refugee crisis prompts UTO challenge grant

Greetings from United Thank Offering! The board met Nov. 18-21, 2015, in Baltimore in conjunction with the interim bodies. During our meeting, we elected to take a leap of faith and issued a grant challenge to benefit Episcopal Migration Ministries.

Because of the Syrian refugee crisis, EMM has experienced a significant increase in individuals that require their assistance. Their job has been made even more difficult due to concerns of terrorism. So, the UTO board offered \$30,000 and issued a grant challenge to the national church to match that contribution. The church not only matched our contribution but increased it. The total EMM grant challenge ingathering was \$59,053.20! We are overwhelmed by the response, especially given the short notice of our challenge. We want to thank all of you that spread the word and participated in this incredible endeavor.

The UTO board elected to continue the young adult grants this year and introduce a new category just for seminarians. Rather than giving each province one young adult grant, like last year, it was decided to award the top 10 grants overall.

Province IV received two this year. You can view all grant awards at <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/page/united-thank-offering>. The Diocese of Kentucky received a grant entitled "Hear 2 Heal, Racial Reconciliation in the Diocese of Kentucky" for \$2,500 by Endira Jimenez-Pike. Also, the Diocese of Southwest Florida was awarded a grant, "Computer and Information Technology Course in the Anglican School Center in Brazil" for \$2,494 by Rachel Schnabel.

You may recall that Province IV received one of the top three young adult grants last year entitled "AMoveable Feast." We are very blessed to have some amazing young adults in our province. It says a lot about the future of our province as well as the church.

We are in the process of evaluating regular grants. We anticipate announcing the grant awards on June 13. We also hope to release the 2015 ingathering information very soon, so keep watching the website. The Province IV ingathering for this past triennium was \$882,544.35. We had the largest contribution of all the provinces and I think we should shoot for \$1,000,000 in 2018. We have so many blessings, let us share them. So, keep adding to your blue boxes.

— Joyce Landers
Province IV UTO representative



Grace for Creation

The Episcopal Church's Response to the Environmental Crisis



Download curriculum free until July

The five session study series "A Life of Grace for the Whole World" is now available for free download from the website: graceforcreation.org

This series for both adults and youth is a study of the Episcopal House of Bishops' "Teaching on the Environment" that was produced from Quito, Ecuador in 2011. The teaching is a similar sort of thing to Pope Francis' *Laudato Si* which has been such a recent public sensation.

This series will be available for free download only until July, when it will then be picked up for publication by Church Publishing, and from that point forward will only be available for cost from them.

The series was written by the Rev. Jerry Cappel, coordinator of the Province IV Environmental Ministries network and the Rev. Stephanie Johnson, part-time part-time environmental missionary for Province 1 New England).

Here is the Foreword to the curriculum, written by the Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Ely, Bishop of Vermont :

In September 2011, The House of Bishops of The Episcopal Church, while meeting in Province IX in Quito, Ecuador, issued a pastoral teaching that challenges the Church to face the urgency of the environmental crisis and to take bold and faithful action as an expression of our love for God and God's creation. This is the first time the House of Bishops has released a pastoral teaching about the environment. The 2011 Pastoral Teaching is substantially the document that was drawn up and drafted by the House of Bishops' theology committee over a two year plus period of work. We are deeply grateful to these gifted theologians for their efforts, which ultimately led to the development of this curriculum.

The teaching we produced invites the Church to recognize the salvation of all creation as the work of Christ in the world. It presses us to recognize that because we are called to live in Christ and with Christ, we in turn seek to live "a life of grace for the whole world." It encourages the church to respond in terms that have always been central to its Christian faith and life: repentance, worship, redemption, salvation, obedience and holiness. This is important, for it is calling the church to be faithful to itself.

At the heart of the Bishops' teaching is a call to the Church to recognize a real and present challenge of our day: We are especially called to pay heed to the suffering of the earth... We [human beings] are engaged in the process of

destroying our very being. If we cannot live in harmony with the earth, we will not live in harmony with one another. This is the appointed time for all God's children to work for the common goal of renewing the earth as a hospitable abode for the flourishing of all life. We are called to speak and act on behalf of God's good creation.

Empowering the church to both speak and act on behalf of God's good creation is what this pastoral teaching is about. The unity of voice from this episcopal leadership on this matter speaks to an increasing understanding of the connection between faith and the environment. No longer can we dismiss the issues of climate change and other issues of environmental degradation as foreign to the church and our shared faith as Episcopalians.

Recognizing the importance of the House of Bishop's Teaching, and how much more urgent the call is today, I worked with several Bishops and institutions in the Episcopal Church to help create a curriculum which invites reflection, prayer and engagement in the Bishops' call for a flourishing life for all creation. I am grateful to each of them for their support in this project. Please see the list of acknowledgements for a complete list of supporters.

This curriculum provides abundant tools for the discovery, discussion and decisions central to the House of Bishops' Teaching. The curriculum for adults and the upcoming youth project of the same title, *A Life of Grace for the Whole World*, is a helpful companion to the pastoral teaching that will enable groups of Christians to engage the connection between their faith and the call to renew the earth. Church leaders and teachers will find abundant resources for leading formation groups of adults and youth through these sessions. Camp leaders will find opportunities for engagement in an issue important to youth, while retreat leaders can adapt this curriculum for deep and meaningful reflection in a 1-2 day long retreat.

For just such a time as this, *A Life of Grace for the Whole World* is much needed guidance from the Episcopal Church's House of Bishops on how the church can make faithful and fruitful responses to these pressing issues of environmental destruction and injustice. This curriculum is an invitation for Christians to engage this clarion call for living lives of grace for the whole world.

I invite you to respond to this invitation for those who walk the earth today and for all future generations.

25th Anniversary: HIV/AIDS Retreat

‘Let Your Light So Shine’

The 25th Annual HIV/AIDS Retreat at the Kanuga Conference Center in Hendersonville, N.C., will be held June 10-12. This event is sponsored by Province IV of the Episcopal Church as well as a number of individual dioceses, other groups and individuals. This year we are invited to come together to rejoice in 25 years of providing love, compassion and joy to those who attend and to contemplate “Let Your Light so Shine.”

Leading the retreat will be our very own Bruce Garner, who is no stranger to HIV/AIDS. He has been actively involved in some form of HIV/AIDS-related ministry, service provision or prevention education on a continuous basis since 1984 when he said he felt that annoying tapping on his shoulder trying to get his attention and telling him he had work to do around the issue of AIDS. He has worked and served in many leadership capacities in Atlanta area organizations. In his beloved Episcopal Church he has served on national church bodies devoted to HIV/AIDS including the Commission on HIV/AIDS of the Episcopal Church, the National Episcopal AIDS Coalition, and has been a part of the Planning Committee for the Kanuga HIV/AIDS Retreat for over 20 years. He chairs the Commission on HIV/AIDS of the Diocese of Atlanta. Bruce is clearly no stranger to HIV/AIDS. The issue is very personal for him. He has been living with HIV for over 33 years. He believes the words of Jesus from the fifth chapter of Matthew's Gospel that form the theme for our retreat: “let your light so shine.” His goal for this year's retreat is to help us all learn how to let our lights shine.



Garner

Providing the music leadership this year will be Trey Clegg, one of the country's bright talents in the field of organ performance. He is active as a recitalist, accompanist, baritone soloist, vocal coach, and free-lance artist. He currently leads the Trey Clegg Singers, who hail from various Atlanta Church Choirs, the Spelman College Glee Club and the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Chorus.

The HIV/AIDS Retreat at Kanuga is unique. Of those attending, only 13% are Episcopalian. The rest are Baptist, Methodist, Pentecostal, etc., with 25% claiming no church affiliation. In 2015, 70% were HIV-Positive, 64% were Black/African American and 75% needed financial assistance to be able to attend. Most attendees live well below the poverty level. Many have had difficult lives filled with pain, despair, addiction and a myriad of other complications. This one weekend each year is a time they count on seeing God's love in action!

The Registration Form for the retreat will be posted on the Province IV website, along with contact information for the representatives from the dioceses who participate. The Kanuga HIV Retreat is intended for any and all who live in Province IV. For more information or to make a much-needed scholarship donation, see my contact information on Page 6, or email Vice-Chair Bruce Garner at bruce.garner@att.net. We ask that you hold this retreat and those who attend in your prayers.

— **Lola Thomas, Chair
HIV/AIDS Ministry**



Cover, 2016 HIV/AIDS Retreat brochure



Province IV hosts national provincial gathering

Province IV hosted the annual meeting of the Provincial Leadership Conference (PLC) in Charleston, S.C., Dec. 2-4 at the newly designated Grace Episcopal Cathedral, seat of the Episcopal Church in South Carolina.

The PLC consists of the presidents, vice presidents and coordinators of the church's nine provinces; it meets to find ways of collaboration and to share best practices on the provincial level. This year, the provincial representatives to Executive Council were invited, as the principal topic of discussion revolved around issues of the future of provinces. One of the pieces of legislation that was passed at last year's General Convention called for a task force to study provinces. Several members of that task force — including PIV President Angela Daniel — were present for the PLC meeting to hear, first-hand how provinces differ and how they are similar across the country.

Pictured above, the Rt. Rev. Charles vonRosenberg, (standig) provisional bishop of the Episcopal Church in South Carolina welcomed the group to Grace Cathedral and to

Charleston. Seated to his left are President Angela Daniel; Tess Judge, lay representative to Executive Council, from the Diocese of East Carolina; and the Rev. Cn. Frank Logue, clergy representative to Executive Council, from the Diocese of Georgia.

Some 36 bishops, clergy and lay leaders from across all nine provinces attended the meeting, along with the Rev. Michael Barlowe, executive secretary of General Convention, from the Episcopal Church Center in New York.

Court of Review appointed

Province IV President Angela Daniel has appointed the following to the Provincial Court of Review:

- T. David Hoyle, Diocese of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina
- Robert Gaines, Diocese of Central Gulf Coast
- The Rev. Richard Elliott, Diocese of East Carolina
- The Rev. Dr. Mary Abrams, Diocese of Kentucky



Christian Formation

Attending a meeting of the Joint Formation Network Leaders at Kanuga in early March were, from left, Michael Wood-Miles, Diocese of Georgia; Richard Clark, Florida; the Rev. Tom Brackett, ECC staff (from Western North Carolina); Catherine Drewry, Atlanta; Arlette Benoit, Atlanta; and Cookie Cantwell, East Carolina.

Several members of the PIV Christian Formation Steering Committee attended the Forma Conference in Philadelphia in January. Laurie Bailey serves as treasurer for Forma and Katherine Graham is on the Forma board. Members of the steering committee also are preparing for the 2026 Christian Formation Conference ("Take. Break. Bless. Give.") June 13-17 at Kanuga where the members will serve as presenters, organizers and promoters.

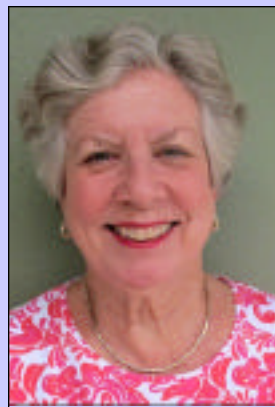
Diocese of Southwest Florida directress

Altar Guild gets new president

Sarah Hill from the Diocese of Southwest Florida is the new President of the Province IV Altar Guild, replacing Lynn Hendricks, who has become the new president of the National Altar Guild Association.

Hill's work in Altar Guild goes back to the Episcopal Student Center, St. Francis' House, on the University of Wisconsin campus in Madison 57 years ago. She has lived in St. Petersburg, Fla., for 45 years and has been a member of St. Peter's Cathedral there. She is a former senior warden and past director of the Cathedral Bookstore. Altar Guild is a very important part of her life and she is now the Directress of the Altar Guild for the Diocese of Southwest Florida, in addition to her provincial role.

She was named one of the 2015 Distinguished Women of



Hill

and her husband David have two sons and three grandchildren.

the Episcopal Church Women at the group's 2015 triennial meeting in Salt Lake City last summer.

Additionally, Hill is also on the board of the National Altar Guild Association and is the chair of the Nominating Committee. She is also a teacher of English as a second language and hosts many students. Sarah was also on the faculty of Eckerd College where she taught Spanish and French. Hill

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Provincial Calendar

- **June 6-8, 2016** — Province IV Altar Guild Annual Conference, Kanuga Conference Center, NC
- **June 6-8, 2016** — Province IV ECW Annual Retreat, Kanuga Conference Center, NC
- **June 8-10** — 21st Annual HIV/AIDS Retreat, Kanuga Conferences, Hendersonville, NC
- **June 21-25** — Province IV Middle School Youth Event, Haw River State Park, Browns Summit, NC

• **July 28 - August 1** — Province IV Youth Ministries Conference, Bethany Center, Camp McDowell, AL

• **Dec. 1-4** — Province IV Youth Ministries Leadership & Network Meeting. Lake Logan Episcopal Center, Canton, NC

There will be no Provincial Synod in 2016. Province IV gathers for Synod in two of the three years of the triennium, the year of General Convention, and the year before General Convention..