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PIV elects new officers

GC chooses Bishop Curry as new Presiding Bishop

God's hands enfold us in midst of historic flood

"I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth." — Genesis 9:13

Dear Province IV Family,

My first draft of this letter is in the trashcan. When I spoke with Gene Willard almost two weeks ago, I told him that it looked like it was going to be a quiet, rainy weekend - perfect for settling in and composing something for Fourth Watch. I was going to write a follow-up to General Convention and tell you how grateful and proud I was of the work done by Province IV, and how excited I am about the work that lies ahead of us.

Now, I write this message from Columbia, South Carolina thankful to live on top of a hill, thankful that my family was (mostly) spared the ravages of what the media refers to as a flood of "biblical" and "historic" proportions.

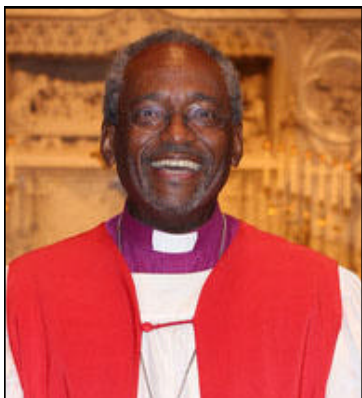
In the aftermath of the deluge a young child, whose only knowledge of floods was from hearing the story of Noah in

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Deputies to the PIV Synod in June elected new officers for the 2015-2018 triennium. They are (from left) the Rev. Cn. Frank Logue, clergy representative to Executive Council; Angela Daniel, president; Kathryn W. McCormick, treasurer; Athena Hahn, secretary; and the Rt. Rev. Don Johnson, vice president.



Curry to lead The Episcopal Church

The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina since 2000, was elected on the first ballot to be the 27th Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church at the 78th General Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah, in June.

Bp. Curry will be installed at the Washington National Cathedral on Nov. 1. Widely considered to be one of the most

dynamic preachers in The Episcopal Church, Bp. Curry, 62, has long been a leader in Province IV as well as the church as a whole.

He serves on a number of organizations and institutions throughout the church and authored a book of sermons, "Crazy Christians," in 2013.

He and his wife Sharon have two adult daughters.


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Sunday school, asked her mother, "Where's the rainbow?" Where, indeed? We actually never saw a rainbow in the sky, although most folks were too busy surviving to look up, but we learned that there are other kinds of rainbows, signs of God's love: neighbors bringing tarps and towels and muscles; college and high school students spending days of cancelled classes helping to remove soggy drywall and carting boxes of belongings that could be saved; strangers bringing food and bottled water; friends offering shoulders to cry on and transportation for those whose cars simply floated away; and prayers - so many prayers.

These "rainbows" appeared from all over, out-of-town, out-of-state, and came in all colors, ages, sizes, and nationalities - just like the flood victims. For a while there, it felt like we were all one. So thank you - thank you for your prayers, your caravans of needed supplies, your e-mails, your phone calls, and your love. God is good and rainbows are beautiful!

With much affection and gratitude,



Angela M. Daniel
President, Province IV

P.S.: Just a little business —



• I hope to see many of you in Washington, DC on November 1 as our own +Michael Curry is installed as The Most Reverend Michael Bruce Curry, Twenty-seventh Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church. Our prayers are with him as he takes on this important role during a crucial time for our church and our world.

• Province IV Executive Committee will meet in Charlotte, NC on November 9. A major topic on our agenda will be formulating guidelines for grants in our province. (If you listened carefully to our treasurer's report at Synod, you will remember that this can be a positive change in how we allocate funds for ministry.)

• Our province will host the annual meeting of The Provincial Leadership Council, comprised of provincial administrators, presidents, and vice-presidents of Provinces I - IX, in Charleston, SC Dec. 2 - 4. Because of the uncertainty surrounding the continued existence of provinces, provincial representatives to Executive Council as well as The Reverend Gay Clark Jennings and The Rev. Canon Michael Barlowe have been invited to attend. [As a side note, your Province IV president has been appointed to the Task Force on Provinces called for in Resolution D011. She wants your input!]

• Please remember that your feedback and your suggestions regarding our province always are both requested and desired.

Synod filled with guests, business, spirit

Synod 2015 in early June drew a record number of deputies and guests to Kanuga Conference Center (Hendersonville, N.C.), including the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, who preached at the opening night Synod Eucharist and delivered a keynote address to the plenary session the following day.

The Rev. Gay Jennings, president of the House of Deputies and the Rev. Michael Barlowe, executive secretary of General Convention, presented deputies with a preview of how General Convention would operate later in the summer at Salt Lake City, Utah.

The Synod was also a time to review and discuss principal legislation that would come before General Convention and to interact with fellow deputies from throughout Province IV.

The Synod was also a time to honor Barbara Mann, who had

announced her retirement as treasurer of Province IV, having served in that role for 21 years. She was guest of honor at a reception at the Kanuga Inn; later in the Synod, President Angela Daniel presented her with a hand-turned walnut bowl, along with the gratitude of a grateful province.

The Province elected new officers for the 2015-2018 triennium. (See photo and story on Page 1.) They will comprise the Province's Executive Committee, along with Tess Judge, lay representative to Executive Council, who continues in that role for three more years; Dr. Patricia Rutenberg, ECW president; and Joyce Landers, UTO representative.

During the Synod Eucharist, deputies contributed \$1,694 to the offering. It was designated to go to Episcopal Relief & Development as part of the House of Deputies' challenge to raise \$75,000 for ERD's 75th anniversary year celebration.

UTO has busy year, gears up for the 2016 Granting season

The United Thank Offering had a huge presence at this summer's Triennial/General Convention held in Salt Lake City in June. Celebrating its 125th Anniversary the UTO awarded special Bishop's Grants as well as Young Adult Grants to each Province.

Through a rigorous selection process the Diocese of North Carolina was awarded the special anniversary Province IV Bishop's Grant as well as the Young Adult Grant. All grants are made possible through the generous thankful giving of all of our parishes through their coins given in the Blue Boxes.

The Sunday Ingathering, during Convention, recognized all of the provinces and their dioceses in the Episcopal Church. This was quite an impressive ceremony. We are proud of Province IV which led the group with the largest thankful offering of any of the other provinces.

Every two days of the Convention a new display was set up in the UTO and DFMS (The Episcopal Church) area of the exhibit hall. The bronze statue of the Sleeping Homeless Jesus on a Park Bench was the first item on display. Another highlight was the giant Blue Box displaying UTO memorabilia from the 1800's to the present.

This fall the UTO Board is gearing up for the Granting season. We plan to award young adult and seminarian grants from the money given at the Triennial Ingathering. On Nov. 20, the Young Adult/Seminarian Grants Focus and Criteria will be announced and applications will then be available. Completed applications will be due on Jan. 29, 2016.

The Focus and Criteria for the 2016 Regular Grants will be announced on Dec. 1, and applications will be available on Jan. 4, 2016. On Friday, March 4 the Regular Grant Applications will be due in the UTO office.

With a By Laws change, UTO Officers will no longer be able to serve as Province representatives, therefore as incoming Vice President, I stepped down as your Province IV Representative. Your new representative to the UTO Board is Joyce Landers from the Central Gulf Coast Diocese. She is also currently serving her Diocese as UTO Coordinator. Joyce is eager and energetic and I know she will be a great asset to our UTO and province boards.

I have really enjoyed representing you as your UTO Representative and I will continue to serve you as Vice President of the UTO Board.

— **Marcie Cherau**
V.P. United Thank Offering Board



Marcie Cherau at General Convention booth

Landers to be UTO rep

Joyce Landers has been named to be the Province IV representative to United Thank Offering. She lives in Troy, Ala., in the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast.

She is a medical technologist and works in a pediatric clinic. She grew up in Iowa, lived in North Carolina for 10 years and has been in Troy for 22 years. She and her husband of 31 years, a biology professor, have two adult sons.

She enjoys singing in the choir, reading and cooking.



Young lives are being transformed

“Truly God is in the place... Holy Ground” ...

As I reflect upon our Province IV Short Term Mission Experience in Quito, Ecuador, that occurred in July, this phrase fills my mind and my soul. The work that we did was certainly helpful to Buen Pastor, the Episcopal Church with whom we worked, and our work was challenging to our group. We helped create a new building with concrete blocks and we made the concrete by hand. We painted, cleaned, taught Vacation Bible School, led several workshops for parents and for youth leaders and we learned about the history and the local culture.

However, the truly transformation aspect of this journey to Quito took place within the relationships that developed. Each night our group would sit and reflect upon our day. We would focus on a piece of Scripture and we would reflect upon where we recognized God's Presence during the day.

Over and over again, our thoughts were drawn to the people! We were sharing our lives with people who do not have the luxuries that we have and yet their lives are filled with God's love, joy and peace. The commitment that they have to God, to their church and to their ministries was overwhelming. They loved each other and us with such magnitude that we were humbled by their gifts of joy, sharing and compassion. Truly in their weakness, God was strong! Through worship, sharing, laughter, singing, working and just being together, lives were changed and God was glorified!

“Quito Quest,” Province IV's Youth Ministries Short Term Mission Experience was certainly a holy time filled with God's powerful gifts of unconditional love, undeserved grace, extreme joy and amazing healing! Each participant came back to the United States knowing that we had walked on Holy Ground with Holy People!



Youth from PIV shared, worked, and worshipped with people of Quito, Ecuador

General Convention

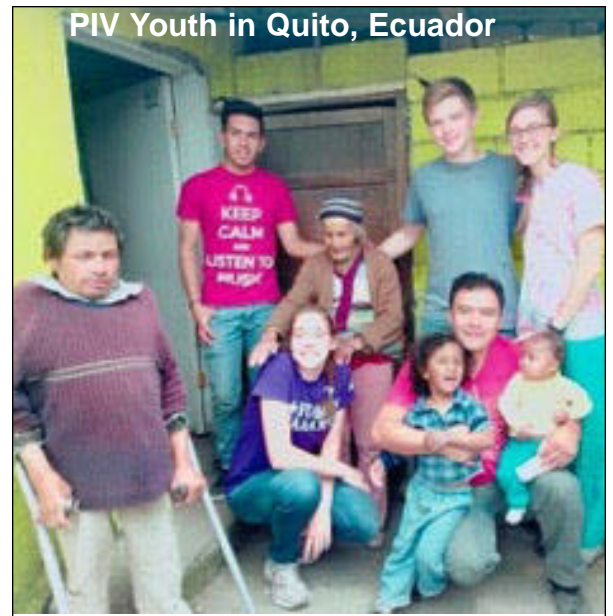
The Episcopal Church General Convention Official Youth Presence 2015 was certainly enhanced by the two Province IV “Official Youth Presence! Levi Thompson (Diocese of Louisiana) and High Garst (Diocese of Western North Carolina) were chosen to share their gifts and their talents at General Convention with “Seat and Voice” on the floor of General Convention 2015. They also attended daily Committee Meetings and went to various gatherings that focused on the future of The Episcopal Church. These two young men were truly outstanding!

Province IV is blessed to have these fine young men focusing on the future of our Church and we are also blessed to have many, many other young people who are equally invested in sharing God's Love within the Episcopal Church and through the Episcopal Church!



Levi Thompson (left) & High Garst (right), flank Bishop Robert Skirving, East Carolina

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PIV Youth look to two summer events

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In December, the Province IV Youth Ministries Leadership and Network Meeting will take place in The Episcopal Church in South Carolina. Each diocese in Province IV is invited to bring an adult and two young people to this gathering where we discuss what is working well in their diocese and the things that are challenging them. We provide opportunities to learn new methods, ask questions, seek advice and learn from one another. We share new worship ideas, music, activities, conference focuses and we share our lives together. We also have an afternoon of learning about the local area.

This year we will be visiting Charleston, S.C., and we will be focusing on its history. We will also visit Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church and focus on reconciliation and healing. This Province IV Youth Ministries is always a highlight for diocesan leaders and for the young people who are chosen to attend from their diocese. We seek to encourage our youth to be leaders within The Episcopal Church and within our world!

Two Summer Conferences

Another aspect of our Province IV Youth Ministries Leadership and Network Meetings is to look to the future and to focus on how Province IV can help supplement the wonderful programs and events that are happening within each of our 20 dioceses. There will be two conferences next summer for our young people.

(1) The Province IV Middle School Youth Event will focus on environmental issues and what we can do about them. All 6th - 8th graders are encouraged to attend this unique experience

that will be held at The Summit at Haw River State Park in the Diocese of North Carolina. Christy Beesley (Diocese of Tennessee), Amy Campbell (Diocese of North Carolina) and Emily Gowdy Canady (Diocese of East Carolina) and Cookie Cantwell (Province IV Youth Ministries Coordinator) will be coordinating this conference. The theme will be "Tread Lightly. Honor Creation. Honor God" Join us for this fantastic PYE MS!

(2) Reconciliation and Justice continues to be a focus with PIV. Building upon PIV Youth Ministries Event "Freedom Ride" Conference and with the Diocese of North Carolina's "Life Every Voice" Event, next summer Province IV and the Diocese of Alabama will host "Walk with Me", July 28 - August 1, 2016 at Camp McDowell, Bethany Center, in the Diocese of Alabama. Susan Oates (Diocese of Alabama), Beth Crow (Diocese of North Carolina) and Cookie Cantwell (Province IV Youth Ministries Coordinator) will be leading this experience with a Leadership Team chosen from within our Province.

We will be hearing the stories from the past, sharing our own stories and looking to the future to help create the stories that will lead to reconciliation and healing. Mark your calendars for this truly outstanding conference! Registration will be open in early November through the Diocese of Alabama.

Thank You Province IV for your commitment and your investment in sharing the message of God's Love with our young people, with the adults who accompany these young people on their journey of faith and with our world... "Truly God is in the place... Holy Ground"

— **Cookie Cantwell, Chair**
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Retreat leaders Hudak and Stebbins

24th HIV/AIDS Retreat: 'Beloved Community'

For the 24th year, Province IV Network of AIDS Ministries offered a spiritual, inclusive, open-hearted retreat experience for persons infected and affected by HIV/AIDS. Sponsored by Province IV of the Episcopal Church, the retreat was held at the Kanuga Conference Center in Hendersonville, N.C., June 5-7.

Leading the retreat this year was The Rev. Bob Hudak, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Greenville, N.C. Bob's passion about his ministry to promote trusting relationships toward the vision of Dr. King's "Beloved Community" was shown as he shared his life experiences, his work and God's love to this year's retreat participants. Providing the music leadership was Randolph James, organist and choirmaster at Church of the Ascension in Cartersville, Ga. The Rev. Marty Stebbins, St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Wilson, N.C., served as chaplain.

Dioceses actively participating in the retreat are the Diocese of Atlanta, Diocese of Central Gulf Coast, Diocese of East Tennessee, Diocese of Eastern North Carolina, Diocese of Louisiana, Diocese of Mississippi, Diocese of North Carolina, Diocese of Southeast Florida, Diocese of Upper South Carolina, Diocese of Western North Carolina, and The Episcopal Church in South Carolina.

A planning meeting for the 2016 retreat will be held at All Saints Episcopal Church in Atlanta Dec. 4-5 and all dioceses are invited to be involved. For additional information contact Lola Thomas, Chair, at 770-655-1532 or Bruce Garner, Vice-Chair, at 404-892-3143.

World Mission Committee on journey of learning

EDITOR'S NOTE - The following remarks were given by Martha Alexander, chair of the 06 World Mission Committee at the 78th General Convention in the House of Deputies. She also serves as chair of Companion Diocese Relationships for Province IV. The House of Bishops and the House of Deputies Committees met together. Those serving on the House of Bishops 06 World Mission Committee from Province IV were: The Rt. Rev. Santosh Marray and The Rt. Rev. Robert Skirving. Those serving on the House of Deputies 06 World Mission Committee from Province IV were: Mrs. Scooty Burch, Mrs. Angela Daniel, Mrs. Diana Frade, The Rev. Dr. Mitzi George, Ms. Lois Mayberry, The Rev. Dr. John Pollock and Dr. Edward Sisson.

On behalf of the Legislative Committee on World Mission I present the following information:

The World Mission Committee has been on a journey during this General Convention. We invite you to join us. We heard the experiences and passion from young people who have been involved in the Young Adult Corps, and how it has been a life-changing experience for them. We need to continue to care for them and support them as well as Episcopal Volunteers in Mission and encourage the development of an Episcopal Gap Year Program.

We discussed the importance of the covenant committees, our global partners in Liberia, the Philippines, Mexico, Brazil and Central America, and our need to honor our financial commitments to them.

We heard remarks from the Bishop of Cuba and affirm the support of their request for membership into The Episcopal Church.

We heard compelling stories and feel the hurt of our brothers and sisters in Liberia, who continue to struggle with rebuilding their country in the aftermath of the Ebola crisis, military conflicts and economic disaster; in Pakistan, where Christians are persecuted; in Sudan and South Sudan who are asking for advocacy with appropriate agencies for protection of refugees, conflict resolution and sustainable development.

The human cry is for relationships. To be with each other in Christ. To visit. To learn. To understand.

There is a need for peace and reconciliation. We passed a resolution asking the Presiding Bishop to call for a specific Church-wide day of Prayer to remember these contemporary martyrs; and in solidarity with persecuted Christians in our own day.

And from Mark 16:15 ... Join us as we

"...Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation..."

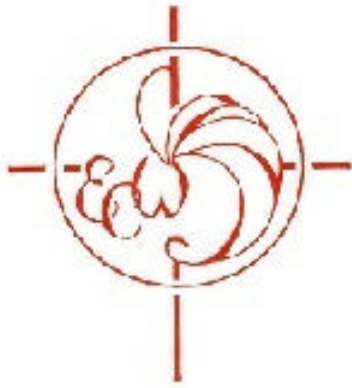
Thank you.

ECW: Building bridges of peace

The Forty-Eighth Triennial Meeting of the Episcopal Church Women, “Stir Up the Spirit: Celebremos!” was a wonderful experience, and Province IV was brilliantly represented by a dynamic group of women. We are excited to announce that our own Lisa Towle from the Diocese of North Carolina, was elected president of the ECW National Board, and Province IV led the UTO ingathering with over \$800,000.

There were several inspiring speakers at Triennial, led by Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, who was honored at the Distinguished Women Luncheon; she in turn honored all of the ECW Triennial delegates with crosses. The Presiding Bishop-Elect and Bishop of North Carolina, the Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, inspired guests as the keynote speaker at the National UTO dinner, and the Rt. Rev. Wilfrido Ramos-Orench, Bishop Provisional of the Diocese of Puerto Rico, was the dynamic Master of Ceremonies at the Church Periodical Club dinner. Numerous Triennial delegates participated in the ECW 5K Run/Walk to benefit the Homeless Youth Street

Outreach and the Homeless Youth Center of Salt Lake City.



At the 2015 Triennial Distinguished Women Luncheon, Province IV honored the following: Leslie B. Manning, Alabama; Suzanne Whitmore, Atlanta; Mickie Solari, Central Florida; Dorothy Moore, Central Gulf Coast; Claudia Sulloway, East Carolina; Courtney Zirkle,

East Tennessee; Diane Reeves, Florida; Ruby Amerson White; Georgia; Linda Blackwell, Lexington; Noretta Stackel, Louisiana; Kathryn McCormick, Mississippi; Mary Hawkins, North Carolina; Jennifer Chang, Southeast Florida; Sarah Hill, Southwest Florida; Kathryn Ann Hinton, Tennessee; Regina Ratterree, Upper South Carolina; and Margaret King, Western North Carolina.

At our Province IV Breakfast at Triennial, we announced the Province IV ECW theme for the next Triennial: “Building Bridges of Peace and Reconciliation.” This theme will embrace and emphasize one of the five marks of mission of the Episcopal Church, which reads: “To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation.” Province IV has chosen “O Day of Peace” as our theme hymn for this Triennial. We were honored to have the Rev. Kammy Young as the keynote speaker for our breakfast; Kammy’s inspirational talk focused on our “Building Bridges” theme.

As the ECW of Province IV gathers each June for the next three years, we will consider these three aspects of “Building Bridges of Peace and Reconciliation”:

Dr. Patricia Brake Rutenberg, new president of the PIV ECW, is a senior lecturer in the History Department at the



University of Tennessee. She also served as the executive director of Blount Mansion, a historic house museum in Knoxville, and is working on a book-length project on American and British women’s work in the peace movement prior to and during World War I. She is a member of the Church of the Ascension in Knoxville and has served as president of the Diocese of East Tennessee ECW.

2016: Peace and reconciliation within ourselves and families

2017: Peace and reconciliation in our parishes and communities

2018: Peace and reconciliation in the world

As we build these bridges, we want to thank those who led Province IV for the past three years:

- Barbara Owens, Diocese of Louisiana, President
- Kathy Gosselin, Diocese of Southwest Florida, Representative to National ECW Board
- Marcie Cherau, Diocese of Georgia, UTO Representative
- Rebecca Markert, Diocese of Tennessee, CPC

Representative

- Diane Burrows, Diocese of Atlanta, Secretary-Treasurer

For the next three years, I look forward to building bridges with our 2012-2015 Province IV board:

- Mary Beth Welch, Diocese of Mississippi, Representative to ECW National Board
- Joyce Landers, Diocese of Central Gulf Coast, UTO Representative

- Suzanne Harrow, Diocese of Georgia, CPC Representative
- Alsie Churchman, Diocese of Atlanta, Secretary-Treasurer

One of our goals in Province IV is to read a book in common each year. This year, we have chosen *Bible Women: All their Words and Why they Matter* by the Rev. Lindsay Hardin Freeman. We are privileged to have Lindsay as our speaker and priest for the Annual Province IV meeting at Kanuga, June 6-8, 2016. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us.

We are planning to host the 2017 Province IV meeting at Camp McDowell, 45 minutes outside of Birmingham. In 2017, we will be focusing on peace and reconciliation in our parishes and communities, and we will meet first at the Civil Rights Museum in Birmingham and then go to Camp McDowell.

I am honored to serve as the President of the Province IV ECW, and I look forward to “Building Bridges of Peace and Reconciliation” throughout the province in the days to come. In Christ’s Peace,

— Pat Rutenberg, President

Care of Creation certificate

Sewanee to debut new program

The Rev. Jerry Cappel, Province IV Environmental Ministries chair, will be one of the primary instructors for a new certificate program in Contemplation and Care for Creation, offered by the Center for Religion and Environment (CRE) at Sewanee.

The CRE staff believes that a root cause of the environmental crises is spiritual in nature: estranged from God's presence in the world, many go about their lives oblivious to the larger consequences of their actions. Others are deeply concerned about environmental issues, but are unsure how to make the connections that make a difference in the real world.

The program will begin with a two-week period of resident instruction in Sewanee May 30-June 10, 2016. It will then be followed by a one-year practicum in spiritual formation (based on classic monastic spirituality), project development and practical implementation. The program concludes with a final three-day period of resident instruction and training at Sewanee the following May.

Throughout the program, participants will encounter the sacred in nature, interpret that experience, and reflect on its implications for their own lives and how to share with others practical measures of earthcare. The first period of residency will focus on an introduction to natural contemplation (contemplation of nature), on the integral relation of creation to fundamental truths of the Christian faith, and on the ways human society organizes itself and interacts with the rest of creation. Some time will also be devoted to laying groundwork for the practicums.

Who should consider enrolling? This program is best suited for persons answering to one or more of these descriptions:

- Those who seek a deeper, more theologically grounded understanding of how their Christian faith can inform the practice of creation care.
- Those looking to grow spiritually through the practice of natural contemplation.
- Those persons, both lay and ordained, who wish to serve as "Green Guides" within their parish communities or other groups. As such, they are trained to assist property committees, landowners, and homeowners in identifying earth-friendly best practices and negotiating difficult decisions
- Persons, both lay and ordained, who seek training to lead environmentally informed offerings in Christian education or spiritual formation.

Participants who complete the program will receive a certificate of completion from The University of the South's Center for Religion and Environment.

Other instructors include Robin Gottfried, Center director; John Gatta, former Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; Andy Thompson, assistant professor at the School of Theology.

Program enrollment is limited to 15 participants. Tuition for the program is \$2,600 with a deposit of \$500 due November 30, 2015, to be assured of securing a seat. Applications are welcome after that date pending availability. The balance of the tuition is due March 31, 2016. Deposits may be sent along with a cover letter to: Robin Gottfried, Director, Center for Religion and Environment, 735 University Avenue, Sewanee, TN 37383.

Pamela Payne, program coordinator, can answer questions about the program at paynepk0@sewanee.edu or cre@sewanee.edu.



Christian Formation

Members of the Province IV Christian Formation Steering Committee, pictured here, all led portions of the Christian Formation Conference at Kanuga in June. They are, from left, Becky Rochford, Jenny Beaumont, Jacki Boedecker, Debbi Rodahaffer, Catherine Drewry, Laurie Bailey, and Kathy Graham.





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Provincial Calendar

- Dec. 2-4 — Province IV House of Bishops, Louisville, KY.
- Dec. 3 — Provincial Leadership Council, Grace Episcopal Church, Charleston, S.C.
- Dec. 3 — Province IV Youth Ministries Leadership & Network Meeting, S.C. Lutheran Retreat Center, Isle of Palms, S.C.
- Dec. 4-5 — PIV HIV/AIDS Retreat Planning Meeting, All Saints Episcopal Church, Atlanta, Ga.
- June 6-8, 2016 — Province IV ECW Annual Conference, Kanuga Conference Center, N.C.
- March 4, 2016 — Deadline for submitting applications for UTO Regular Grants

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..