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Welcome, but come ready to work (and play)!

EDITOR'S NOTE — The following “letter” is a welcome to the Province IV Synod from Province IV President Angela Daniel.

“Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church”

— The Hymnal 1982

Dear Bishops and General Convention Deputies of Province IV,

As I write, General Convention 2015 is just three months away - and Robert Frost must have been thinking of us when he wrote that we have “miles to go before we sleep”!

Fortunately, we'll cover many of those “miles” together at Province IV Synod 2015, June 3rd-5th at Kanuga Conference Center in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains. We had such a great time at last year's Synod celebrating the people and work of Province IV, getting to know one another, and moving forward in faith to the work that God has given us to do. We're looking forward to repeating all of those things, but with an intentional focus on WORK, so please come prepared!

It will be our great honor to welcome our Presiding Bishop, The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, back to the Province of Sewanee and to Kanuga. This will be her last visit to us as the Presiding Bishop, so let's show her what we're made of here in PIV and offer our thanks for the work that she has done for the Church. Bishop Katharine will preach at Wednesday evening's Eucharist and will be with us through Thursday morning's plenary session where she will launch the discussion of our preparations for General Convention.

Adding to the excitement of having our Presiding Bishop with us, we are looking forward to hosting The Rev. Gay Jennings, President of the House of Deputies; The Rev. Michael Barlowe, Executive Secretary of General Convention; and The Rt. Rev. Stacy Sauls (formerly of our province), Chief

Executive Officer of The Episcopal Church. Gene Willard, our most fabulous provincial coordinator, and I had the pleasure of being with the POHD and the Executive Secretary in December at the Provincial Leadership Conference in Baltimore. It was so exciting to have them prepare us for changes to General Convention, and we are grateful that they and other members of the executive team at 815 will be at Kanuga to provide an extensive orientation for us all. ***Trust me, you are going to be so thrilled by the changes to GC that you'll be ready to pack your bags and start out early for Salt Lake City!***



Bp. Jefferts Schori



Bp. Sauls



Rev. Jennings



Rev. Barlowe

I am happy to announce that The Very Rev. Timothy Kimbrough will be back with us as Synod Musician, after taking a well-deserved break last year. Start getting your hymn requests in now! Our Synod Chaplain will be The Rt. Rev. Dabney Smith, Vice-President of Province IV, who will be calling on other clergy to assist him. If his name and number show up on your cell phone, please answer and say “yes”! There are many other provincial leaders who will give of their time and talents to make 2015 Synod special, productive, and worthwhile, and I will thank them publicly at Kanuga. As for exercise, I'm sure that many of you are going to be disappointed : to learn that you're on your own this year - no one will be leading push-ups, so walking off that Kanuga toast is up to you.

I can hardly wait to see all of you! Although we'll be covering a lot of territory in a short amount of time, we

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Episcopalians always manage to have some fun, so please bring back those silly hats and/or diocesan t-shirts for the Thursday afternoon reception. Working on plans for Synod along with your Executive Committee has and continues to be exhilarating, even with the challenge of squeezing a lot of activities into a short amount of time, and I offer a prayer of thanksgiving for that great group. We have tried to talk Barbara Mann out of retiring as our treasurer, but she's sticking to her plan. Let's all make a point while at Synod of thanking her personally for many, many years of dedicated service to Province IV.



Daniel

We pray for the safety and well-being of all who will be traveling to Synod from near and far, and that each of us will come with open hearts and minds, with compassion for the needs of others, with respect for our differences and gratitude for our common bonds. As we look toward Salt Lake City, let us prepare, "Eternal Lord of love," to "behold your Church."

With sincere affection and gratitude,



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Two new bishops elected

Southeast Florida

The Very Rev. Peter Eaton, rector and dean of St. John's Cathedral in Denver, Colo., was elected bishop coadjutor of the Diocese of Southeast Florida on Jan. 31.

Pending consents by the bishops and Standing Committees of the Episcopal Church, he will become the fourth bishop of the diocese in January 2016, succeeding the Rt. Rev. Leo Frade. He is scheduled to be ordained and consecrated at Trinity Cathedral in Miami on Saturday, May 9.

Fr. Eaton has held the position of dean since 2002. He earned a bachelor's degree in 1982 from King's College, London, along with an Associate of King's College in theology. In 1985 he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Theology from Queen's College, Cambridge, UK, and in 1989 a Master of Arts. He has also done graduate research in Early Christian history and literature at Magdalen College, Oxford, UK. His wife Kate is a professional fundraiser, singer, songwriter and founder of Mishkiah, devoted to helping congregations re-vision worship.



Eaton

The Diocese of Southeast Florida includes 76 congregations, with approximately 38,000 parishioners, from Key West north to Jensen Beach and west to Clewiston.

Central Gulf Coast

The Rev. James Russell Kendrick, rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Birmingham, Ala., was elected Feb. 21 as fourth bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast. He will succeed the Rt. Rev. Phillip M. Duncan II, who is retiring.

Kendrick has served St. Stephen's since 2007. In 1984, he earned a bachelor's degree in architecture and marketing from Auburn University, and in 1995, he received a Master of Divinity degree from Virginia Theological Seminary. He and his wife Robin have two children.

The ordination and consecration is planned for July 25 at Christ Church Cathedral in Mobile, Ala.

Central Gulf Coast includes southern Alabama and the panhandle of Florida, 62 churches, and approximately 20,000 members.



Kendrick

Need for 'deeper green' churches

Despite decades of hard work, stacks of data and passionate pleas, the church seems barely moved by the injustices and spiritual disconnects the environmental crisis brings to its altars. Green team members trot out facts and figures and host documentaries created by those from the scientific and political battle fronts. They organize the use of fair trade coffee and washable dishes in efforts to raise awareness and align behavior. But meanwhile, the sacramental and teaching life of the church remain unchanged and the results appear shallow and disconnected to those looking on.



Cappel

There is some agreement that good stewardship is wise and that environmental exploitation that adversely impacts the lives of poor people should be challenged by the church's prophetic voice. But environmental concerns continue to fail to have a deeper and more central place in the church's life — its sacramental life of worship, holiness, fellowship, salvation and mission.

A need for a deeper green

What can help move the ecological crisis from the fringe committee to the center pew and core life of the church?

Wendell Berry offers some direction:

Our destruction of nature is not just bad stewardship, or stupid economics, or a betrayal of family responsibility; it is the most horrid blasphemy.

Berry's naming of this destruction as a "blasphemy" points a way forward for moving these issues into the heart and center of the Christian church - the worship of God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. The "destruction of nature" to which Berry refers can indeed serve as a call to stewardship and justice, but there is something more. Calling it blasphemy points to a sacred dimension of wrongness. Blasphemy points beyond material and economic assessments toward spiritual ones. Blasphemy names more fundamental spiritual disconnects between our souls and God's coming kingdom. Naming this destruction as a blasphemy extends to the church an invitation to a deeper repentance and a whole-hearted participation in God's unfolding work of reconciling all things to Himself (Romans 8:19-23).

What the church needs are ways of seeing the salvation of all creation as the work of Christ in the world and to include it as the church's work of being Christ in the world. This means finding ways to connect present ecological concerns to traditional church life and God's plan of salvation. This invitation needs to become Gospel. In other words, Good News.

A key is put forth in John Gatta's book, **The Transfiguration**

of Christ and Creation, where integrating the theme of transfiguration into the theological and liturgical life of the church would serve to:

Expand the ecological vision beyond the stewardship focus that has thus claimed almost exclusive attention among main-line churches . . . and enable her to respond in more integrally liturgical, contemplative and doxological terms, befitting her authentic charism as the church. For unless the church develops these latter gifts, she risks becoming, in her environmental witness, little more than a technically incompetent adjunct of the Sierra Club.



Many clergy and other church leaders do not recognize the activity of the secular environmental movement as something "befitting the authentic charism [giftedness] of the church." To fire the bones of the church, the realm of ecological wellbeing needs to be expanded beyond committee actions, material calculations and life adjustments to include worship, holiness and salvation. Core Christian doctrines, such as the trinity and redemption, need to be revisited and reclaimed so the church can expand its circle of fellowship to more fully include all creation as fellow recipients of God's grace.

Deep green church life

The real battleground in the church, then, is not so much the science, but the Bible and tradition; not economics, but faith and faithfulness. What the world needs most from the church is not so much a helping hand on the political battlefronts, but a Word from God. A deeper green invites the church to respond not only to the social issues brought to her doors through current discoveries and crises, but to revisit her role in perpetuating the attitudes, worldviews and habits that support them. A deeper green invites the church to more fully include a celebration of and concern for the whole web of creation in her worship, fellowship and prayer life.

This work truly befits the charism of the church, a work whose end is not to save the planet but to live rightly as the Creator intended and join in the proclamation of the whole gospel of salvation; a gospel which culminates in the reconciliation of the whole creation in Jesus Christ.

In kinship,

— **The Rev. Jerry Cappel, Ph.D.**

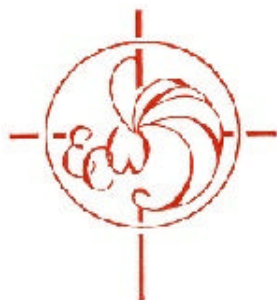
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ECW Conference focus: Mary Magdala

The Province IV ECW Conference will be held at Kanuga Conference Center June 1-3, using the theme: “Mary Magdala: Our Kind of Apostle.”

Keynote speaker and chaplain will be the Rev. Susan Gaumer, who recently retired after 15 years as rector of St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church in New Orleans. She has been



active in the Fourth Province for many years both as a Christian educator and in ecumenical ministries. She served as deputy to five General Conventions, both as a lay woman and as a priest. She holds degrees from Mount Holyoke College, The Johns Hopkins University and the



Gaumer

School of Theology at the University of the South/Sewanee.

Her interest in Mary Magdalene deepened with the realization that Mary from Holy Scripture is quite different from the Mary of church tradition, a distorted picture still in need of revision. Her story speaks to those who have ever been misunderstood, undervalued or marginalized by a culture resistant to recognizing the

accomplishments of women.

Serving as the conference musician will be Brad Geen, director of music at St. James Episcopal Church in Hendersonville, N.C.

Georgia Southern layman to serve as PIV Campus Ministries chair

EDITOR’S NOTE — Province IV President Angela Daniel has appointed Michael Wood-Miles as the PIV Campus Ministries network chair. Wood-Miles is the Lay Minister for the Episcopal Campus Ministry at Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, Ga.



Wood-Miles

Michael Wood-Miles is a member of Trinity Episcopal Church, Statesboro, Ga.. He lives with his partner on their farm in Metter, Ga., He has a 24-year-old daughter who resides in Atlanta. Michael is an artist, Eagle Scout, former President of Integrity Georgia, (2009-

2013), He will be graduated this year from EFM and is a former Vestryman.

As a missionary he travels annually to the Dominican Republic. He studied psychology at LaGrange College after graduating from Benedictine Military School in Savannah, Ga.

In 2003 Wood-Miles was confirmed at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Savannah, and began serving that year as a volunteer with Episcopal Campus Ministry at Armstrong Atlantic University.

After moving from Savannah to Metter he continued that work with Episcopal Campus Ministry at Georgia Southern University. In 2010 when the campus chaplain was called to serve elsewhere, Diocese of Georgia Bishop Scott Benhase asked Michael to serve as an Interim Lay Missioner for the school year 2011-12. He was hired the following year and continues to serve in that role.

“I am humbled and honored by this appointment to serve the Province. I look forward to experiencing new relationships in our church, particularly with my fellow colleagues in Campus Ministry,” Wood-Miles said.

HIV/AIDS Retreat now in 24th year

The 24th Annual HIV/AIDS Retreat at the Kanuga Conference Center in Hendersonville, N.C., will be held June 5-7, 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 contemplate “The Holy Within,” and talk about what it means to carry the holy within us and thus out into the world.

The HIV/AIDS Retreat is not your typical “Kanuga” retreat. Of those attending, only 13% are Episcopalian. The rest are Baptist, Methodist, Pentecostal, etc., with 25% claiming no church affiliation. In 2014, 79% were HIV-Positive, 63% were Black/African American and 78% 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!

Leading the retreat will be The Rev. Bob Hudak, an Episcopal priest who is passionate about his ministry to promote trusting relationships toward the vision of Dr. King's “Beloved Community.” He serves as rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Greenville, N.C. He brings a “Franciscan heart” to his life, his work and to this year's retreat.

Providing the music leadership this year will be Randolph James, who began his career in church music at the age of 12 and has been an organist and Director of Music in the Episcopal Church since 1979. He brings to Kanuga his vast experience, exuberant style and joyful personality.

The Registration Form for the retreat is posted on the Province IV website, along with contact information for the representatives from the dioceses who participate. The retreat is intended for any and all who live in Province IV. To become involved, for more information or to make a much-needed scholarship donation, please contact me at lolathomas5252@gmail.com or 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



Outdoor Eucharist at last year's retreat



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In Province IV, 18 companion diocese programs are at work

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, Durgapur (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. It is exciting to learn about your many endeavors in this very important work.

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

1) The 2015 GEMN Conference which will be held at All Saints' Episcopal Church, Atlanta, Ga. Conference accommodations at special discounted rates have been contracted with the Crowne Plaza Atlanta Midtown, a two-minute walk from All Saints' Church. The following is a link to further information about the conference:

<http://www.gemn.org/documents/Conference-Packet-2015.pdf>

2) Immediately following the GEMN Conference there is another opportunity, particularly for those involved or interested in medical missions. The "Best Practices Meeting" will be from noon - 6 p.m. at All Saints' Church. For more information please respond to: Deacon Clelia Garrity at the following: grey-doveinc@gmail.com (This is separate from the GEMN Conference and will you will need to contact Deacon Garrity.)

I was not able to attend the GEMN Conference last year, however I did attend the one in 2013. One of the valuable takings from this conference was meeting and making contact with those involved in mission work abroad. In fact I immediately was able to connect my daughter, who was going to be in Haiti a week later, with two people I met at the conference, who work in Haiti. And, I was also able to provide contacts for friends who were in Seattle seeking medical treatment. So for me, the GEMN Conference is one of extreme importance and support, both as someone interested in mission, as well as personally.

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

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Alexander

Commission on Ministry members share, listen

Following the May meeting of the Province IV Transition Officers last year, Province IV hosted a meeting of Commission on Ministry chairs, Transition Officers and Bishops at the Diocesan Offices of Alabama in Birmingham. The gracious hospitality of Bishops Sloan and Marray, Sarah Sartain and the diocesan staff played a large part in facilitating a productive meeting. I believe that the most helpful part of the meeting was the opportunity to share our own stories and listen. We covenanted as a group to meet again and we are considering a meeting in 2015. I asked Bishop Don Johnson, Diocesan in West Tennessee, to offer his reflections:

Individuals and groups of Province IV are known for their working together in positive ways. Bishops meet with their counterparts as do diocesan staff officers, deployment officers just to name but a few. However, provincial groups that share common concerns do not often gather to discuss these in a larger gathering where we can share from the varied perspectives that each of our respective ministries demands. Therefore, the recent provincial gathering in Birmingham of diocesan deployment officers, Commission on Ministry representatives and a number of bishops, all from Province IV, proved to be a fruitful expansion our established custom of working together but only in our separate ministry "silos."

The main focus of this gathering was to look at the processes and concerns we share in identifying, recruiting, evaluating, forming and placing people in ways that best match their gifts and God's call. We heard an incredibly helpful presentation on the need for a more tailor-made approach to personality testing prior to the discernment process and for the one that typically follows the formation processes before ordination. We discussed the ways different dioceses determine readiness for discernment (for example, a biblical competency test to see if nominees have an adequate baseline of information about this foundational resource that so significantly informs our faith and its proclamation.) Practical matters of the cost of seminary education and the placement of those most recently ordained also became a part of our sharing. While we covered many other topics, this thumbnail sketch gives a hint at the importance of sharing among ourselves the various gifts we have each been given "for the common good." By the end of the meeting, many of us began looking for other opportunities to gather and share the best practices and the most recent thinking on the myriad tasks we face each day as we go about our ministries. +Don

Thanks to Province IV and to all of those who participated in the meeting!

— **The Rev. Canon Chip Davis**
 Chair, Province IV Commission on Ministry

General Convention, Ecuador, Freedom Ride

Youth activities varied, widespread

Oh The Places You'll Go is not only a book written by Dr. Seuss but they are words that describe my spiritual journey within Province IV and through Province IV. As I look back upon the times that I have noticed significant spiritual growth, these special times parallel Province IV experiences. Province IV Youth Ministries has been and will continue to be a pathway for young people and adults who accompany them to learn more about God through Scripture and this understanding will lead to service, outreach, mission, growth and development within The Episcopal Church and the world.

This past December, 58 people from 16 dioceses within Province IV gathered at the Solomon Conference Center in the Diocese of Louisiana. The young people shared what is done well in their dioceses and also the biggest challenges that are faced.. They shared where and when they had experienced the Presence of God and how worship, Bible studies, mission experiences and authentic Christian relationships help them focus on being God's Beloved Child.

One of the highlights of our time together was a Prayer Pilgrimage into the Lower Ninth Ward and into New Orleans. We visited four Episcopal churches and heard how each church was touched by Hurricane Katrina. We celebrated Holy Eucharist in the midst of an authentic New Orleans style meal prepared by the parishioners of The Church of the Annunciation. I do not believe anyone will ever forget the Closing Prayer that we shared as we asked God to continue to bless this precious parish!

Coordinators Retreat

The Province IV Diocesan Youth Coordinators Retreat will be held at Grace Point Camp and Conference Center in the Diocese of East Tennessee. The retreat will be held May 5-7 with the option of coming in on May 4. Each year the Province IV Youth Coordinators are invited to gather so they can learn



Prayers, Church of the Annunciation, New Orleans



Prayers of Murdered Victims, New Orleans

more about each other, share their successes and their challenges and work together to build healthy programs and relationships within their dioceses. It is also a time for solitude and reflection to restore and renew. Cookie Cantwell, Province IV Youth Coordinator, will be coordinating this retreat and Alex Haralson (ETN) will be hosting it.

Province IV is blessed to have incredibly committed and engaged young people who seek to know more about The Episcopal Church! Twenty-six young people applied to serve Province IV as the "General Convention Official Youth Presence" and all of them were qualified! **Selected from PIV are Levi Thompson, Diocese of Louisiana, and "High" Garst, Diocese of Western North Carolina.** They will have seat and voice at General Convntion and will attend a four-day training experience (April 8 - 12) with leaders with The Episcopal Church and knowledgeable about General Convention, June 24-July 3.

Middle School Event

Summer 2015 will be extremely full, with many exciting and meaningful events. The Province IV Middle School Event will be held on July 8-12 at Haw River State Park near Greensboro, N.C. Christy Beesley (TN), Amy Campbell (NC) and Emily Gowdy Canady (EC) will be coordinating this event that will be focusing on environmental mission in the area. Alex Haralson (ETN) and Mike Peterson (ATL) will provide the music and The Rev. Paul Canady (EC) will be the Spiritual Director for this event. All 6th - 8th graders are encouraged to register and share this special time learning, singing, worshipping and building relationships!

During the same week, our Senior High young people will be traveling back to Quito, Ecuador for Province IV Youth Ministries second mission experience to Buen Pastor. PYE

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Young people working, helping, meeting, leading ...

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Quito Quest 2015 will be held July 7-17. We will be working on the church, helping parishioners and their neighbors, meeting with the youth of the Diocese of Ecuador and leading a Vacation Bible School for the children. In addition, we will be learning about the culture and the rich history of this country. Worship will be a highlight with its beautiful music and festive joy! The Rev. Abi Moon (FL), Cameron Vivanco (Quito) and Cookie Cantwell (PIV Youth Coordinator) are coordinating this mission experience.

Freedom Ride 2015

Province IV Youth Ministries has been learning a lot about the Civil Rights Movement and has offered some dynamic experiences to raise the awareness about nonviolent social change. This summer, July 12-18, Beth Crow (NC) will be coordinating "Freedom Ride: 2015," the first of a three-year grant, *Lift Every Voice*, that the Diocese of North Carolina has received. Young people ages 15-22 from across the United States and South Africa will revisit the historical truths of slavery and the Civil Rights movement in North Carolina, meeting some who have paved the path to nonviolent social change.

This ministry is designed to build an understanding of social injustice that will help participating young people develop a vision and skills to lead their dioceses' programming around race and inclusivity. While attending this event, the participants will visit several historically significant locations in North Carolina: the site of the Greensboro Sit-Ins in 1960 where they will meet individuals who participated in these sit-ins and who continue to work for justice for all people. They will visit Stagville, once one of the largest plantations in North Carolina. They will meet Malinda Maynor Lowery, author and Mike Wiley, documentary theater playwright, followed by an afternoon workshop focused on documentary theater.

Contact Beth Crow (919-208-0438) Freedom Ride 2015 Coordinator & Lead Youth Missioner for the Episcopal Diocese of NC.

Episcopal Church in South Carolina

It is with great joy that I share with you the location of our next Province IV Youth Ministries Leadership and Network Meeting 2015. It will be held at The Lutheran Conference Center in The Episcopal Church in South Carolina! Andrea



Focus on 'God's Beloved Child,' New Orleans

McKellar, (EC in SC) is already working on the details of our gathering! The dates will be December 3-6, 2015. Province IV Youth Ministries is really looking forward to this meeting! Please have your Diocesan Youth Coordinator mark their calendars for this important, informative and meaningful gathering.

Province IV is an amazing regional community that is blessed to have intentional and committed people who are striving to be guided by God. It is truly a privilege and an honor to serve within Province IV and to serve the wider Episcopal Church!

In addition to Youth Ministries, Cookie Cantwell (PIV Youth Coordinator) joined Frank Logue (GA), Victoria Logue (GA) and Burl Salmon (NC) on the #ShareTheJourney Pilgrimage to Africa with The Episcopal Migration Ministries, March 2 - 13. The purpose of this pilgrimage was to follow the process of in-country preparations for refugee resettlement to the United States and to witness the plight of Congolese and Central African Refugees.

Thank you for the continued support and encouragement that YOU, as Province IV, give to our young people and our adults who accompany our young people on their faith journeys.

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

United Thank Offering celebrating 125th anniversary

Celebrating our 125th anniversary, the United Thank Offering Board has been busy this fall planning for our ECW triennial meeting coinciding with the General Convention of the Episcopal Church.

One of the major events of the triennial meeting, being held on June 23 through July 1, 2015 in Salt Lake City Utah, will be the UTO/ECW banquet celebrating our accomplishments over the past 125 years. The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, Bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina, is the honored speaker and we will be also be honoring the recipients of the UTO Special Anniversary Young Adult Grants. The UTO grant recipients for 2015 will be announced, as will the special Bishops Grants, which were given in recognition of our 125th Anniversary.

The UTO has also been conducting webinars all fall. These have been done partly to fill the void of not offering a Face-to-Face conference for new coordinators which historically has taken place in the summer. We have conducted webinars including *How to Write a UTO Grant* and most recently we offered a webinar on writing a Young Adult Grant. In January we offered a webinar on using *Lectio Divina* in our prayer life and in March, a webinar featuring a Q&A session on the special Young Adult Grant process. The April 14 webinar will be: *Follow Up on Grateful Lent Program*.

The UTO Board will begin reading the 2015 grant submissions in late March. Each board member reads all of the grants, which meet criteria, and then we individually rate each

grant. Once the grants are read by the board the ratings will be ranked and this process then determines the grants that are awarded. We award as many grant as we have the money to award.

As soon as TEC has processed the Ingathering funds for 2014, we will be able to report the amount of Ingathering money given, total, by province and by diocese. When this is available, I will report this to our provincial leaders.

Historically our congregations have been very generous in their thankful giving and Province IV has always been outstanding in their generosity. Every penny given to the United Thank Offering Ingathering is spent on giving it back in the form of grants. The interest from our trust funds and the interest on the Memorial and Gift Trust Fund account provides the UTO Board with their ongoing working capital.

Remember: Our Change Changes Lives. Thank you for your life-changing thanks offerings.

— Marcie Cherau

Province IV Representative & Vice President UTO Board



Deputies asked to raise funds for ERD

Deputies to General Convention are being asked to help raise \$75,000 as part of a \$7.5 million campaign to continue the life-saving work of Episcopal Relief & Development, which is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year.

Each deputy to General Convention is being asked to donate \$100; the campaign will continue through General Convntion. Jack Tull from the Diocese of Florida is the co-chair of the campaign's Steering Committee.

The campaign began at Epiphany and ends at Genral Convention in Salt Lake City. The goal is to share stories



about churchmen's experiences aith ERD, and to delp deputies and the wider church know more about thr organization's work.



At left, Province IV Christian Formation Steering Committee members, on the labyrinth at Kanuga, from left, Debbi Rodahaffer, Jenny Beaumont, Laurie Bailey, Jacki Boedecker, Catherine Drewry and Kathy Graham.

Formation team encourages collaboration

Come join your Christian Formation Steering Committee members at Kanuga Conference Center June 8-12 for, “HOPE in the Midst of Crisis: From Tragedy to Healing through Forgiveness.” Be inspired by keynoter Lyndon Harris, whose experience as priest-in-charge at St. Paul’s Chapel at Trinity Church, NYC on 9/11 led to his current work with “Gardens of Forgiveness.” Debbi Rodahaffer (KY), lead coordinator for the conference, said with workshops led by 32 top-in-their-fields presenters, dioceses and parishes will want to send teams! This, combined with worship, music, art, and networking, all in the beautiful mountains of Western North Carolina make this a conference you won’t want to miss! Find out more at www.kanuga.org Committee members Laurie Bailey (LA), Jackie Boedecker (FL), Jenny Beaumont (NC), Catherine Drewry (GA), Kathy Graham (AL), and Becky Rochford (TN) are excited to assist Debbi in this conference and lead workshops.

We encourage all involved in Christian formation to join Forma, a national Episcopal association whose tagline is “partnering to inspire Christian formation.” Members of Forma collaborate, inspire, and support one another through an active email list serve, conferences, seasonal ideas, website, and Facebook. Recent topics of on-line discussion were all over the place — ranging from interfaith “tween” groups to Bible engagement for technophiles to prayer looms for Lent and ideas for parishes whose rectors are taking sabbatical.

Member Laurie Bailey (LA) serves as treasurer for the organization. She and Debbi Rodahaffer (KY), Catherine Drewry (GA), and Kathy Graham (AL) attended the Forma conference in Houston in late January, which featured keynoter Brene Brown, and The Rev. Dr. Mark Bozzuti-Jones, Jamie Coats, and Vicki Garvey. This fast-growing organization is an amazing resource due to the vast range of experience of its members, who now number at over 450.

The following information was taken from the Forma website, www.episcoforma.org :

Recently Forma has experienced amazing growth in size and

influence:

- *Our membership has reached an all-time high of 450.*
- *www.episcoforma.org is an active hub for sharing ideas, finding resources and jobs, registering for events, and more.*
- *The Forma Facebook group hosts more than 850 participants actively discussing their ministries and supporting each other.*
- *We are a prominent voice in discussions concerning the Five Marks of Mission and how these are being realized in our common life.*
- *Forma is included, for the first time, in an early draft of the Church-wide triennium budget.*

To nurture and sustain this growth, the Forma board of directors recently resolved to raise funds to hire an executive director. This full-time staff person will facilitate the shared work of our membership and board to catalyze lifelong Christian formation in individuals, congregations, diocese, and the Church.

Our preliminary goal is to raise \$160,000 in support of this hire. This will fund a two-year budget, providing the board and new executive director sufficient time to plan and set goals, write a new ongoing annual budget, and refine a revenue model to support the organization moving forward.

Over \$30,000 has already been committed. The board of directors have all contributed, and many Forma members that attended the recent annual meeting in Houston, as well as several generous churches and diocese, are in support.

The Province IV Christian Formation Steering Committee would be happy to be invited to present at your diocesan or parish event about formation topics you would like addressed.

Contact Jenny Beaumont, chair, at beaumont@ChristChurchCharlotte.org for more information.

— Catherine Drewry
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Provincial Calendar

- April 24-27, 2015 — Province IV Altar Guild Conference and Workshop, Kanuga Conference Center, Hendersonville, N.C.
- May 9 — Ordination and Consecration of Bishop Coadjutor-elect Peter Eaton in the Diocese of Southeast Florida, Trinity Cathedral, Miami, Fla.
- June 1-3, 2015 — Province IV ECW Women's Conference, Kanuga Conference Center, Hendersonville, N.C.
- June 1-3, 2015 — Province IV House of Bishops, Kanuga Conference Center, Hendersonville, N.C.
- June 3-5, 2015 — Province IV 2015 Synod, Kanuga Conference Center, Hendersonville, N.C.
Registration is online: <http://registration.kanuga.org/p4-synod-2015>
- June 5-7, 2015 — 24th Annual HIV/AIDS Retreat, Kanuga Conference Center, Hendersonville, N.C.
- June 25 - July 3, 2015 — 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, Salt Palace, Salt Lake City, Utah
- July 25 — Ordination and Consecration of Bishop-elect James Russell Kendrick in the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast, Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile, Ala.