

Province IV ECW Conference

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at Kanuga



“Mary Magdala: Our Kind of Apostle”

The Rev. Susan Gaumer, Keynote Speaker and Chaplain

Susan recently retired after fifteen 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 Christian educator and in ecumenical ministries. She served as Deputy to five General Conventions, both as a lay woman and as a priest. Susan graduated from Mount Holyoke College and holds master's degrees from The Johns Hopkins University and from The School of Theology, The University of the South (Sewanee). A spiritual director and retreat leader, she completed the Shalem Institute course in Spiritual Guidance and served on the faculty of Sursum Corda. Susan divides her time between New Orleans and Whidbey Island in the Pacific Northwest.

Susan's interest in Mary Magdalene deepened with the realization that Mary in holy Scripture is quite different from the Mary of church tradition, a distorted picture still in need of revision. Mary's story has much to say to women in the twenty-first century who work outside the home, risk investing in causes they believe in, and are unafraid to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Her story also speaks to those who have ever been misunderstood, undervalued, or marginalized by a culture resistant to recognizing the accomplishments of women.

Brad Gee, Musician

We are delighted to have Brad join us again this year. You will enjoy singing your favorite songs and hymns with him as he leads us playing the piano and organ. Brad is the director of music at St. James Episcopal Church in Hendersonville, North Carolina.