



# FOURTH WATCH

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## Synod 2011

Province IV officers join in song at this year's Synod at Kanuga. From left, the Rt. Rev. Dan Daniel, vice president; President Richard Miller; Kathryn McCormick, secretary; and Barbara Mann, treasurer. More photos on Pages 6-7.

## President's Message

### *We serve a powerful God of abundance*

**D**uring the fall, it seems that nature begins to moderate things by cooling the temperature and presenting its "color show" in the form of richly colored leaves. The Church typically initiates its stewardship and budget processes while All Saints Day, Harvest and ending the season of Pentecost occur. It's all too easy to be lulled into a sense of inadequacy. However, we serve a powerful God with whom we can do infinitely more than we can imagine.

As I lay on the platform during one of my daily radiation treatments for prostate cancer, surrounded by this gigantic radiation emitting machine, I thought not about the cancer in my body, but about the blessings that the Lord made available in the form of this healing machine and the doctors and radiation specialists that treat me. Rather than feeling woe for my malady, I feel joy for the invisible rays that enter my body, much like Christ, with healing and rejuvenating substance. I am empowered by the Holy



Spirit.

When our church leaders focus on budgets and possible diminishing resources, remember, we serve a God of plenty who has unlimited resources. He always provides a way, in his time. Too often we focus more on our limited abilities and limited resources to get things done and forget to consider the infinite resources available from our heavenly Father.

This past June the province held a very successful convocational Synod, with informative and spirit filled experiences for deputies, bishops and others. Provincial ministry network reports were made and workshops and discussions were held on various issues important to the church. It was evident that the Synod produced far more than the information gained from the presentations and workshops. God added his resources of wisdom, fellowship and love.

Once we truly believe in the vastness of our God, a spirit of abundance will prevail upon us and we will no longer allow the spirit of scarcity to prevail. May the God of boundless resources be invited into your life and works.

It is well with my soul,

**Canon Richard Miller**  
President

# Province preparing to elect officers for the next triennial at Synod 2012

Even though next year's Province IV Synod elections are quite a few months away, it is not too early to consider offering yourself for office to serve the Province of Sewanee for the triennium 2012-2-2015.

At this synod, the Province of Sewanee will elect men and women to the following offices: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Lay representative to the Executive Council. Synod deputies also will begin the nominating process for both lay and clergy representatives to the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of a Presiding Bishop. (This committee will be a busy one during the next triennial, as the current Presiding Bishop's term will come to an end in 2015; this committee will be working during the next three years to come up with a slate of nominees for the next Presiding Bishop.

All terms are for three years, except the representative to the Executive Council, which is a six-year term. The current lay

representative, Dr. Anita George of Mississippi, is filling out an unexpired term that began in 2006. She is eligible to run for her own full six-year term, but other lay persons may run as well.

In the case of the president and vice president, at least one of the two offices must be held by a bishop.

Next year's Synod is scheduled for June 6-8, 2012, at Kanuga Conference Center, near Hendersonville, N.C.

The nominating committee consists of Alice Freeman from the Diocese of North Carolina, the Rev. Bob Sessum from the Diocese of Lexington, and the Rt. Rev. Clifton Daniel, bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina. The committee's job is to verify each applicant's eligibility, and in cases where there are no nominees, to solicit individuals to offer themselves to run for office.

An official nomination form will be posted on the Province's website - [www.provinceiv.org](http://www.provinceiv.org) - later in the year.

## *President: 'It's great time to be an Episcopal Church Woman'*

**Women's Conference, Kanuga Conference Center, 2012**  
*Believe in a Miracle*  
*Episcopal Church Women*  
*Past... President... future*

Revisit the women of the Bible, Meet Episcopal Church Women of the Past, and Believe in Episcopal Church Women, Present and Future.

Completing the three year program of Believe In A Miracle at the women's conference, come and be refreshed and renewed. Join with the women of Province IV for three days of fellowship, learning, music, Praise, and prayer.

Making return appearances for the event will be our chaplain, Rev. Gigi Conner of Woodstock, N.Y.; Fran McKendree, world-renowned musician from North Carolina; and Katerina Whitley, author, actor, keynote. Making her first visit to our conference, and her last visit of her term will be Marcia Hines, National President of Episcopal Church Women. Enrich Your Spirit.

It has been a great honor and an amazing three years to

serve as the leader of Episcopal Church Women of Province IV. There is a book to be written regarding the women of the Church in this period of time. I have found women working in Haiti, for the children of Tanzania, for the girls in Honduras, feeding the hungry all over our United States.

The challenges of today's economy make our ministry a necessity, just not a nice thing to do. Some say that ECW are passé and dated. I would ask, which of our ministries are passé? Perhaps our fault has been in not telling our story loudly enough. So, please be sure that all churches know what you are doing in the parish, the community, the diocese, the world. This gives those who are not working with us right now, the opportunity to join us.

My thanks to the Executive Board of Province IV Synod for the emotional and financial support through the year. It is great to be an Episcopal Church Woman.



**Robe**

— Jackie Robe  
Province IV President ECW



**Lauren Caldwell, PIV Young Adult Ministries Chair, left, is pictured at last June's Synod with the Synod chaplain, the Rev. Billy Alford of the Diocese of Georgia, and the Province IV Campus Ministries Chair, the Rev. Dann Brown.**

## Young Adult Ministries summit set Oct. 28-30 at Camp Mikell

**A**s this edition was headed to the printer, the fledgling Province IV Young Adult Ministries was gearing up for its Young Adult Summit, sponsored by DAYA (Diocese of Atlanta Young Adults) at Mikell Camp and Conference Center near the border between Georgia and South Carolina.

The conference, Oct. 28-30, is actually the fourth sponsored by the Diocese of Atlanta Young Adults, but the PIV chair, Lauren Caldwell, has extended the invitation to young adults throughout the Southeast. The theme will be "Finding Grace by Adjusting Our Perspective" and will include the Rt. Rev. J. Neil Alexander, bishop of the Diocese of Atlanta, as the keynote speaker.

The format includes a number of workshops and a panel discussion that will include the Rt. Rev. Keith Whitmore, Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Atlanta, who has long been an advocate on behalf of young adults.

"We are all finding ways to live out the Gospel in our own lives. In the new testament we are given the Great Commission to go out in to the world and continue in the Apostle's teachings and the breaking of the bread,"

Caldwell said on the summit's website. "This year we are focusing on understanding the grace in our differences and how that affects our ability to spread the good news.

"In 2 Corinthians 12: 9-10, Paul talks about the 'thorns' in our sides which we interpreted to be the hardships put on all of us by our differences. We all have gifts of gender, race, sexuality, ability, and personality. During the weekend we will be trying to understand the grace in those differences," she added.

Workshops are scheduled on Men's Ministries, Servant Leadership, Discernment, Young Adult Service Corp/Episcopal Service Corp, Spiritual Direction, Minority Ministries and more.

The Rev. Dr. Jerry Cappel, Province IV Environmental Ministries Coordinator, will be present to lead a discussion on the role environment plays in the life of a modern Christian, and Royce Ann Woody, director of *Sursum Corda*, will lead a workshop for spiritual directors and the needs for holy listening in today's society.



Episcopal Youth Event 2011 in Minnesota at PIV mission at Red Lake Nation

## *PIV Youth participate in EYE, and '3 Days of Mission' in Minnesota*

In the midst of our young people's busy and overscheduled lives, Province IV Youth Ministries continues to offer opportunities to meet people, to explore our faith, to worship, to experience Sabbath, to serve God and to have fun! It is our hope that the youth and adults who accompany our youth on their journey of faith will come together to share experiences, help one another and to reach out to other people in our world rejoicing in the power of God! Province IV Youth Ministries strives to meet the needs of our young people, provide opportunities that will support our dioceses and participate in global mission fields.

"We are intimately linked in this harvest work....." (Matthew 10: 40 - 42) was the scripture upon which The Episcopal Youth Event this past summer focused. Province IV was well represented on the EYE Design Team and provided tremendous leadership with workshop leaders, small group leaders and worship leaders! We also provided lots of labor as EYE 2011 built a "Habitat for Humanity" Home on the campus of Bethel University that was later transported to rural Minnesota.

EYE prepared us to go out into the mission field for "3 Days of Mission." Province IV sent 157 young people and adults to the Red Lake Nation in northern Minnesota to work with the Ojibwe Tribe. We repaired, painted, stained and refurbished two Episcopal Churches on this Reservation during these three days and in the evenings, The Rev. Robert Two Bulls and the

Rev. Johnson Loud shared their stories of growing up as American Indians and helped us explore aspects of racism and reconciliation. Before departing northern Minnesota, we traveled to Itasca State Park to see the headwaters of the Mississippi River and we prayed for the people who lived along the Mississippi River whose lives were being altered by the floodwaters of the Mississippi River. These 3 Days of Mission were powerful! As we concluded our PYE 2011 Closing Eucharist, we were sent out into to world to continue to do God's Mission!

In November, the Province IV Youth Ministries Network Meeting will be held at St Columba Conference and Retreat Center, Memphis, Tenn., in the Diocese of West Tennessee. Our Province IV President, Richard Miller, will be sharing this gathering with the Diocesan Youth Ministries Coordinators and 2 - 3 young people from each diocese. Dioceses will come to share the strengths of their programs and to help one another with the challenges that are being faced. Many ideas will be generated and many connections will be made to support one another in God's Call in our lives. Also, We will participate in a local outreach mission experience and hear the plans for PYE 2012! As we close our time together, we will celebrate as we worship offering our lives and our ministries to God.

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# Province IV youth repair, paint churches on Ojibwe Reservation

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We are blessed in Province IV with a plethora of dedicated and caring professional Youth Ministers..... Lay, Clergy, Full Time, Part Time, Paid and Volunteer. When Province IV Youth Ministries comes together, everyone benefits and goes back home more knowledgeable, more spiritually focused and more enriched! We look forward to working with all of the dioceses in Province IV, with the other provinces in The Episcopal Church and with the people in our world to whom God guides us!

— Cookie Cantwell, PIV Youth Ministries Chair





## *Province IV Synod 2011*



The 2011 Province IV Synod, held June 8-10, at Kanuga Conference Center, drew deputies and delegates from throughout the Southeast to discuss the proposed Anglican Covenant, Immigration issues in the United States, and hear an update on the Denominational Health Plan. In addition, deputies heard up-to-date reports from the chairs of the Province's 14

active ministry networks, as well as assessments on the state of the church. Next year's pre-General Convention Synod (June 6-8, 2012) will include a preview of the Indianapolis gathering, presentations and workshops on the work of the church and the election of provincial officers for the next triennium. (See story on Page 2.)



***PIV  
Synod  
2011  
Photos***



# CDE strategic plan in process

A strategic plan for the Province IV Congregational Development & Evangelism (CDE) network has been developed and is based on the results of an initial meeting of the task force appointed by Canon Richard E. Miller, president of Province IV, earlier this year.

Input was received at the June 2011 Synod and subsequent correspondence. The task force believes, based on the information gathered to date, that a new vision for CDE has to be considered by the Province. Some of the Synod comments received:

- Our churches are asking for an approach that is “less institution oriented and more about the Body of Christ.

- We need to change the focus from being program-driven to a church that is God-based. We want to create a “fire in the belly” “to help people catch fire with the knowledge of Christ” by providing easily accessible learning environments

- Welcoming them is not enough. We need to be inviting. We must be able to fold them into the Body of Christ.

- The Province IV CDE Task Force/ Committee must have diversity in its composition and become the reliable resource for constant, reliable, current and easily available information.

- Workshops and seminars are not always effective. Consider providing teams in the Province that can work with congregations to evaluate the specific needs, provide support and provide continual educational opportunities.

- The Province should provide webinars, workshops, seminars or links that will target more specifically the needs of all the churches in the Province.

- Teams can also be formed in the province to offer workshops in central locations in each diocese.

The members of the task force have taken these comments under advisement and have begun a systematic plan of action.

— **Karen Phillips Smith**  
CED Task Force Chair

## *Networking opportunities abound at ‘Everyone’ mission conference*

Recently I had the opportunity to attend the “Everyone, Everywhere 2011” Conference. (The first conference was held in 2008.) The meeting brings together those across The Episcopal Church who are interested in or who are serving in a mission capacity. Three hundred people gathered at the YMCA Estes Park Center in Colorado. We engaged in worship, attended plenary sessions and workshops. Most importantly there was time for conversations at meals and in between scheduled activities. Around 67 domestic dioceses were in attendance, as well as over half of the dioceses of Province IX and representatives from a few of our covenant relationships and our bi-lateral partners.

The opportunity for networking was a major part of the conference. Worship was held in a variety of languages and depicted various worship venues. The front of the Worship Bulletin was written “We Who Are Many Are One Body” (Romans 12:5). This theme resonated throughout the whole conference.

This gathering was of utmost importance. It was a time of reflection and challenge to meet the needs of the Church as we work in relationship with each other. A few of the highlights included a message from our presiding bishop, Bishop Katharine, as she continues to challenge us to be in partnership with our brothers and sisters, at home and abroad. Her remarks at the close of her sermon at the 2009 General Convention were “...the heartbeat of the church is mission, mission, mission.” She continues to remind us of the importance of mission and challenges us to continue to be in relationship, one to another.

Among the highlights was the first plenary session which was led by Professor Christopher Duraisingh, Otis Charles Visiting Professor in Applied Theology and faculty emeritus at the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The title of his talk was “Everyone Everywhere in Mission: Led by the Spirit, locally and globally”. He emphasized that local and global mission are not exclusive. He was very thought provoking as he challenged the Church to understand that “...mission is not a function of the church. Church is a function of the ongoing mission of God.” And to paraphrase further remarks: one needs to recognize that mission is not a law or a command from God but mission is an invitation by God's grace. Duraisingh challenges us to realize that everything in church is mission related and that we need to be in relationship with one another. We are not alone but need to become cognizant and responsive to the many multi-voices which surround us.

I had the opportunity of meeting with Elizabeth Boe, Global Networking Officer as well as the Rev. David Copley, Mission Personnel Officer and Global Partnerships Team Leader as well as The Rev. Canon Bruce W. Woodcock, Manager, International Relations, Church Pension Fund. A major survey will be taking place in the next couple of months about the different aspects of mission within our dioceses. There is excitement and commitment to foster relationships with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Please let me know if I may be of help to you as you seek partnerships on a local or diocesan level.

— **Martha Alexander**  
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# Disaster Preparedness conference deals with earthquake, hurricane

The Province IV Disaster Preparedness and Response Commission met at Trinity Conference Center at Salter Path in the Diocese of Eastern North Carolina Aug. 23-26. Just before registration was to begin the impact of an earthquake was felt at the center. The conference was cut short by the approach of Hurricane Irene towards the Outer Banks with mandatory evacuations. Such was the structure of this disaster conference.

After registration and dinner, the group was treated to a dessert gathering hosted by Sue Liverman and Susan Terrell, our hosts for the conference. It was there that we were introduced to our chaplain for the conference, The Rev. Marquita Hutchens, associate at Christ Church in New Bern (established in 1715).

Our opening Eucharist was celebrated by the Rt. Rev. Marray, assisting bishop in the diocese of Eastern North Carolina. A native of Guyana, Bp. Marray has served in a number of capacities both nationally and internationally. Currently, aside from his work in this diocese and in addition to his community service and social outreach work, he serves as a member of the Archbishop of Canterbury's Pastoral Visitor's team. This very engaging man welcomed us to the diocese.

Our speaker, Peter Gudaitis, President of the National Disaster Interfaiths Network in New York, spoke on "How to Be a Ready Congregation" in the face of disasters. (The helpful handouts he presented are available on his company's website

at [info@n-din.org](mailto:info@n-din.org).) After this training, during our meeting and planning time, some additional resources were cited. From the American Red Cross were three checklists to include preparation for flood safety, tornado safety and heat wave safety each printed in both English and Spanish. In addition, instructions for the Vial of Life Initiative were distributed. This is a program usually sponsored by your local Emergency Services to provide instructions in case of a medical emergency.

It was noted that the bishop of each diocese in this Province has a CD about our Critical Incident Response Team that was introduced to them as a resource at their meeting in November in Miami. If you would like to see the CD, please contact your bishop's office. Brochures about the team are readily available.

Three questions were posed to the group. The first was to solicit ideas for training since each of our meetings has a training component. The first is something that has been addressed in the past which is found at [FEMA.gov](http://FEMA.gov) which are the IS courses 100, 200, 700 and 800. Each of us needs to be aware of the incident command system that is taught through FEMA. Other suggestions include COOP training, Train the trainers, Bfast and Cfast from the University of South Florida, a recap of the NOVA training and Psychological First Aid. All of this is to maintain our basic competencies. It was suggested that we familiarize ourselves with the canon on the website of the Diocese of East Tennessee which addresses the procedure in the

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# Disaster Preparedness conference

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event the bishop is unavailable during the crisis.

The second question was to understand how this Province IV Commission and Episcopal Relief and Development might work together in mutually supportive roles. Items suggested are as follows:

- Be in contact with ERD Disaster
  - Stay in open and constant communication
  - Ask for a representative to attend all meetings.
  - Apply for training funds
  - Identify points of collaboration
- The last question pertained to future direction for this group.

Many of the suggestions involve electronic direction.

- Produce a web-based information source for resources needed in disaster
- Man a booth at the national and diocesan conventions
- Be more supportive of one another through conference calls with GoToMeeting software
- Introduce tabletop exercises
- Support National Preparedness Month
- Provide regional centralized disaster training for clergy a couple of times each year
- Strengthen pastoral support for long term disaster recovery
- Identify other areas for Episcopal service and ministry

The elements of possible tabletop exercise to be presented to either diocesan or parish staffs were developed. The purpose as stated is to determine the gaps in disaster plans.

The following were represented:

- Diocese of Alabama
- Diocese of East Carolina
- Diocese of Eastern Tennessee
- Diocese of Georgia
- Diocese of North Carolina (2)
- Diocese of South Carolina
- Diocese of Southeast Florida
- Diocese of Southwest Florida
- Diocese of West Tennessee
- Diocese of Western North Carolina
- Diocese of Upper South Carolina (2)
- Episcopal Relief and Development
- Province IV

We are very grateful to the staff of Trinity Conference Center in Salter Path, N.C., who were so gracious and helpful in the face of approaching disaster in the form of Hurricane Irene. They went “above and beyond.”

— Sharon Jones

Chair, Province IV Disaster Preparedness

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# **Provincial Calendar**

- **Oct. 28-30 — Young Adult Ministries Summit, “Finding Grace by Adjusting Our Perspective,” Mickell Camp & Conference Center, near Toccoa, Ga. (Diocese of Atlanta)**
- **Nov. 14 — Province IV Executive Committee meeting, Charlotte-Douglas International Airport, Charlotte, N.C.**
- **Nov. 19— Special Convention for the Election of the fourth Bishop of the Diocese of Central Florida, Trinity Preparatory School, Winter Park, Fla.**
- **Nov. 28 - Dec. 1 — Province IV House of Bishop, Memphis, Tenn., Diocese of West Tennessee hosting**
- **Dec. 7-8 — Provincial Leadership Conference, Diocese of Newark, N.J.**
- **Jan. 7, 2012 —Investiture of the Rt. Rev. John McKee Sloan as Bishop of the Diocese of Alabama, Cathedral Church of the Advent, Birmingham, Ala.**
- **June 3-6, 2012 — Province IV Altar Guild Conference & Workshop, Kanuga Conferences**
- **June 4-6, 2012 — Province IV Women’s Conference, “Believe in a Miracle,” Kanuga Conferences**
- **June 6-8, 2012 — Province IV 2012 Synod, Kanuga Conferences, Hendersonville, N.C.**
- **July 5–12, 2012 — General Convention, Indianapolis, Indiana**