



PROVINCE IV ALTAR GUILD NEWSLETTER

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ART IN WORSHIP – Part Two

**Annual Province IV Altar Guild Conference
Kanuga Conference Center
Hendersonville, North Carolina
SUNDAY June 4 to WEDNESDAY June 7, 2017**

2017 is the second year of a three-year series on *Art in Worship*. St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Daphne, Alabama, is graciously sharing its Rector, **The Rev. Thack Dyson**, Rector, and its Director of Music, **Paul Anderson**, to give us an exciting program centered around musical arts.



Paul Anderson, Keynote Speaker



The Rev. Thack Dyson, Chaplain

Don't miss President **Sarah Hill's** column on Page 3 to learn more details about the 2017 Conference, and to get a preview of what will happen in 2018!

- CONFERENCE REGISTRATION** – To register for the Conference, reserve accommodations at Kanuga, and pay your dues (if not already paid directly to Treasurer), go to <https://registration.kanuga.org/4106>.
- To pay dues and register for the Annual Conference -- On P. 2 of the online process, select desired type of room (Double or Single). On P. 3 of the online process, select type of membership (individual or household).
 - To just register for the Annual Conference (dues already paid) -- On P. 2 of the online process, select desired type of room (Double or Single). On P. 3 DO NOT select type of membership.
 - Double room & meals for 3 days is \$314. Single room & meals for 3 days is \$428. If cost is an issue, perhaps your parish or Diocese can help!

If you don't have internet access or need help, try to get a friend to help you. If this is not feasible, contact **Kate Bakko**, Kanuga Reservations Coordinator, at (828) 233-2811.

Registrations are due by Friday May 26, 2017 – after that date, a \$5.00 late fee will be charged. Kanuga will accept reservations as long as space is available.

SOME FACTS ABOUT ST. PAUL'S, DAPHNE (ALABAMA)



St. Paul's Episcopal Church was established as a mission in Old Towne Daphne on April 1, 1925. The congregation originally met in Montrose, just south of Daphne. The following year the foundation stone was laid for a church on College Avenue in Daphne. The building was constructed in memory of Gratz Moses Malone by his parents, and was consecrated by Bishop McDowell on June 17, 1928. The original church was deconsecrated and sold in 1977 when St. Paul's moved to its current site on North Main Street in Daphne.

From 1977 to 1996 the church used an altar, originally given in memory of Bishop Wilmer, which was found in storage at Beckwith Lodge (Diocesan retreat south of Fairhope AL). This altar was on loan to the congregation until it was recently given to our Episcopal Orphanage, Wilmer Hall. The pulpit, candelabra, and other appointments were given by members of the congregation. In 1979 the congregation achieved parish status in the Diocese of Central Gulf Coast.

After many hours of consultation with the parishioners as to what they would like in a church building, a new church was completed and dedicated in October 1996. The congregation was honored to have then Presiding Bishop Browning as celebrant at that service. The new altar had been delivered the day before the first service, the fair linen was completed at the very last minute, but all was ready for the dedication.

Upon entering the Narthex, you will see friezes on the wall. These are copies of the famous Luca Della Robbia cantoria (singing) gallery in the cathedral in Florence, inspired by Psalm 150 and sculpted in 1432.

The painted silk hangings in the Nave were done for the new church by members of the congregation. Kitty DuMont Nava designed both the Life of Christ and The Holy Spirit hangings. Lynn Talbert transferred the designs to raw silk and members of the parish painted them. The St. Paul's banner was designed and painted by Stevi Gaston. Kitty Nava also designed the crystal cross. A most unusual blessing occurred after it was hung. When the regular lights were turned on a double shadow reflection appeared. This was not planned at all.

Also on the grounds is The Garden of the Resurrection, a lovely, quiet place for the interment of ashes. Further to the west is the Thrift Shop, which houses a very successful program that supplies funds for the church and many outreach programs in the community.

Currently, St. Paul's has 568 older members as active communicants and an additional 107 kids under 16!

MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC! One of the most distinctive features of the Episcopal Church is our musical heritage and how it shapes our liturgy. There is a musical setting to match every service that we put together and the choral tradition is as strong as the instrumental accompaniment. **The Rev. Thack Dyson** has shaped our worship to be enhanced by a marvelous assortment of music and singing that will be led by Keynote Presenter, **Paul Anderson**.

Don't forget to bring three candles in holders or with drip sleeves to use for our Taize prayer service which will be held outdoors one evening. I am sure you will be singing all the way home! Music really makes liturgy come alive and we are very blessed to have this opportunity this year.

Once again, we will be taking a Love Offering at the Closing Eucharist to give to the Chapel at Kanuga. While at Kanuga there will be an opportunity (for those interested) to "spruce up" the sacristy and help figure out their needs for replacement items or new enhancements. It is such a good way to give back.

There will be time during our meeting to talk about our ministry and share ideas. If possible, please bring special items and clever ideas to share during "show and tell." What you may think is routine can turn out to be a revelation to someone else.

Registration is online again this year. Plan to come and please bring a friend.

In 2018 the conference will feature the role that architecture plays in shaping our worship. Our program will include the adornment of worship space with needlepoint, stained glass and flowers.

Easter Season blessings to each of you. I'm sure everyone is tired from their duties during all the services of Holy Week, but our ministry is such a special blessing. Remember, you set the stage for the liturgy that we love, and help make your church a welcoming space for all.

Sarah Hill

President, Province IV Altar Guild.

NECROLOGY LIST

If you are aware of the death of any current or former member (anyone who ever attended the Annual Conference) of Province IV Altar Guild, please advise: Ann McCormick, 3071 Dunbarton Road, Memphis TN 38128-5107, annmcc_1999@yahoo.com. Provide member's name, date of death, home parish, and Diocese.

BURNING OF LINENS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE CONFERENCE:

Once a religious object is blessed and dedicated for divine worship or veneration, it must be treated with reverence and not be used in either an improper or profane way. However, blessed religious objects break or wear from use. The basic rule for the disposition of these items is to burn or to bury them. Here are a few examples:

- A chalice which becomes "unserviceable" is not to be sold, but must be used for some other sacred purpose or melted.
- Vestments, altar cloths, and linens must be destroyed.
- Polluted or excess holy water must be poured into the ground.
- Palms are to be burned, and the ashes then used for distribution on Ash Wednesday or returned to the ground.
- A broken rosary or religious statue normally would be buried.

In all, the underlying idea is that what has been dedicated to God should be returned to God. One should never just "throw out" what has been dedicated to God. Linens that can no longer be repaired should be deconsecrated and burned. Bring them to the Kanuga and they will be lovingly deconsecrated, burned, and the ashes scattered on the grounds.

JOIN the PROVINCE IV ALTAR GUILD!!

Membership runs from January through December. Technically, dues should be paid in January, but a lot of people wait until they register for the Conference to renew their membership.

- If you want to join but do not plan on attending the Conference, complete Membership Application (P. 5) and mail it with your check to Treasurer Peggy Curlin, 1035 Linda Lane, Charlotte NC 28211-2038.
- If you want to pay dues and register for the Annual Conference, do it online. On P. 2 of the online process, select desired type of room (Double or Single). On P. 3 of the online process, select type of membership (individual or household).
- If you have already paid your dues and just want to register for the Annual Conference, do it online. On P. 2 of the online process, select desired type of room (Double or Single). On P. 3 DO NOT select type of membership.

PROVINCE IV ALTAR GUILD ENDOWMENT FUND

Contributions to the Endowment Fund, named for founding member and first Treasurer Betty Knowlton, can be made at any time and in any amount. Please consider a tax deductible gift to the Endowment Fund to commemorate a special occasion, to honor someone important in your life, or as a memorial in memory of someone special. Contributions will be acknowledged in writing. Make checks payable to "Province IV Altar Guild" and put "Endowment Fund" in the memo line, and mail to:

Peggy R. Curlin
Province IV Altar Guild Treasurer
1035 Linda Lane
Charlotte NC 28211-2038

ATTENTION

If your parish or Diocesan altar guild publishes a newsletter, please put Sarah Hill, Province IV AG President, on your mailing list (sarahhill.fl@gmail.com.) Sharing of ideas and traditions in our churches is so important. Please let us hear from you.

ALTAR GUILD SHIRTS AVAILABLE

Thanks to Dianne Walters, you can now order any style shirt or any other monogram-able item from Lands' End and have the Province IV logo embroidered on it. Go to the web site (see link below) or order by phone.

http://ocs.landsend.com/cd/frontdoor?store_name=Province_IV_Altar_Guild&store_type=3

Just copy this link into your browser, select the shirt or other item you want, and proceed to checkout. When you put the item in your shopping cart there is a choice of logo and when you click on it Province IV AG comes up.

If you need to order by phone, the number is 800-587-1541. Tell the representative you want:

Logo #1116018.

Company Name: Province IV Altar Guild

Store Login ID: altarguild

Store URL: ces.landsend.com/Province_IV_Altar_Guild.



CONFERENCE REMINDER!!

REGISTER & MAKE RESERVATIONS ONLINE at <https://registration.kanuga.org/4106>

By May 20, 2017 (to avoid late fee)



PROVINCE IV ALTAR GUILD

2017 APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP or MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

INDIVIDUAL OR HOUSEHOLD - Membership open to anyone interested in the ministry of serving the altar.

ANNUAL DUES Individual \$ 20 Household* \$ 30 (Includes spouse/partner or family member)

Name(s): _____
Address: _____
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PARISH OR MISSION - Membership for any Episcopal parish or mission, or any associated Episcopal group at the parish level (AG, ECW, etc). A recipient for Province IV Altar Guild mailing may be designated. **ANNUAL DUES \$20**

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Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____
New: _____ Renewal: _____

DIOCESE - Membership for the Office of Bishop, Diocesan Altar Guild, Diocesan Episcopal Church Women or any other diocesan Episcopal group. A recipient for Province IV Altar Guild mailing may be designated. **ANNUAL DUES \$30**

Name of Bishop or Group: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____
Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____
New: _____ Renewal: _____
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2016 Province IV Altar Guild Video

Our Photo-Journalist has created a DVD or CD of last year's activities. The cost is \$1.50 plus \$2.00 mailing.

Order from Judy NOW to be mailed to you or pick up at the Conference to save the mailing fee. If you have any questions, you may call Judy at 321-536-3965. To help her know how many copies to make, fill out this form and mail to:

*Judy Henderson
1978 Red Bud Circle NW
Palm Bay FL 32907*

Or send email request to: Jem2415@earthlink.net

2016 CD \$1.50	\$ _____
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TOTAL	\$ _____

_____ *I will pick up at Conference (saves mailing fee)*

TENTATIVE CONFERENCE AGENDA
(subject to revision)

When you receive your Registration Packet on Sunday, the Final Agenda will specify location of all events. This Tentative Agenda is just to give you a “heads up” on what will be happening.

Sunday, June 4

3:00 pm	Registration [Lobby of the Inn]
5:00 pm	Welcoming Reception
6:00 pm	Dinner
7:30 pm	Opening Eucharist [Chapel of the Resurrection]
8:30 pm	“After Hours” get-together

Monday, June 5

7:00 am	Morning Prayer / Deconsecration & burning of linens [Lakeside Chapel]
8:00 am	Breakfast
9:15-11:30 am	Session One of Music in Worship - Paul Anderson
12:00 pm	Lunch
12:45-1:15 pm	Group picture [on steps going down to St. John Room]
1:15-4:00 pm	Session Two of Music in Worship – Thack Dyson with a Holy Week retrospective of music and singing
4:00-5:00 pm	Business meeting
5:00 pm	Social Hour
6:00 pm	Dinner
7:00-8:30	Informal Discussion / Show & Tell
8:30 pm.	Taize with Eucharist and blessing of hands [remember to bring candles]

Tuesday, June 6

7:30 am	Morning Prayer
8:00 am	Breakfast
9:15-11:30 am	Session Three of Music in Worship - Book of Occasional Services – Paul Anderson & Thack Dyson
12:00 pm	Lunch
1:30-3:30 pm	Session Four of Music in Worship – “About Bach” – Paul Anderson
3:30-5:00 pm	Free Time [if interested, help clean/organize Chapel Sacristy and set up for Eucharist]
5:00 pm	Social Hour
6:00 pm	Dinner
7:30 pm	Closing Eucharist
8:30 pm	Ice Cream Social (possibility of special guests)

Wednesday, June 7

7:30 am	Morning Prayer
8:00 am	Breakfast & Farewell

**NOTE: Lectors will be needed for all services.
LEMs / Acolytes / Cross Bearer will be needed for Eucharists.
Come prepared to volunteer!!**