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## Richard Miller elected President

### *Province IV Synod ushers in new triennium*

Deputies to the Province IV 2009 Synod, June 3-5, elected Canon Richard E. Miller, from the Diocese of Southeast Florida, as their new president for the next triennium.

He succeeds the Rev. Robert Sessum, Diocese of Lexington, who served two three-year terms as president.

Miller is the first lay male to serve as president of Province IV as well as the first African-American. He is a retired public administrator and corporate chief executive officer. In the church, he has been a deputy to General Convention eight times and served six years as a member of The Episcopal Church's Executive Council.

He is a resident of Miami and a longtime communicant of the Church of the Holy Family in Miami Gardens. For his service to the Diocese of Southeast Florida, Bishop Leo Frade named him a Canon to Trinity Cathedral.

Re-elected as officers were the Rt. Rev. Clifton (Dan) Daniel, bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina, vice president; Ms.

Kathryn W. McCormick, Diocese of Mississippi, secretary; and Ms. Barbara Mann, Diocese of South Carolina, treasurer.

The Synod also elected the Rev. Cn. Brian Cole, sub-dean of the Cathedral of All Souls in Asheville, N.C., (Diocese of Western North Carolina) as the province's, clergy representative to Executive Council, succeeding the Rev. Timothy Kimbrough (North Carolina).

Additionally, the Synod adopted new Ordinances as a blueprint of regulations for how the Province should operate. Prepared by the Chancellor of the Province, Richard Perry, Esq. (Diocese of Atlanta), the new Ordinances spell out with precision many past practices than have been handed down. *(A copy of the Ordinances is available for download in pdf format from the provincial website: [www.provinceiv.org](http://www.provinceiv.org).)*

One of the changes in the ordinances is that the province operate under a triennial budget. The Synod then adopted a triennium

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## President: Let's focus on God's work

The Province of Sewanee is strong and spiritually engaging. Members are discerning the impact of General Convention actions on their dioceses and congregations. In the meantime, there have been no announced curtailment of worship services, no one has stopped loving the Lord or their neighbor, and there have been no announced cancellations of mission work or cessation of outreach work.



**Miller**

It is no secret that General Convention actions have not set well with many. However, worshippers and those sitting in the pews are not so much concerned with the politics of the church as they are with living out the baptismal covenant. I believe that when one focuses on what, in their opinion, is not going right or their

way in the church, that focus then becomes their ministry. Likewise, when one focuses on God's work to be done, that focus then becomes their ministry. Which is your ministry?

We are a praying loving group of Christians focusing on our responsibility to serve God in his church and in the world. Where will you place your energies and resources? Will you be joining those of us serving the Lord or will you be serving your own needs. I pray that you join in the spiritually engaging activities of the worshiping community of Sewanee.

Join me in the vision for Province IV to offer people an opportunity to be part of vibrant churches that provide genuine, caring, cross-generational communities doing phenomenal mission work in their local neighborhoods and throughout the world.

In God's Name  
Canon Richard E. Miller  
President

# Province anticipates four new bishops

The Rev. Scott Benhase was elected as tenth bishop of the Episcopal **Diocese of Georgia** Sept. 12 and will be consecrated Jan. 23, 2010 at the Savannah International Trade and Convention Center.

Benhase, who is rector of St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Washington, D.C., is a graduate of De Pauw University and Virginia Theological Seminary. He spent a year as a missionary to Honduras, and before his call to St. Alban's in 2006, he served congregations in Indiana, North Carolina, Ohio and Virginia.



**Benhase**

He succeeds the Rt. Rev. Henry Loutit, who has served as bishop of Georgia since 1995.

In the **Diocese of Louisiana**, six candidates have been named as candidates for election as bishop; the election will be held Dec. 5, 2009, at Christ Church Cathedral in New Orleans.

The winner will succeed the Rt. Rev. Charles E. Jenkins III, 10th bishop of the diocese, who also served as vice president of Province IV from 2003-2006.

The candidates are the Rev. Kurt Dunkle, rector of Grace

Episcopal Church in Jacksonville, Fla.; the Rev. Paul Elliott, rector of St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church in Stone Mountain, Ga.; the Rev. Paul Johnson, rector of Christ Church in Glen Allen, Va.; the Rev. Ken Ritter, rector of Trinity Church in Baton Rouge, La.; the Rt. Rev. Michael Smith, bishop of the Diocese of North Dakota; and the Rev. Morris Thompson, dean of Christ Church Cathedral in Lexington, Ky.

In the **Diocese of Kentucky**, a Search Committee is at work to select candidates to replace the Rt. Rev. Edwin F. "Ted" Gulick, Jr., who has served as 7th bishop of Kentucky since 1994.

Four or five nominees are expected to be presented to the diocese's Standing Committee Jan. 23, 2010.

In the **Diocese of UpperSouth Carolina**, the Rt. Rev. Dorsey F. Henderson Jr., will retire as the 7th bishop of the diocese, having served since 1996.

A Search Committee was expected to name a final slate of candidates on Oct. 16, and the election is planned for Dec. 12 at a reconvened Diocesan Convention. Consecration is planned for May 22, 2010.

The four retiring bishops were recognized at the 2009 Province IV Synod.

## Three CD workshops set in 2010

In a time of flat budgets and scaled-back programs, Province IV moved in the opposite direction at its Synod June 3-5 and approved \$15,000 in its budget for special Congregational Development & Evangelism training in 2010.

The training grant grew out of a presentation the Rev. Arnold Bush, chair of the Province IV CD&E network, made to the Provincial House of Bishops June 3, just before Synod. He asked the bishops to complete a survey on their priorities for building healthy churches. Among their top responses was leadership development.

As a result of Bush's appearance before the bishops, then Province IV President Robert Sessum (who was also present at the bishops' meeting), asked the PIV Executive Committee to include the extra funds in the budget.

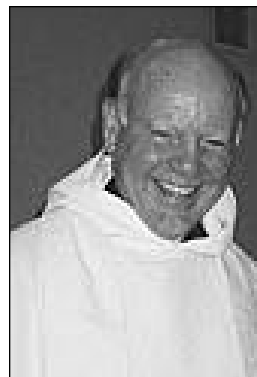
The \$15,000 special grant will help fund three proposed CD&E workshops in 2010:

— **April 8-10, 2010** at Camp McDowell, in the Diocese of Alabama, near Jasper

— **April 29-May 1, 2010** at Canterbury Retreat Center in the Diocese of Central Florida, near Orlando

— **June 9-11, 2010**, at Kanuga Conferences in the Diocese of Western North Carolina, near Hendersonville.

The three conferences are set up as regional workshops so that travel expenses for attendees will be less. They are also being held at conference centers, rather than hotels, because costs for room and meals are generally lower at church camps and retreat facilities.



**Bush**

Theme for the workshops will be "Marks of Leadership from Decline to Growth." The focus was hammered out at a CD&E planning meeting at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Charlotte, N.C. in mid-September. Guests present to help lead that discussion included the Rev. Charles Fulton, retired president of the Episcopal Church Building Fund; and Mary M. MacGregor, Director of Leadership Development for the Diocese of Texas, who will be among the presenters at next year's workshops.

More details about the conferences will be published and distributed this fall.

Province IV's CD&E network is only two years old. It was organized when Bush, then a retired clergy living in Niceville, Fla. (he now lives in the Diocese of Alabama, in Birmingham), asked permission to organize such a group. The concept was that representatives from every diocese would meet periodically and share best practices and programs in congregational vitality that have been proved successful in the field. The network, to date, has met in College Park, Ga.; in Nashville, Tenn.; at Kanuga; and in Charlotte, N.C.

# Synod 2009

## Province adopts new ordinances, three-year budget

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budget of \$172,925 for 2010, \$162,950 for 2011, and \$165,350 for 2012.

The 2010 budget reflects a \$15,000 grant for Congregational Development regional training, and \$1,300 to support the Millennium Development Goals. There is also a new allocation of \$5,000 per year for the University of the South in Sewanee, Tenn.

The Synod was primarily a preview of General Convention, with Ms. Bonnie Anderson, president of the House of Deputies and the Rev. Gregory Straub, executive secretary of General Convention, among the presenters.

Much of the time for Synod was given over to extensive training in Public Narrative, a format for telling one's story that was to be used at General Convention.

As a result, many typical Synod features were re-structured; for example, instead of a principal Synod Eucharist, two simpler 7 a.m. Eucharists were offered each morning of the gathering.

The Rev. John Fritschner (Diocese of Alabama) served as chaplain for the Synod and the Rev. Timothy Kimbrough (Diocese of North Carolina) was the synod musician.

Sessum was recognized for having served as President of Province IV for the past six years, and the previous six years as the Province's clergy representative to Executive Council. He was presented a turned wooden bowl as a gift from the Province.

### Committee finalists

The Synod additionally nominated three clergy and three lay persons as finalist for the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop.

The nominees were (lay) Tom Bates, Diocese of Central Florida; Judy Stark, Diocese of Southwest Florida; and Tess Judge, Diocese of East Carolina.

Clergy nominees were the Rev. Amy Coultas, Diocese of Kentucky; the Rev. Robert Hennagin, Diocese of Southwest Florida; and the Rev. John Leach, Diocese of West Tennessee.

(Following the Provincial Caucus June 14 in Anaheim, the House of Deputies elected Tess Judge and the Rev. Amy Coultas as Province IV's representatives on the committee.)

The Synod also elected members to the Provincial Court of Review. They are:



Province IV officers for the triennium 2009-2012 are, from left, the Rt. Rev. Clifton (Dan) Daniel, vice president; Canon Richard Miller, president; Barbara Mann, treasurer; and Cn. Kathryn Weathersby McCormick, secretary.

The Rt. Rev. Dabney T. Smith, Diocese of Southwest Florida, court convener; Martha Bedell Alexander, Diocese of North Carolina; Laverne Hubbard, Diocese of West Tennessee; the Hon. Roger D. Schwenke, Diocese of Southwest Florida; the Rev. Beth W. Ely, Diocese of North Carolina; the Rev. Cn. David H. Johnson, Diocese of Mississippi; and the Rev. William McCord (Mac) Thigpen, Diocese of Atlanta.

## Zeigler resigns post

Belton Zeigler, Esq., Province IV's elected lay representative to Executive Council, resigned from the post at the Executive Council meeting in Memphis, Tenn., Oct. 6.

Province President Richard Miller has called for persons interested in serving as Zeigler's replacement to notify him via email by noon on Oct. 24. (Application information is also posted on the provincial website, [www.provinceiv.org](http://www.provinceiv.org).)

The Provincial Executive Committee will consider the applicants and Miller will appoint a replacement at the committee's regularly scheduled meeting Nov. 9 at the Charlotte-Douglas Airport in Charlotte, N.C.

Zeigler said family circumstances led him to resign. His term runs through General Convention of 2012.

# Province IV Youth: a busy year

“UBUNTU - I in YOU and YOU in Me” is the focus that will continue from the 2009 General Convention into 2009 - 2010 Province IV Youth Ministries.

As we gather at our various meetings and mission opportunities, the leaders of the Province IV Youth Ministries Network will strive to provide an environment where the Holy Spirit can build a caring and loving community... a community that recognizes our diversity yet comes together to glorify God and to take God's Healing Love into the world.

In July, 131 people gathered for the Province IV Youth Mission Experience at Mission on the Bay at Christ Episcopal Church Bay St. Louis, Miss. It was our third year in Bay St. Louis helping the people whose lives were so drastically changed by Hurricane Katrina.

We tiled floors, shingled roofs, removed debris, moved municipal offices, washed three-year-old “Katrina mud” off of the residents' belongings, painted, dry walled, landscaped and helped to continue the healing process that is still happening on the Gulf Coast.

We also had the opportunity to work at All Souls Episcopal Church in the Lower Ninth Ward, New Orleans, La. We helped with the children who attended their Enrichment Center and helped with the continued transformation of an Old Walgreen's Drug Store Building to a building that will welcome the people of All Souls Episcopal Church.

Our theme for the week was “A Place to Dwell” and we all departed for our home parishes and dioceses feeling that we had helped create “a place to dwell” for many residents and allowed God “a place to dwell” in our hearts!

As we look forward to the coming year, our strong and active Province IV Youth Ministries Network is excited about the plans that we have made. Each of our gatherings, meetings, pilgrimages and events will be an opportunity to experience the spirit of UBUNTU - I in YOU and YOU in ME....

## Freedom Ride 2010

Freedom Ride 2010: Province IV Youth Ministries, The Episcopal Dioceses of North Carolina, East Carolina and Western North Carolina have partnered to create a pilgrimage through the state of North Carolina where the participants will trace the steps of black slaves, learn about the Reconstruction Era, Jim Crow laws and hear about Civil Rights workers who have strived to comprehend and dismantle the injustices of racism over the course of our history.

The Pilgrimage will begin in Wilmington, N.C. and travel by bus through Newton Grove, Plymouth, Raleigh, Oxford and Chapel Hill, before ending in a retreat in Greensboro, N.C. Participants will have the opportunity for education, contemplation and worship as we try to understand how these events in history might help us understand and engage the Christian concepts of sin, redemption and reconciliation in our own lives.

Freedom Ride 2010 will be held July 9 - 18, 2010. A Design Team which will meet several times before the event is made up of young people and adults who will design and implement this exciting and innovative experience.

Province IV Youth Ministries Network Meeting: This annual meeting will be hosted by the Diocese of Upper South

Carolina at the Bishop Gravatt Center. Two young people and the Diocesan Youth Ministries Coordinator are invited to attend this gathering where we share ideas, worship, plan and create ways that we can work together and help one another grow more fully as the Body of Christ. The dates for this gathering are Thursday, November 19 - 22, 2010.

Province IV Design Team for the Province IV Youth Event 2010: Plans have begun to create a new format for our next PYE. At the Province IV Youth Ministries Network Meeting last year, it was decided that we want to focus on our environment and the impact that we are having on the planet Earth. It is our hope that we will be able to work within one of our National Parks as volunteers to help repair, improve and/or restore our National Park to the beauty and purpose for which it was created. We will learn about our environment and about ways that we can have a more positive effect within our environment. Our nightly programs and our worship will focus of the environment and God's Creation.

Province IV will be helping to shape the Episcopal Youth Event that will be held in the summer of 2011. Applications to serve on the EYE Design Team will be circulated later this year and Province IV will have an active part redesigning EYE so it will reflect the goals of The Episcopal Church.

## Holy Land Pilgrimage

Youth Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: Province IV Youth Ministries has partnered with Kanuga Conference Center and St. George's College in Jerusalem to create our first Youth Pilgrimage to the Holy Land that will be held on July 24 - August 7, 2010.

George Carey, Archbishop of Canterbury from 1991-2002 and the Rev. Canon John Peterson, Washington National Cathedral's first Canon for Global Justice and Reconciliation, will join participants. The participants will visit the City of David, walk through King Hezekiah's Tunnel, see the Dead Sea Scrolls, go to the traditional site of the Nativity, ride a boat on the Sea of Galilee, float in the Dead Sea and pray in the Garden of Gethsemane. Please go to [www.kanuga.org](http://www.kanuga.org) for more information and registration forms.

## Sabbath Retreat

Province IV Diocesan Youth Ministries Coordinator's Sabbath Retreat: In the Spring of 2010, the Diocesan Youth Ministries Coordinators will get together for three days of “Sabbath.” They have the opportunity to reflect on their lives, their ministries and their relationship with God and with one another. It is a time of rest and re-creation.

God is truly blessing our Province IV Youth Ministries! In a time of transition and change in many of our dioceses, Province IV Youth Ministries continues to be stable and supportive. Our network works together to create programs, opportunities and events that supplement and compliment what is happening in our dioceses and congregations. Thanks Be to God!

**Cookie Cantwell**  
Chair, Youth Ministries

# Personal comfort not so important, after all

By ELYSE HEAD

In a La-Z-Boy Nation, convenience has become priority number one. Our internet connections are fast, our food is even faster. When things don't work out, we are comforted by Billie Mays, who assures us that Oxy-Clean can do anything short of perhaps, college-level Calculus, or fixing your satellite dish. Comfort, in general, is where we dwell.

This is the unreality I left on Sunday, June 21, as I journeyed with several others to serve on the design team for the Provincial Youth Event in Bay St. Louis, Miss. Soon, we were to be joined by groups from all over Province IV, who had traveled for hours to take part in the mission experience. Soon, we were to become familiar with blistering heat, testing of leadership, and the hurt of those living in the area - a reality we had never known. Soon, we were to realize that we had become too comfortable being comfortable.

The most fortunate of America live their lives in a happy medium. It is the type of medium where the outside environment does not affect the inside, which is most always kept at a room temperature of 75°F.

In Bay St. Louis, Miss., medium does not exist. Trees lush with leaves grow alongside their dying neighbors, whose stark white branches twist overhead, almost indecently gruesome. The houses, too, are either ghostly in their emptiness, or newly built, seeming out of place on the ravaged shoreline. The extremes we experienced were shocking, and no one was left unaware or



**General Convention youth reps Zack Brown and Michael Zahdev flank Youth Ministries chair Cookie Cantwell at the 2009 Synod at Kanuga.**

untouched by it. The discomfort left no room, no possibility, of ignorance.

Most disturbing of all was visiting the Ninth Ward, a section of New Orleans which experienced perhaps the most catastrophic flooding of the entire city. The van was silent as we rolled through the neighborhoods, and surrounded ourselves with the devastation. Spray painted upon the walls of many homes were X's, the quadrants filled with numbers representing the group who searched the house, the date of search, and the number of living and dead found within. It wasn't unfamiliar, exactly. Anyone with a television has seen the damage caused to New Orleans. But it was no longer at a safe distance, and it could no longer be ignored.

Pulling into the Walgreens parking lot, I had many different expectations. I expected to be put to work painting or rebuilding something. I expected to meet and talk to some Katrina survivors in the area. All in all, I expected to drive off hours later feeling warm and fuzzy and accomplished, but not too emotionally attached. What I didn't expect was that the Walgreens was actually a church; the altar framed by unfinished drywall. Neither did I imagine that I would be spending the day with the children of the community. And the last thing I expected was to leave a piece of my heart with them as we drove away a few hours later.

It all started with a hug. And ended with a hug. Truthfully, much of the day was filled with hug ministry. It was shocking how love-starved the children really were, how eager they were for attention, for someone to simply hold their hand. For a while, I was playing with one of the younger boys, Caleb, who made it very clear what he wanted to do that day.

"Let's race," he would say, and take off running, darting around people as I followed behind him, always letting him win in the end. Somewhere around the twenty-ninth race or so, I took off running and looked back to see him standing at the starting line, which we had marked with a paint can.

"What are you doing?" I asked, wondering if he was finally tired. He put his hands around his mouth and shouted over the noise, "I'm letting you win!" Selflessness was not something I had expected, especially from a three-year-old. Sometimes the people with the least have the most to give.

As we left to drive back to Mississippi, the volunteers were immediately swarmed and anchored by children. They hugged us, begged to be picked up, and asked if we were coming back. Asked if we would come back. It was distinctly uncomfortable. The lack of air conditioning was very noticeable when surrounded by small children clinging to every leg, arm, and neck they could find.

Yet everyone in that room knew by then that comfort wasn't nearly as important as American culture would have us believe, especially when such innocent hearts rested in our care. The constant unease had given us a renewed appreciation for our own lives, sure, but it had also given us a purpose, a rush of adrenaline, a knowledge that something needed to be done.

Those children and the rest of the people we had met there would dwell in our hearts long after we went our separate ways, and it is not comfortable. But it's okay. As Jesus proved on the cross, most good things never are. This newfound knowledge singing through my veins, I embraced the group, as I felt my apathy break like the levees.

# Faces at Synod 2009



**PIV past president the Rev. Robert Sessum (left) and new president Richard E. Miller flank Charles Crump, Esq., who was recognized at Synod for having attended a record 17 General Conventions as a deputy from the Diocese of West Tennessee.**

**PIV Vice President the Rt. Rev. Dan Daniel (below, left) is greeted by Kanuga President Stan Hubbard and his wife, the Rev. Carol Hubbard, who hosted a reception for the Province during Synod 2009.**



**One of the joys of provincial meetings is gathering at Kanuga Conferences near Hendersonville, N.C. where the scenery and the ambiance (such as sitting in a rocking chair on the porch at the inn, left) make for a good meeting.**



Above, deputies from the Diocese of East Carolina join in one of the Synod worship services; at left, Martha Alexander, Debby Melnyk, and the Rev. John Talbird, serve as the Courtesy Resolutions Committee, while below right, Navita Cummings-James of Southwest Florida bends the ear of Bishop Neil Alexander of Atlanta; and bottom left, more folks bask in the serenity of Kanuga.





Province IV Disaster Preparedness and Response Commission meeting in Savannah, Ga.

## Disaster Preparedness receives training in psychological first aid

The Province IV Disaster Preparedness and Response Commission met in Savannah, Ga., at the Marriott Riverwalk in the Diocese of Georgia Aug. 26-29. The conference opened with a welcome banquet at the conference site provided by our host, The Rev. Dr. Gary Abbott and the Diocese of Georgia. It was attended by all participants and guests.

The first day was devoted to training in Psychological First Aid provided by one of our representatives, Dianne Britton, LCSW. A power point presentation and practice sessions were the focus of our activities.

A hard copy of the Disaster Manual was presented. Some representatives have presented hard copies to each parish in their diocese. It remains available on the Province IV website ([www.provinceiv.org](http://www.provinceiv.org)) and will be amended as needed.

The thrust of our work was the development of a Disaster Response Team to be available to any bishop in the Province who needs this service. It is structured along the lines of CISM and NOVA teams and would respond, by the bishop's invitation to any crisis. The mission is to provide trained crisis responders for short-term on site and act as a resource on a continuing basis.

Through the team, short-term clergy respite would be available. Response would be in the geographic area of Province IV but training to replicate this venture would be available to the national church. A minimum of three team members would be deployed to include a priest and a mental health worker. To activate the team, one of the overseers would be contacted and would organize the team based on the need.

Our five stated goals for the future include:

I. Expansion of this group and development of a succession plan within each diocese. The dioceses that are not represented would

continue to be contacted for their support and involvement.

II. Provide training to other provinces in order to replicate what has been created in this group.

III. Look for finances to support our efforts and provide sustainability for the crisis team and other efforts. Perhaps recruit a grant writer for this effort.

IV. Continue to market the Disaster Manual. Refine and amend as necessary.

V. Develop a constant improvement program.

The Bishop of the Diocese of Tennessee through his representative on the commission, the Rev. Fred Dettwiller, has kindly issued an invitation for us to meet in Nashville in 2010. We gratefully accepted.

Closing prayers for the conference included remembrances of two members of this group who have died: the Rev. Hendree Harrison from the Diocese of Atlanta in 2007 and the Rev. Michael Stewart from the Diocese of East Tennessee in 2008.

We are most grateful to the Rev. Dr. Gary Abbott who was our host for the conference and to Bishop Henry Louttit for the invitation. Gary's generosity (the banquet, the goodie bags), his organization ( a wonderful conference site, well planned worship experience) and his hospitality combined to make this working conference as memorable experience. Many thanks to you, Gary.

Diocese represented were Atlanta, Alabama, Central Florida, East Carolina, East Tennessee, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina, Southwest Florida, Tennessee, Western North Carolina and West Tennessee.

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## *Campus Ministries*

# New chaplains, array of events

Province IV's Campus Ministry Network for continues to encourage, facilitate, and support the Christian formation of college and university students throughout the province.

This fall - Nov. 13-15 - the network will co-sponsor, with the Diocese of Alabama, the annual Fall College Conference at Camp McDowell, at Nauvoo, Ala., near Birmingham.

Program planners are Callie Plunkett-Brewton, Episcopal Chaplain at the University of North Alabama; the Rev. Dr. Dan Thornton, rector of St. Wilfrid's, in Marion, Ala. And Episcopal Chaplain to Marion Military Institute and Judson College.

Later in November, Nov. 23-25, the Province IV Episcopal Chaplains' Retreat will be held at Ignatius House in Atlanta, Ga. Dr. Amanda Borden at Samford University is expected to offer a program using the Intercultural Development Inventory, an instrument and program designed to heighten cultural sensitivity.

This retreat provides a fun, informative community-building time with fellow chaplains.

Three new chaplains have been appointed in Province IV. The Rev. Jan Oller is chaplain for the Episcopal Church at Ole Miss University. The Rev. Leigh Hall is chaplain for the Episcopal Center at Georgia Southern University, and the Rev. Marc Burnette is chaplain/rector at Canterbury Chapel, at the University of Alabama.

The Episcopal College Student Gathering (held every two years) will be Dec. 28 through Jan. 1, 2010 at Estes Park, Colo. Will Sparks, a rising junior at the University of Alabama at

Birmingham, serves as Province IV's student representative on the Episcopal Student Leadership Team (ESLT), which is planning the gathering.

The Rev. Nancee Martin-Coffey, University of Florida, serves as one of two chaplains for ESLT.

The 2010 Episcopal Campus Ministry Conference will be in Athens, Ga., June 23-26, 2010. Reserve the date.

Province IV was well represented at the annual gathering of Episcopal campus ministers in Chicago in August. The following chaplains from Province IV joined with Episcopal campus ministers from across the country as well as ELCA campus ministers:

Dann Brown, University of Georgia; Amy Coultas, University of Louisville; Giulianna Gray, Episcopal and ELCA Campus Ministry, New Orleans; Leigh Hall, Georgia Southern University; Chris Hannum, Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta; Harold Lockett, Absalom Jones Center, Atlanta; Nancee Martin-Coffey, University of Florida; Kevin Matthews, St. Mary's House, Greensboro, N.C.; William Ndishabandi, Absalom Jones Anglican, Jackson, Miss.; and Bill Blackerby, Birmingham Episcopal Campus Ministries.

Also, Ollie Rencher, formerly the Episcopal chaplain at Ole Miss and currently on staff at Holy Communion, Memphis, was on the planning team for the conference.

**The Rev. William S. Blackerby, Jr.**  
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# *Episcopal Church Women are involved*

## More than 100 Province IV women participate in Triennial

**B**eing elected President of the Episcopal Church Women of Province IV has been such an honor and when I thought it couldn't get any better, it did. Because Kay Meyer of our province was leading the Triennial Meeting as National President of ECW, women of Province IV led the opening celebration of the meeting in Anaheim, Calif. As president I led the presidents of our 19 participating dioceses and all of the provinces followed us into the plenary.

Every three years we gather to celebrate the joy of the completed goals and to work on and set new sights for the coming three years. Delegates were asked to approve the recommended grants for the United Thank Offering. This committee so ably led by Regina Ratteree of the Diocese of Upper South Carolina and Zona Tounsley of the Diocese of Alabama guided us through the granting of over \$3 million of current grants; the three years of granting was \$7 million. For more than 120 years, the women of the Episcopal Church have, through thank offerings, raised money for trucks and water and vans and schools, and shelters and food banks and homes for the elderly and medical facilities, feeding and making life possible for those who need our help.

There is to be a three-year study done by an appointed committee and it was noted that there was not a representative from the ECW. We presented a resolution to the House of Deputies and to the House of Bishops in hopes that this can be corrected. We feel passionately that Episcopal Church Women should be represented on this panel.

The Church Periodical Club, an historic and worthy club which for over 120 years has sent printed material around the world, and also through its Miles of Pennies provides books and videos and computer materials for children around the world, met with the Triennial ECW. CPC also provides books for seminarians and college students.

Episcopal Church Women named Jericho Road as a priority philanthropic effort. Christ Church Cathedral's Dean David duPlantier addressed the delegates and thanked us for the support given throughout the recovery of the Gulf Coast. ECWhosted an

“Evening with Elisabeth von Trapp” on a Sunday evening in Anaheim. The standing-room-only attendance raised over \$73,000, bringing us closer to our goal of \$110,000. Per usual, Province IV women generously gave over \$15,000.

There were so many opportunities to learn and meet and listen and participate. We listened to addresses by Bishop Steven Charleston, Phyllis Tickle, the Archbishop of Canterbury, past ECW presidents, President of the House of Deputies Bonnie Anderson, Presiding Bishop Katherine Jefferts Schori, and a remarkable address by the youth presence at convention. There were 45 workshops throughout the 10 days, one on Evangelism and Beijing Circles, taught by Province IV President.

At the Welcoming Dinner, a short play, written so beautifully by Katerina Whitley, depicted Episcopal Church Women from 1876 to today. Julia Chester Emery had the vision of mission and ministry for the women of the church. Although there were bumps in the road and sometimes it was slow to be accepted, she worked tirelessly to inspire the women of the church to share her commitment of mission and education and proclaiming the Gospel.

Today, once again we are challenged by bumps in the road; however, more than ever, the church has so many needs. As we work on the Millennium Goals and set our goals in the congregations, in the dioceses, in the communities, and globally, Episcopal Church Women once again have a vision and a sense of urgency to open our arms and hearts and purses to help. Today's ministry is “hand's on”, whether it be on the Gulf Coast or in the Ukraine, we are there with Praise and Prayer.

Episcopal Church Women of Province IV are involved. One hundred women from Province IV came to Anaheim. The ministry done by our women is remarkable. We exist to make a difference in the world just as our sister Julia dreamed of over 133 years ago. It is Great to be an Episcopal Church Woman Today!

**Jackie Robe**

**President, Province IV ECW**

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# **Provincial Calendar**

**Oct. 8-10, 2009** — Province IV Bishops' and Chancellors' Conference, Louisville, Ky.

**Oct. 23-24, 2009** — Province IV Christian Education Conference, “On Being a Christian Educator: How to feed others as well as one’s self,” Duncan M. Gray Conference Center, Canton, Miss.

**Nov. 9, 2009** — Province IV Executive Committee meeting, Charlotte, N.C.

**Nov. 13-15, 2009** — Fall College Conference, Camp McDowell, Jasper, Ala.

**Nov. 23-25, 2009** — Province IV Chaplains Retreat, Ignatius House, Atlanta, Ga.

**Dec. 2-4, 2009** — Provincial Leadership Conference, Desmond Tutu Center, New York, N.Y.

**April 8-10, 2010** — Congregational Development & Evangelism Workshop #1 — “Marks of Leadership from Decline to Growth,” Camp McDowell, near Jasper, Ala.

**April 29-May 1, 2010** — Congregational Development & Evangelism Workshop #2, Canterbury Retreat & Conference Center, Orlando, Fla.

**June 9-11, 2010** — Congregational Development & Evangelism Workshop #3, Kanuga Conference Center, near Hendersonville, N.C.

**June 23-26, 2010** — Episcopal Campus Ministry Conference, Athens, Ga.