



# Daughter to Daughter

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## From Our Diocesan President

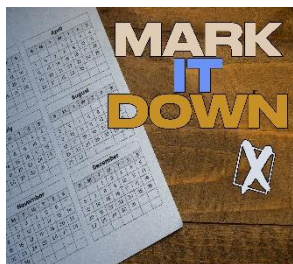


### Dear Daughters of the Rio Grande,

Well, the holiday season is now behind us and I hope you were all able to have a healthy and happy time with your loved ones. Soon the season of Lent will begin. A couple of weeks ago I sent emails out to all Daughters regarding two Lenten events that you could register for, and we now have more new info to share (see articles page 3-4). I am registered already for online participation at the ECW/DOK Joint Lenten retreat. I hope you can find the time to add a study component to your Lenten journey this year. To engage in prayer, study, reflection, and shared discussion enhances the significance of this holy season.

Please take a look at the listing of diocesan Daughters Zoom presentations that will be held from Feb - May 2023. (See page 2.) We are concentrating on educating the Daughters on the different resources available through the Diocese of the Rio Grande. These presentations are open to all! And read over the Chapter News section . . . lots of activity from around the diocese!

Last issue I wrote about our goal of reaching 100% annual dues paid for our diocese by Jan. 1. Well, unfortunately, we did not make that goal, but we were at 87% on Jan. 10. That is a vast improvement from this time last year! Many thanks to all who heeded the reminder correspondence and paid their dues. If you still have not paid, the national DOK office will be sending out their own reminders in the next few weeks. Please remember: if you need financial assistance, let your chapter president know! The diocesan Daughters still have some funds left in our Membership Assistance Fund to help with dues.



I hope your new 2023 calendar has all your DOK dates marked on it? Here's a few more!!

**--Feb. 24-25, Joint ECW/DOK Event:** Lent Retreat: Our Response to Today's World as Christian Women. In Dallas (see article page 3) and also on Zoom.

**--Mar. 24-25, Province VII Spring Assembly.** Church of the Epiphany, Richardson, TX *(See article on page 4!!)*

**--Aug. 25-26, Our Diocesan Assembly (Rio Grande), Rio Rancho, NM**

## Prayer to Walk Humbly Through Lent

Father,

In Micah 6:8, You say, "O people, the LORD has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God." Today we choose to walk humbly with You. We choose to live by Your Holy Spirit and to follow Your lead. Help us to hear You clearly, for we do not want to walk by pride or self-sufficiency, we want to walk with You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

*By Cally Logan*

For His Sake,  
Linda Owens

The next few months of the Zoom Training meetings for the chapter presidents/VPs are of topics that any daughter could benefit from, rather in leadership or not. If you have an interest in attending any of these meetings, contact Linda Owens ([linowe2612@gmail.com](mailto:linowe2612@gmail.com)) for a Zoom invitation or ask your chapter president to forward her invitation onto you.

## **President's/VP's Meet Again/Training Meetings in 2023**

Monday, Feb. 6, 2023, 7 PM. **What is COMB (Commission on the Ministry of the Baptized)?**

Do you know how laity determine if God is calling them to Lay Ministry or Ordained Ministry? Dr. Kathleen Pittman, our DOK Diocesan Secretary and a member of COMB, explained the process used in the Diocese of the Rio Grande.

Monday, March 6, 2023, 7 PM. **Rio Grande Borderlands Ministry (RGBM)**

The Bridge Chaplain for the RGBM, the Rev. Ana Reza, will be with us to introduce us to the process used at St. Christopher's shelter in El Paso for the refugees coming into the U.S. Find out how your chapter could be of aid in this important ministry supported by the Diocese of the Rio Grande.

Monday, April 3, 2023, 7 PM. **Camp Stoney in Santa Fe**

Have you ever visited the recreational camp of the diocese, Camp Stoney? Ever had a child or grandchild attend a summer session there? Wondered about volunteering to help out with camp? Hno. Angel Gabriel Roque, BSG, Diocesan Missioner of Youth and Young Adults, will present an overview of the summer youth program at Camp Stoney.

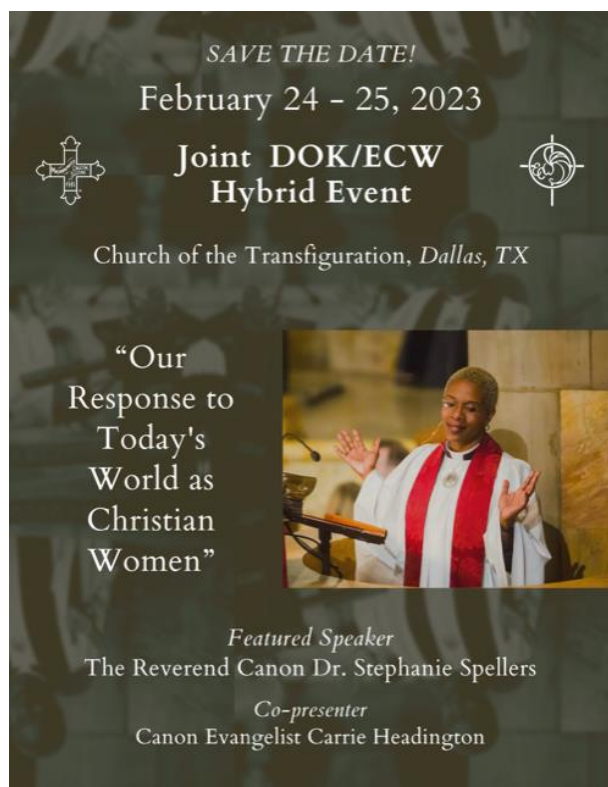
Monday, May 8, 2023, 7 PM **Bishop's Ridge in Santa Fe (Please note change in date to 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday to accommodate speaker's schedule!**

Join us to learn about Bishop's Ridge, a hidden gem for the Diocese of the Rio Grande! Bishop's Ridge is the diocese's camp and recreation center that is open for booking by parishioners and outside groups. Executive Director Christopher Jewell will give us an overview of the facility and rental opportunities.



## Lenten Study Opportunities

On **February 24 & 25**, Daughters of the King will join with Province ECW for a conference featuring The Rev. Canon Dr. Stephanie Spellers and Canon Evangelist Carrie Headington. **“Our Response to**



**Today's World as Christian Women”** is a hybrid event that you may attend by Zoom, or in person at Church of the Transfiguration in Dallas. The Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers and The Rev. Canon Carrie Headington will present on the topic of how we respond, as Christian women to the changes and challenges of the world. We'll gain insight into how faith inspires us to respond to injustice and need while sharing God's love. Canon Spellers brings a unique perspective from her work with Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and her own social justice work. Canon Headington, as well, will inspire us to look at our lives and what we can do to heal and reconcile diverse viewpoints. There will also be two workshops. Workshop leader Dana Jean asks ***What are you willing to risk? Confronting Gender, Race and Privilege.*** Our second workshop is led by Dee Sanders who says ***It's Ours to Fix, Being a Social Justice Warrior.*** We'll look at ways we can make lifestyle changes to create an environment that is more just and equitable.

Registration is \$60 for in person and \$20 to attend virtually. You may register online at: <https://provinceviicw.wordpress.com/joint-ecw-dok-event-feb-24-25-2023/> or on the DOK Province 7 website [dokprov7.org](http://dokprov7.org).

### 2023 Lenten Vocations Course

The annual Diocesan Discernment Cycle begins with an Introductory “Vocations 101” course, starting on Wednesday, March 1 -- March 29, 6 - 7:30 PM MST via Zoom. This course/online retreat is open to any/all lay people in the DRG and beyond. Each session includes time for prayer, a brief topical presentation, and small group sharing. We will explore our basic understanding of Christian Vocation in the Episcopal Church.



- 3/1 Session: Intro to Christian Vocation by Bishop Hunn
- 3/8 Session: The Baptismal Covenant as a Lens for Vocation
- 3/15 Session: The Diaconal vows as a Lens for Vocation
- 3/22 Session: The Priestly Vows as a Lens for Vocation
- 3/29 Session: Wrap Up with Bishop Hunn: What's Next?

Contact Mary Jewell in Bishop's Office at 505-881-0636 or [mjewell@dioceserg.org](mailto:mjewell@dioceserg.org) to receive links for live Zoom meetings.

***More Lenten Study Opportunities on next page!***

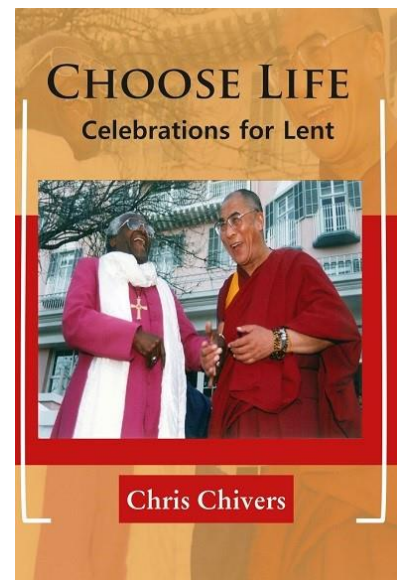


## Another Lenten Study Opportunity

### 2023 Diocesan Lenten Study Book

If you follow Bishop Hunn on his Facebook page, he announced that each parish will be receiving five copies of **Choose Life: Celebrations for Lent** by Chris Chivers. Chris is an old friend of Bishop's from seminarian days in England. It is a tradition in England that the Bishop picks a book each Lent for all the parishioners to read together. Bishop Hunn was sharing with Chris how much he liked that tradition, so his friend Chris wrote a book for this diocese! Bishop said there will be an online interview with Chris Chivers for us to watch. So ask your parish clergy for a copy when the books arrive at your parish and keep an eye out for further announcements as to the diocesan Zoom class/presentation on the book. (If you cannot get one of the five copies from your parish church, you can go to this site to purchase a copy (\$27).

<https://www.ibpbooks.com/choose-life-celebrations-for-lent/p/58757>



### Province VII Spring Assembly, March 24-25

**WHEN:** Friday-Saturday, March 24-25  
**WHERE:** Richardson, TX at Episcopal Church of the Epiphany  
**COST:** \$75  
**REGISTER AT:** [dokprov7.org](http://dokprov7.org)



On **March 24 & 25**, the Diocesan Assembly of Dallas will host **Province VII Spring Assembly 2023** at the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany in Richardson, TX. The National President of the Daughters of the King, Nanchy Severin, will be attending as a featured speaker and will be joined by The Rev. Cameron



Nations and Province Chaplain The Rev. Michael Bordelon. We will continue to explore evangelism as a way to reach out to others and share the love of Christ with them. A collection will be taken for Parkland Health Babies. Registration forms, agenda, speaker bios and workshop info are available on the Province VII website. ([dokprov7.org](http://dokprov7.org)). You can book a hotel room (Sonesta Select) for the spring assembly from the website also. If you plan to attend, please let Diocesan President Linda Owens know ([linowe2612@gmail.com](mailto:linowe2612@gmail.com)).

## **CHAPTER NEWS**

### **Frederick B. Howden Chapter, Santa Fe**



The Santa Fe Chapter held their annual all-church cookie Christmas party on December 13. Father Jim Gordon, out-going chaplain, was presented with a Nambe cross.

The January 17 in-person 3:00 meeting changed to a Zoom meeting at 2:15 due to an unexpected snow storm! Chapter 30 of “Gracious Uncertainty” was especially interesting as each person told what they thought heaven is like.

### **Light in the Desert Chapter, Albuquerque**



After assembling our monthly homeless bags donation to the Church Unbound service, we celebrated the Christmas season with a luncheon at our Dec. 2022 chapter meeting and started our next book study, What’s So Amazing About Grace? by Philip Yancey. On Jan. 14 our chapter facilitated a reception after the memorial service for a chapter member’s husband. And on Sunday, Jan. 29 a Daughters’ admission ceremony was held during Sunday service at Hope-in-the-Desert Episcopal Church, officiated by The Very Rev. Daniel Tuton. Congratulations to new members Elizabeth Hystad and Shannon Palmer!



### **Louise de Marillac Chapter, Rio Rancho**



The Louise de Marillac has a sad end of the year with the loss of our Daughter Elizabeth Jean Benton. She was one of our long-standing members. She will be missed.

Our chapter is growing by the admission of Andrea KlaverKamp on December 18, 2022. We also had a daughter that transferred to our chapter, Catherine Main. We have 13 daughters with another transfer who we hope will be joining our chapter.

Our Chapter is getting ready to deliver 8 baskets to the Milagro Mothers program at UNMH for pregnant women and girls who have an addiction to drugs and alcohol. During the time of their pregnancy, they have to maintain sobriety and the hope is that they will continue to stay clean and sober.

We have had a Blessed year with good health and our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Submitted by Chapter President Betty Harrison





## **Mary Lee Obenour Chapter, El Paso**



The Daughters in El Paso were very busy this Nov.-Dec. with a lot of outreach! They delivered food to three families in need in their school and church communities. (They provide this service five times a year.)

The chapter donated a meal to St. Christopher's Church for the Diocese of Rio Grande's Borderland Ministries (outreach for refugees). They also donated apple pies for Thanksgiving dinner and will continue to do what they can for this refugee effort.

Donations of blankets, towels, toiletries and more have been given by All Saints Episcopal Church and the Mary Lee Obenour Chapter.

The Daughters also put together Christmas gifts for the shut-ins of the parish (comfy non-slippery socks and/or slippers).

Starting in January, the chapter plans to study chapter 11 of the National Study Guide, "Called to Humility", and the Beatitudes.



## **Santa Rosa Chapter and St. Mary and Martha Chapter, Las Cruces**

Johann Binneweg, Chapter President of St. Mary and Martha Chapter of St. James Episcopal, is leading two discernment classes this winter; one at St. James and one for the Santa Rosa Chapter at St. Andrew's. Both classes have three women in discernment, and other chapter members are attending the classes as well. The classes are meeting weekly and plan to have their last class during Holy Week. What wonderful news from our Las Cruces Daughters!

## **Santiago Chapter, Taos**



The Santiago Chapter of St. James Episcopal Church, Taos, installed two new daughters along with a rededication service on January 29, 2023. Fr. Mac Brown officiated. Congratulations to new members Theresa Archuleta and Geraldine Mondragon.

The Santiago Chapter of St. James Episcopal, Taos, NM lost a charter member, Judy Miller, on Thanksgiving Day 2022. Her husband preceded her in death by 4 days. Judy and John Miller's service was held at St. James on December 10<sup>th</sup>, and

the Santiago Chapter eulogized Judy during the service as follows,

"The DoK is an order with the United States Episcopal Church, and is about prayer, service and evangelism. The Santiago Chapter in St. James was chartered in 2014 and Judy was a charter member. She was a loving, nurturing and involved member until the end. When she could no longer attend the meetings in person due to her care of John in their home, she attended by Zoom. Judy was a true mentor in both prayer and service, providing prayer and funds when she could no longer participate in person. She will be remembered for her gracious and loving spirit and her continual concern for others."

## **Continued Santiago Chapter News**

The Santiago Chapter along with the Pastoral Care Committee held a reception for family and friends afterwards. Since then, articles appeared about this couple in the Taos News and in the Enchanted Circle News. They were movers and shakers in the New Mexico town of Red River and lived 59 of their 65 years of marriage in Red River. In 2008, the couple was inducted into the New Mexico Skiing Hall of Fame. They had four children and Judy was named New Mexico 2014 Mother of the Year. In the current New Mexico January/February 2023 magazine on page 50 is an article called "A Perfect Storm," which is on the devastation and rebuild of the Red River Enchanted Forest Cross Country ski area, which Judy and John started, and their daughter Ellen Miller Goins now co-owns and has been restoring with much work and community help.

## **Shepherd's Daughters, Silver City**



Our Silver City chapter, the Shepherd's Daughters, is sponsoring Maria, a student in Palomas, Mexico, by providing a scholarship for her schooling (middle school this year). In addition to the scholarship, we try to correspond with her on a regular basis and also send small gifts and cards on her birthday and on holidays. She and over 130 other children are part of the outreach of the Mission Viejo Church in Santa Fe, NM through their "Alas de Amor" program which arranges scholarships for high school and middle school students and encourages their success in school and active participation in their local churches. This past Christmas, our chapter members enjoyed sending Maria clothes, and small personal gifts. Our deacon at Church of the Good Shepherd, Tom Bates, visits this program in Palomas monthly as he is on the governing board of the affiliated orphanage, so we are able to send our correspondence to Maria directly. This is the second student that our chapter has sponsored.

## **St. Anne's Chapter, Albuquerque**

The St. Anne's Chapter of the Daughters at St. Mary's, Albuquerque, was happy to host a coffee hour and brought Christmas cookies for the Parish to enjoy. We have had great discussions in our meetings: in January we discussed humility and for our February meeting, we will discuss forgiveness of ourselves and others.



## **St. Chad's Chapter, Albuquerque**



On Sunday, Dec. 18. two new Daughters were admitted to The Daughters of the King at a ceremony officiated by The Rev. Leslie St. Louis, Chapter Chaplain and Assistant to the Rector. Congratulations to Marie Brownhill and Diane Lapp on your admission to The Order!

## DRG Diocesan Assembly Officer's Dec./Jan. Meeting Highlights

- Dec. 2022 newsletter was disbursed via email to all Daughters with an email account in Rio Grande. The topics of upcoming Presidents Trainings will be about diocesan resources that not all parishioners may be aware of. Please encourage chapter members to attend.
- We will continue to promote the Joint DOK/ECW Lenten retreat in Dallas in Feb. 2023. It will be available in person and by Zoom. An article appeared in December newsletter and emails from Linda will also go out.
- The board was informed of a request for donations for the COMB Discernment/Vocations Retreat in early February. There is a budget line item for this event, but more people will be attending than expected. Donations for cost of meals? Linda will follow-up with Mary Jewell from diocesan office.
- A savings account has now been set up for the diocesan Daughters. A nominal amount will be kept in this fund and it will be tied to the yet-to-be set up PayPal account for diocesan Daughters. The PayPal account will accommodate online registrations for events and donations. Linda will be working with PayPal next month.
- Linda reported that as of Jan 10, we are at 87% of our membership dues being paid. Four memberships have been paid from the diocesan Daughters' Membership Assistance Fund.
- The diocesan assembly received the first fall membership payout from national DOK, \$1620. After we receive our spring payout, checks will be distributed to individual chapters.

*The Diocesan Officers meet the second Monday of each month on Zoom at 7 p.m. If you wish to attend an Executive Board meeting, please contact one of the officers.*

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### **A Prayer For God to Bring Beauty From Ashes**

Dear God,

In this season of Lent we're reminded of our own difficulties and struggles. Sometimes the way has seemed too dark. Sometimes we feel like our lives have been marked by such grief and pain, we don't see how our circumstance can ever change. But in the midst of our weakness, we ask that you would be strong on our behalf. Lord, rise up within us, let your Spirit shine out of every broken place we've walked through. Allow your power to manifest through our weakness, so that others will recognize it is You who is at work on our behalf. We ask that you would trade the ashes of our lives for the beauty of your Presence. Trade our mourning and grief for the oil of joy and gladness from your Spirit. Trade our despair for hope and praise. We give you thanks today and believe this season of darkness will fade away. Thank you for being with us in whatever we face and for being greater than this trial. We know and recognize that you are Sovereign, we thank you for the victory that is ours because of Christ Jesus, and we are confident that you have good still in store for our future. We thank you that you are at work right now, trading our ashes for greater beauty. We praise you, for you make all things new.

In Jesus' Name,

Amen.

*by Debbie McDaniel*