

2017 PROVINCE IV ALTAR GUILD CONFERENCE – “ART IN WORSHIP – PART II KANUGA CONFERENCE CENTER, Hendersonville NC

Sunday June 4, 2017 (3 pm arrival) to Wednesday June 7, 2017 (departure after breakfast)

The 2017 Conference will focus on the role of music and liturgical dance as art forms that enhance our worship, and perhaps affect what the Altar Guild does to prepare the church for a service.

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.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM DIOCESAN ALTAR GUILD ANNUAL MEETING

Canon Durning' s presentation on the history of our Diocese was extremely interesting and well-received. We all learned a lot of facts and had fun imaging what life was like for our forefathers. They were a hardy bunch!

The love offering at Eucharist totaled \$530 and was sent to the Bishop Smith to use as needed. He has decided it will go towards for altar linens for the new worship space at DaySpring.

Many thanks to photographer **Marcella Kissick** of Christ Episcopal Church in Bradenton for the wonderful pictures of our Annual Meeting. This is just a small sample of many! It was very hard to choose which ones to use, but space in the newsletter is limited.







FROM THE DESK OF SARAH . . .

Even though we live in beautiful, tropical Florida, we know that there is a definite change of season about now as the summer really starts and we put Easter behind us. We are enjoying Eastertide and this time of feeling refreshed.

On June 4 this year, Pentecost will coincide with the beginning of the Province IV Altar Guild meeting at Kanuga. Our program explores the role of music in our Anglican/Episcopal tradition. It is part of our three year cycle of "Art in Worship" and we promise you don't have to sing any solos or be able to carry a tune. There will be singing and fun. You will leave with new appreciation of our traditions. Music uplifts the soul like nothing else. Please plan to come and complete the registration online as found in this newsletter (P. 1).

I am happy to report that Bishop Smith designated our offering from our Annual Meeting in March to be used for needs at DaySpring in the Chapel. We are also furnishing the new Program Center for worship. You were very generous and the collection totaled \$530.00.

On a more local note, I want to discuss what it means to be on the Diocesan Altar Guild board. We need you to participate and maybe I can encourage you with some descriptions.

Our board is made up of a representative from each of the seven deaneries. We need to have a secretary and treasurer to keep track of what we do for diocesan purposes. These can also be a deanery representative. We also have a member who is responsible for the DaySpring worship services that are a Eucharist. Others may help!

We meet four times a year and share ideas and learn from each other how to maintain best practices. We also help at Convention (this year from October 12, 13 & 14) with both the Eucharist and the Holy Recycling tables. Your job is mostly to be a contact and to meet people from the churches in your Deanery. You can be a wonderful resource and also encourage struggling churches and the newer Hispanic ministries.

Please consider volunteering from your Deanery. We do have a new representative from Sarasota, **Kate Prugh**, who attends the Church of the Redeemer. We were very happy to welcome her. Other openings are still those of Secretary and Treasurer as well as representatives from Venice, Naples and St. Petersburg. Please pray about this. Please contact me!

The most vital part of our communication is done with the quarterly publication of "The Altargram" and we must have a new editor as Peggy Curlin now lives in Charlotte. If you have a flare for writing, are computer savvy and love our Diocese—this is the job for you!

We hope to see you at Kanuga, Convention and DaySpring.

Our next Board meeting will be at DaySpring on May 17 at 10 o'clock. We meet in the library beside the Dining Room. You are welcome to come and get acquainted with this part of your Diocesan Altar Guild.

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CHURCHES AROUND THE DIOCESE . . .

Epiphany Episcopal Church (Fort Myers Deanery)
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Church of The Epiphany is 54 years old. It is one of the oldest three churches in Cape Coral. The oldest church is the subject of much debate!

Epiphany has two very precious gifts. We have an unusual organ that was made in Germany and transported to our church for assembly. This organ is a wonderful musical instrument. In addition, the pipes are arranged in a stunning butterfly shape. Epiphany has also been blessed with beautiful stained glass windows in the Sanctuary and Narthex as well as many other rooms throughout the building. All of the windows were made by Mr. **Jim Yeakey**, one of our parishioners. His wife, the late **Dee Yeakey**, drew the designs for the windows. Dee was the Directress of our Altar Guild for many years and was also active at the Deanery and Diocesan levels of the Altar Guild.

Epiphany has two distinctive organizational models. We are joined with St. John's of Pine Island financially and liturgically. Both churches contribute financially to provide the clergy. **The Reverend Ryan Wright** is the Priest-in-Charge of Epiphany and the Vicar of St. John's. **Reverend Mary Piper** is the Assistant Priest on a seasonal basis. Two deacons also help provide the spiritual needs of both churches. One deacon is retired and one is seasonal.

Three years ago, one of our neighboring churches had the terrible misfortune of losing their church building along with the entire campus. Christ Lutheran Church would have been homeless. Epiphany invited them to share our building. We share the sanctuary and most of the building space. Christ Lutheran is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Churches of America. This Synod is in Communion with the Episcopal Church, which would enable the two churches to have joint services. However, the two churches maintain their own worship schedules and liturgies except on special days. Sharing space with Christ Lutheran has been a joy and a learning experience for us all.

Our Altar Guild has ten full time, active members. Like many Altar Guilds, our numbers have been reduced by age and illness. However we form a dedicated, talented, sharing team, and maintain the high standards instilled in us by our past Directors.

Sarah Jarabek
Co-Director with **Dorothy Pulido**

DATES TO REMEMBER:

WED. MAY 17, 2017 – 10:00 AM
DIOCESAN ALTARGUILD BOARD MEETING
Dayspring Conference Center

SAT. JUNE 04 to WED. JUNE 07, 2017
PROVINCE IV ALTAR GUILD CONFERENCE
Kanuga Conference Center, Hendersonville NC
(Additional information on P. 4)

NEW MANASOTA DEANERY DIRECTOR

We are pleased to welcome **Kate Prugh** as the new Deanery Director for the Manasota Deanery. Kate also serves as Altar Guild Director for Church of the Redeemer in Sarasota.

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HELP WANTED: Deanery Directors for the Naples, St. Petersburg, and Venice areas.
Treasurer and Editor of AltarGram (does not have to be same person in both roles)

If you love Altar Guild and enjoy sharing ideas, there are plenty of (unpaid) opportunities for you! Deanery Directors are members of the DAG Board and are encouraged to attend the quarterly Board meetings at DaySpring. Primary responsibility is to maintain phone or email contact with the altar guilds of the churches in your Deanery to let each other know what is going on. Treasurer collects dues and pays bills. Editor of AltarGram collects news from around the Diocese and shares it in newsletter – basic computer skills very helpful!

If interested, contact Sarah at (727) 525-8340.

DAG WEBPAGE:

To visit the DAG webpage, go to the Diocesan website (www.dioswfl.org) and hold your cursor over "Mission and Ministries" and then click on "Diocesan Altar Guild."

The link is http://www.dioswfl.org/Mission%20and%20Ministry/diocesan_altar_guild.html.

'ALTARGRAM'

The 'Altargram' goes out by email to the Altar Guild Director of each parish in the Diocese (or to Church Office or Rector if no email address available for AG Director). **PLEASE PRINT A COPY OF THE 'ALTARGRAM' AND POST IT IN YOUR AG SACRISTY**, and forward an electronic copy by email to as many members of your Altar Guild as possible. **Send any changes in email addresses to pcurlin@outlook.com until a new Editor is found. SUBMIT ARTICLES** by email to any Board member.