



# Sacristy Sense

PROVINCE IV ALTAR GUILD NEWSLETTER

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## ART IN WORSHIP – Part Three

Annual Province IV Altar Guild Conference  
Kanuga Conference Center  
Hendersonville, North Carolina  
SUNDAY June 3 to WEDNESDAY June 6, 2018

2018 is the final year of a three-year series on *Art in Worship*. St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Daphne, Alabama, is once again graciously sharing its Rector, **The Rev. Thack Dyson**, and Director of Music, **Paul Anderson**. **Rebecca Dyson** will also be with us this year as workshop presenter for flowers.



Paul Anderson, Musician



The Rev. Thack Dyson, Chaplain



Rebecca Dyson, Workshop Presenter

**Registration Information** is found on Page 2.

See President **Sarah Hill's** column on Page 3 to learn more details about the 2018 Conference.

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## NOMINATIONS FOR NEW BOARD (June 2018 to June 2021):

The Nominating Committee, consisting of **Barbara Parks**, **Ceil Lacey**, and **Ann McCormick**, has recommended the following slate for three-year terms to the Province IV Altar Guild Board. Nominations from the floor are allowed (provided the person being nominated agrees to have their name placed on the slate.) Elections will take place at the Business Meeting on Monday afternoon, June 4.

President	<b>Ann McCormick</b> [Memphis, Tennessee]
Vice-President	<b>Martha Noble</b> [Birmingham, Alabama]
Secretary	<b>Valerie Riley</b> [Irmo, South Carolina]
Treasurer	<b>Phyllis Bruce</b> [Daphne, Alabama]

**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION DELAY** – Kanuga is still working on setting up the online registration process, and says it may be another two weeks before everything is ready. We don't want to delay this newsletter any longer, so we will send an update with the online link as soon as it becomes available.

- Double room & meals for 3 days is \$324. Single room & meals for 3 days is \$435. If cost is an issue, perhaps your parish or Diocese can help! Maybe the delay will give you extra time to round up some scholarship funds.
- If you haven't received a follow-up email with the online registration link by Wednesday April 25, please contact **Peggy Curlin** at [pcurlin@outlook.com](mailto:pcurlin@outlook.com) or (813) 690-3975.
- Once link is available -- if you don't have internet access or need help, try to get a friend to help you. If this is not feasible, contact **Kayla Radford**, Kanuga Reservations Coordinator, at (828) 233-2746.
- Due to shortened registration time, no late fee will be charged during the last week before the Conference. Kanuga will accept reservations as long as space is available.



Enjoy Spring in the Mountains!

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### ***ANNUAL DECONSECRATION & BURNING OF LINENS 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 unreparable linens to our Conference at Kanuga and they will be lovingly deconsecrated, burned, and the ashes scattered on the grounds.**

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### ***NECROLOGY LIST***

If you are aware of the death of any current or former member of Province IV Altar Guild (anyone who ever attended the Annual Conference), please advise: **Ann McCormick**, 3071 Dunbarton Road, Memphis TN 38128-5107, [ann.mcc413@gmail.com](mailto:ann.mcc413@gmail.com) . Provide member's name, date of death, home parish, and Diocese. Names are read during the Prayers of the People at the Closing Eucharist.

## THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

We will soon be attending the Province IV annual meeting at Kanuga from June 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>. This is the conclusion of our *Art in Worship* theme and we will have a very full program for you. There are wonderful program offerings this year. Please plan to come and enjoy them.

Let me give you a few more details about the trip to Calvary Church in nearby Fletcher, NC. Our main purpose is to see close-up the amazing needlepoint they have created over the past fifteen years. They started their kneeler project to coincide with the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Calvary's founding. They hired a professional designer named **Linda Mote** and she created designs for each cushion around their communion rail. These cushions depict the whole history of this church -- the designs and beautiful needlework are truly picture perfect. Each cushion tells an important moment in the history of their church and includes Christian symbolism, elements of the church's architecture, plus the fauna and flora and seasonal variation from this area of North Carolina. They are really amazing! As time has gone on, they have added special chair cushions in the sanctuary plus their chapel. These were done by members of this church who learned as they worked. You will not want to miss this special morning! We will also enjoy poking around in their pre-Civil War cemetery and we will bring a picnic to eat on their beautiful grounds.

As I have mentioned before, please photograph and bring a few photos of any special needlepoint you may have in your church. We will be creating a viewing gallery on trifold display boards all around St. John's room. Be sure to label your photos with the name of your church and include any stories that go with them. Remember, each church has totally unique needle work. If your church has interesting banners, we would love to enjoy pictures of those, as well. All these decorative features enrich our sacred spaces. Taking photos will give you a good start on record-keeping for posterity and insurance purposes.

We would also enjoy seeing what you have created as your sacristy ""Bible"" so either bring a copy of yours or some pages to share ideas. Are you using photographs? The digital age makes all this so much more accessible!

I hope your Easter was a joyous occasion full of flowers and the celebration of the Resurrection. And as we all know, the Altar Guild is never busier!

### **Sarah Hill**

*President, Province IV Altar Guild.*

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## CALVARY EPISCOPAL, FLETCHER, NORTH CAROLINA

On Tuesday morning we will head to Fletcher (about a 45 minute drive) for a visit to the historic Calvary Episcopal Church. Founded in 1857, the original church was consecrated on the 21<sup>st</sup> of August, 1859, when the Rt. Rev. Thomas Atkinson, bishop of North Carolina, made the long journey from Raleigh, NC. The Civil War brought hardship to everyone, but the church held strong. Following the war, the women of the parish raised monies for a rectory by holding a weekly market in the carriage shed.



In the early 20th century the old turnpike became US Highway 25, the main route through the mountains, and growth came quickly. Calvary Church continued as one of the largest and strongest congregations in the newly formed Diocese of Western North Carolina. The original church building burned in 1935, with only the brick shell left standing. One stained glass window, the baptismal font, the Bishop's Chair, and a few smaller items were saved. Quickly rebuilt under the direction of Architect S. Grant Alexander, the west front of the old building, with its beautiful bell tower, was saved and incorporated in the new building. For over 150 years, Calvary Church has been the spiritual home to residents and visitors alike.

Calvary is pleased to host the Province IV Altar Guild for a tour of the church (especially their amazing needlepoint) and grounds. They will provide a guide for us, and we will eat a picnic lunch on the grounds.

## THE VEEP'S VOICE

Two years ago we had our first program of three in *The Arts in Worship*. Our keynote speaker **Marylyn Doyle** gave us a wonderful program of needle arts and the evolution of vestments through the years, and **The Rev. Brent Norris** showed us his church's beautiful Mary vestments as he spoke about how vestments could be repurposed. We were able to try our hands at stitching with gold thread, weaving, and even coloring with pencil.

The theme last year was *Music in Worship*, led by my friend and choir leader, **Paul Anderson**. Aside from playing beautifully for our opening and closing Eucharists, Paul helped us celebrate a beautiful Taize service on the third floor porch. He also presented a program which discussed how music was developed as a part of our worship, and how it evolved with our worship spaces. Those who were present in 2017 will not soon forget his "Afternoon with Bach" -- a surprise for us. Our chaplain, **Thack Dyson**, also gave us a walk through the Book of Occasional Services, and I doubt there was anyone present who did not learn something new about worship in the Episcopal Church.

So now we arrive at the last year of our *Arts in Worship* program. Both Thack and Paul are returning. Thack will be our chaplain and Paul was hired to play the organ for our opening and closing Eucharists. However, Paul could not come all this way just to play for two services. We will be having Taize again, this time in the fireplace lounge. **Bring your candles!** He will play the piano as accompaniment for our singing. Paul also has a couple of short videos again exploring architecture and music.

All the above will be woven around three other wonderful activities! First, **Rebecca Dyson** will lead us on a walk through the grounds to glean greenery and weeds for her very interesting *Weeds to the Glory of God* hands-on workshop. Come prepared to commune with nature on a beautiful Kanuga morning. Clippers and small containers will be helpful, so bring them if you can. In the afternoon, we will use our pickings to make altar-worthy arrangements and just have fun working together. Second, as noted in her column (P. 3), Sarah has been able to schedule a visit to Calvary Episcopal in Fletcher. Third, and in honor of our newsletter's new name, share your own church's needlepoint and banners, history and sacristy practices. This is not just a show; it's a show and TELL. We will have time as a group to assemble the photos and items you bring into photo-worthy displays. Show us how you organize your sacristy book. TELL us how the work gets done.

Of course we will also burn tired linens, have our hands blessed, and celebrate Morning Prayer. More importantly, we will be able to renew our fellowship, make new friends, and strengthen our ministry. I look forward to seeing you again and welcoming first-time attendees.

A new slate of officers will be elected this year but you can bet the "old" board will still be around.

### **Phyllis Bruce**

*Vice-President, Province IV Altar Guild*

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## 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

**NOTE:** After elections at the annual meeting/conference, send dues & endowment checks to our NEW treasurer (am assuming it will be **Phyllis Bruce** as recommended by the Nominating Committee, unless someone else is nominated from the floor and gets more votes. Phyllis's address is listed on Page 7 as current Vice-President.)

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### 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](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.

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### CONFERENCE REMINDER!!

REGISTER & MAKE RESERVATIONS ONLINE (link not available yet)

#### REMINDER OF THINGS TO BRING:

- Photos of needlework, banners, and other art from your church
- Copy of your Altar Guild Sacristy book for (or selected pages)
- Candles (with holder or drip guard) for Taize service
- Clippers and containers for cuttings (*Weeds to the Glory of God*)
- Items and/or ideas to share in "Show & Tell"
- Light, comfortable clothes [bring a mix of things for warm weather during the day and potentially cooler weather at night – remember it's the mountains]
- A light jacket, sweatshirt, or sweater
- Toiletries [soap, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, etc...] – Kanuga does NOT provide these in the rooms
- Flashlight
- Rain gear [umbrella, raincoat]
- Alarm clock, hair dryer, irons – Kanuga does NOT provide these in the rooms
- **Come prepared to volunteer:**
  - **Lectors will be needed for all services**
  - **LEMs / Acolytes / Cross Bearer will be needed for Eucharists.**



# PROVINCE IV ALTAR GUILD

## 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*)

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**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**

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**2017 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  
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*Or send email request to: [Jem2415@earthlink.net](mailto:Jem2415@earthlink.net)*

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