

DOK Diocese of Alabama

ECW Report

January 2009

Senior Chapters:	42	Senior Chapters in training:	0
Junior Chapters	2	Junior Chapter in training:	0
Daughters at Large:	38		
Deaths:	4		

Total Membership: 693

The Rev. Alison Carmody, Diocesan DOK Clergy

- GREAT NEWS! The DOK has held it's diocesan election. I appointed a nominating committee who worked prayerfully with Bishop Parsley to put a slate together. The nominating committee members were: Chair, Liz High of St. Matthew's in Madison, Janet von Gal (Past Diocesan President) of St. John's in Montgomery and Kathy Modrall of St. Matthew's in Madison. I am very pleased to announce the incoming board that will take the helm in September 2009.

Here are the officers:

Yolanda Seawright	<u>President</u> (St. Andrews, Tuskegee)
Dianna Dabbs	<u>First Vice President</u> (Nativity, Huntsville)
Terry Christopher	<u>Second Vice President</u> (St. Matthews, Madison)
Charlotte Marbory	<u>Treasurer</u> (St. Andrews, Tuskegee)
- We are still praying about the first all Spanish Daughters of the king study in Alabama this year. This study is at Iglesia Episcopal de la Gracia Church in Birmingham with the Rev. Dr. Hernan Afanador-Kafuri. Delia Cerpa will be leading the training. We have all the study materials in Spanish.
- Spring Assembly is being held the weekend of May 15-17, 2009. This is a combined assembly with the Diocese of TN. The Rev. Dr. Kathy Price of MD (also a Daughter of the King) will be leading us. Certified Parliamentarian Coco Siewert is joining us to do a 2-hour workshop on Saturday weekend, to get our Daughters comfortable with parliamentary procedure for Triennial 2009. This was the disadvantage at Triennial 2006. Improper procedures were permitted because too few of us understood parliamentary procedures.
- Our Fall 2008 Assembly was held at Camp McDowell the weekend of November 7-9, 2008. Bishop Kee Sloan led our assembly. It was a wonderful weekend! Liz High and the Daughters of the St. Matthew's Chapter in Madison, AL coordinated the entire weekend. We began on Friday evening with an elegant agape. On Sunday, we ended with a gifts of the spirit workshop.
- Our Spring 2008 Assembly was held at Grace Church in Cullman, Alabama on Saturday, February 2, 2008. Rev. Bob and Kay Blackwell at Grace Church warmly welcomed us. Rev. Jim Tuohy, who is the rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Montevallo, Alabama, where he also serves as College Chaplain for the University of Montevallo, led

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- our program. Although retired from full time ministry, he is still very active in the diocese. This program focused on St. Brigid of Ireland, a most fascinating Saint!
- Triennial 2009 is with our General Convention in Anaheim, California. We are praying that every chapter in our diocese will send a delegate to vote at our Daughters of the King business meeting. This is very important. Triennial is July 1-5, 2009. Go here to get the forms: <http://www.dok-national.org/triennial.html>. You will have to be credentialed as a delegate and register. There is a \$425.00 registration fee. Registration after May 25, 2009 will be \$500.00. The Province IV Board opposed this registration fee and sent a resolution to the national executive committee asking them to vastly lower this registration fee. It was only lowered \$50.00 (Originally the registration fee was to be \$475.00 per person.)
 - If you have not already done so, please read the proposed bylaw changes. They are posted here: <http://www.dok-national.org/nationalcouncil/bylaws.html>. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments. These bylaw changes are extremely important, which is why we have invited the same certified parliamentarian that the national council hired, to do a workshop for us in May.
 - We are still discussing the issues that surfaced at Triennial 2006. It is our prayer that these issues will be honestly discussed with full disclosure so that we can all move forward.