

ANNUAL DIOCESAN REPORT TO PROVINCE III
The Order of the Daughters of the King
Report Year: 2009-2010 Today's Date: 5-18-10

DIOCESE: Southwestern Virginia	PERSON REPORTING: Helen Campbell
# of Senior Chapters: 8	# in formation (studying): 0
# of Junior Chapters: 1	# in formation (studying): 0

CURRENT DIOCESAN OFFICERS (If officers do not apply, indicate by N/A):

President:	Helen P. Campbell
1 st Vice President:	Rebecca Mays
Co-Secretary:	Patricia Ball
Co-Secretary:	Sharon Capps
Treasurer:	Mary Stuart Cosby
Chaplain:	The Rev. Susan Bentley
Junior Directress:	Patrice Yearwood
Evangelism Chair:	N/A
Daughters-at-Large Chair:	Carol Vance
Funds Chair:	N/A

ACTIVITIES OF THE DIOCESE:

Board Meetings: There were two. One was open to the entire membership to discuss by-laws changes that were to be voted on at Convention. One was to plan the year.

Diocesan Assemblies: (Brief description including dates, attendance and theme): There were two. One in the fall as near November 1 as possible to have corporate communion. Thirty-five attended and the theme was about Sudanese women and their journey to the U.S. The Spring Assembly was attended by about 25 Daughters. The program was "Walking the Labyrinth." After the massacre at Virginia Tech in 2007, Christ Episcopal Church in Blacksburg, VA, built a lovely labyrinth for anyone to walk and enjoy. It is accessible for the public as well as church members. The Daughters of Southwestern Virginia were invited to see and walk this beautiful structure.

Diocesan Quiet Days: None were sponsored by the Diocesan DOK, but by individual chapters.

Other Activities or Services performed by the Diocese (not individual chapters): We make available a prayer chapel at the Annual meeting of the Diocese. We had a successful campaign to buy mosquito nets for sub-Saharan countries in Africa, where 2,000 children die daily from malaria. We successfully donated monies to the four funds at the two Assemblies. We are looking into the possibility of supporting a Sudanese Episcopal Priest who is organizing a school for women and girls so that they can learn and gain independence and loose the chains of being "property."

SHARING:

Special Chapter/Individual Projects: Several chapters provide greeting cards to parishioners with birthdays, anniversaries, illnesses, and grieving. One chapter has two Quiet Days a year open to the Diocese – one during Advent and one during Lent. All chapters provide services in their churches. One chapter participates in KIVA – a program that lends interest free loans to women in developing countries who try to start their own businesses.

In some chapters Daughters provide meals for Lenten Study nights, and send food to families that have emergency situations. Some conduct study programs and support their clergy when called on.

Diocesan Goals: Living in our Mission Statement

Questions and Comments: I would like to know more about the duties of an Evangelism Chair.