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ART IN WORSHIP – Part Two

2017 Annual Province IV Altar Guild Conference Kanuga Conference Center Hendersonville, North Carolina SUNDAY June 4 to WEDNESDAY June 7

Plans are well underway for the second year of our theme of art and the many aspects of it in our Episcopal worship. This year our dates will be June 4 to June 7, 2017 (Sunday to Wednesday). This year will be devoted to the role of music with a very talented choir master teaming up with his priest to offer an exciting variety of worship services plus lots of fun raising our own voices in song. This year we are counting on **The Rev. Thack Dyson** as our chaplain and his music director **Paul Anderson** from St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Daphne, Alabama (more information on P. 4). There is a possibility of a sampling of liturgical dance, too. Not something we see every day!

Another aspect of our meeting at Kanuga is the opportunity to help Kanuga maintain and update liturgical items in the chapel. They are most grateful for efforts made in the past year and we will continue to provide support. Our membership voted at our annual business meeting to donate the love offering from our closing Eucharist to Kanuga, designated for something needed in the Chapel. Our members were most generous this year, with the offering totaling \$1,203.00. As a result, we were able to commission some small altar linens to replenish their supply. Our 2016 love offering went to the purchase of quality linen as well as the special workmanship. We were able to have the special Kanuga logo (see picture on Page 2) put on the new lavabo towels and palls. These were designed and made by **Lucy Cotten** of Huntsville, Alabama. Kanuga also needed to replace their spare alb supply in the sacristy. Some were discarded, some washed and some were donated from other churches. They are now all ready for use. We hope to help update the chapel again in 2017.

I am pleased to report that we have worked out how to obtain the money budgeted for us from the Province IV Synod. We recently received a check for \$1750.00 for 2016 expenses, and we will receive this amount again in 2017. This money underwrites costs for our annual conference at Kanuga. Altar Guild is one group that barely has any income! We are very grateful to have this operating cushion!

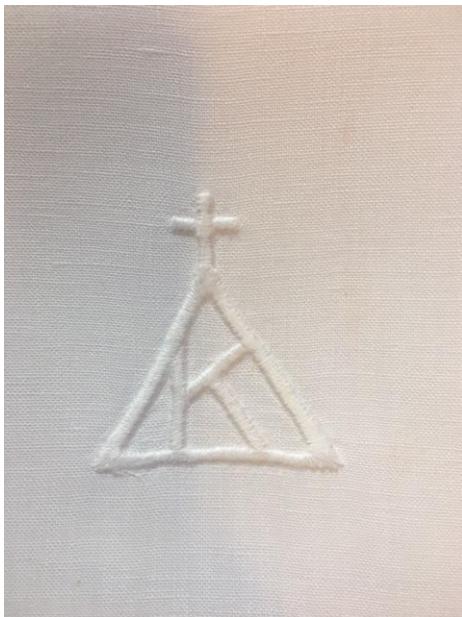
As always, we hope you will come and bring friends. The conference will also have time for attendees to show interesting items, share information, and help each other do our best with this wonderful ministry. Bring actual items or pictures to show!

Enjoy this Epiphany season and feel blessed as you do your ministry.

Sarah Hill
President, Province IV Altar Guild

KANUGA LINEN LOGO

Here is a picture of the special logo designed by **Lucy Cotten** and embroidered on linens used in the Chapel of the Transfiguration at Kanuga. The triangle topped by the cross represents the Chapel, with the letter "K" for Kanuga (of course) inside the triangle.



JOIN THE PROVINCE IV ALTAR GUILD !!

Membership runs from January through December, with dues being payable in January each year:

Individual membership is \$20
Household membership is \$30
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Complete the Membership Application Form (page 3) and mail it with your check to the treasurer. Membership includes receipt of our twice-yearly newsletter and is a prerequisite in order to register for the annual conference. If dues have not yet been paid when you register for the Conference, you will be able to pay your dues at the same time that you make your Kanuga reservation. Details on online registration procedures (or how to register by phone) will be available in the Spring 2017 newsletter.

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_Alter_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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1035 Linda Lane
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ART IN WORSHIP – PART TWO -- Get Ready for Some Musical Fun!

Keynote Presenter will be **Paul Anderson**, Music Director at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Daphne, Alabama.



Keynote Presenter, Paul Anderson

We'll do a lot of singing -- not to worry -- no solos [promise!] -- just a lot of the old fashioned singing around the piano sort-of-thing. We'll do a lot of the Anglican "golden oldies" and we'll sing a lot of newer songs and hymns from today's global church traditions.

Using some wonderful DVDs, we'll have a look and listen to bits of Christian music down through the years. This will also provide a link to next year's theme on architecture and the visual arts. We'll also use some instrumental music as a doorway to opening up the psalms through new eyes and ears.

We're going to have an evening Taize prayer service -- maybe outdoors if Mother Nature agrees. I promise a lovely prayer time for us all, even if you're not familiar with this form of evening prayer.

Required: We need lots of candles for this service, so I'm asking everyone to show up with 3 candles and holders to loan for this service. They can be any size and shape and color. Be sure to bring them, though - they make a huge contribution to setting a special atmosphere for prayer.

And finally, you'll have a chance to meet one of the greats- JSB - in **An Evening with Johann** where I'll share what it was like to be the chief musician for 4 churches **and** the city of Leipzig all at the same time, and overseeing 2 broods of kids- his own family and the choir school family of 55 singers. In the midst of all of that, his genius shone through undimmed by the daily ups and downs.

Conference Chaplain will be **The Rev. Thack Dyson**, Rector of St. Paul's in Daphne, Alabama. St. Paul's Episcopal Church is a warm and loving community of approximately 800 baptized members. Located on the Eastern Shore of Mobile Bay, it is situated in one of the most scenic and fastest growing counties in Alabama.



Conference Chaplain, The Rev. Thack Dyson

A lifelong Episcopalian, Thack was an active layperson before receiving the call to the vocational ministry. Since ordination, he's served as the associate rector of St. Christopher's, Pensacola, Florida, rector of St. Mark's, Troy, Alabama, and is currently the rector of St. Paul's in Daphne.

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ATTENTION !!!

If your parish or Diocesan altar guild publishes a newsletter, please put Sarah Hill, Province IV AG President, on your mailing list (sarahhill.fl@gmail.com.) Sharing of ideas and traditions in our churches is so important. Please let us hear from **you**.

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. Mail to:

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BURNING OF LINENS – A CONFERENCE TRADITION

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 worn out linens to the Province IV Altar Guild Annual Conference at Kanuga and they will be lovingly deconsecrated, burned, and the ashes scattered on the grounds.



NOTES & PICTURES FROM 2016 CONFERENCE:

Some participants driving up from the south ran into torrential rains associated with Tropical Storm Colin, and one Floridian who was flying into Asheville had her flight cancelled and had to arrive a day late, but everyone eventually arrived safely. The days were warm but not too hot, and the evenings very pleasant. As renovations to Kanuga Inn were running behind schedule, some people were assigned to the cottages instead of the Inn. Kanuga staff were very gracious and did their best to accommodate individual needs, and everyone in attendance reciprocated by being very understanding of the need to be flexible.

The 2016 Conference was the first of a three-year series on "Art in Worship." The focus was on textiles and vestments. Keynote speaker **Marylyn Doyle** proved to be a big hit – she provided a very interesting history of the development of vestments – what we wear and where it came from and how things have changed over the years -- and then shared many beautiful examples of contemporary chasubles and stoles she has designed and made. Marilyn is a true Renaissance woman – she is an ordained UCC minister, taught textile art for 23 years at Union Theological Seminary in Dayton Ohio, is a retired pastor, and is nationally known for her expertise in needlework and design. The program also featured a presentation by the **Rev. Dr. Brent Norris** from St. Mary's in Asheville. Fr. Norris explained that St. Mary's, a traditional Anglo-Catholic parish, uses a lot of blue in honor of their patron saint. He showed how embroidery and

orphreys from old vestments have been incorporated into new but still traditional vestments. "Hands-on" opportunities included chances to try adult coloring, goldwork embroidery, and weaving.

Pictures from 2016 Conference (thanks as always to our photographer/historian Judy Henderson):





Goodbye to Old and New Friends – See You in June 2017!