



# FOURTH WATCH

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## Roanridge Trust grants \$10,000 for CD&E small church seminar

The Roanridge Trust has awarded Province IV's Congregational Development and Evangelism network \$10,000 to fund the third conference in its Marks of Leadership series, early in 2011.

The conference — *Leadership Marks for Creating and Growing Vital Congregations for Small Churches Project* — will be targeted to clergy and lay leaders in parishes with an average Sunday attendance of 50. It will be held May 10-12 at the Dubose Conference Center in Monteagle, Tenn.

The Rev. Bob Honeychurch, Program Officer for Congregational Vitality at The Episcopal Church Center,

announced the grant Oct. 1.

The first two Marks of Leadership conferences were held at Canterbury Conference Center, near Orlando, and at Kanuga Conferences in Western North Carolina. (*Story on Page 4*)

The 2011 conference will be open to all, but aimed at participants from the western dioceses of Province IV: Kentucky, Lexington, West Tennessee, East Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama and Central Gulf Coast.

Province IV funds will cover expenses for speakers and workshop leaders, but the Roadridge grant will aid participants by covering partial lodging and meals for up to 140 participants.

### President's Report

#### *Province IV continues to make a difference*

A lot has occurred in the province since the spring edition of *The Fourth Watch*. We have three new Bishops Diocesan, an election for the Bishop of Alabama is in process, there were two successful congregational development workshops held in Orlando and Kanuga, Province IV ECW and Altar Guild met at Kanuga, we lost long-time deputy Charles Crump, and we now have a new and improved website.

At the November meeting of the Province IV Executive Committee Meeting I will ask for endorsement of the initiation of a Province IV Young Adult Ministry Network. This network is intended to bring back young adults to the church and strengthen their involvements in ministry. This will be done by organizing and engaging young adults (ages 20-40) into dialogue and



providing opportunities for them to become "fully" incorporated into the life of their faith communities/churches.

This past June I participated in a Netsforlife Study Tour in Ghana, Africa, where the group observed life of villagers without electricity or running water, who were exposed to very high incidences of death and deformities from malaria. It was through the charitable giving of Episcopal Relief and Development and its partners in Africa, that the rates of children and women's infection by malaria were substantially reduced. Go to the following link for an account of this trip (<http://diosef.org/pdfs/news-events/the-net/2010/Net-8-10.pdf>).

Province IV networks continue to serve others and make a difference in their lives. Please take a look at some examples of their work in this edition of *Fourth Watch*. Planning is under way for next summer's Province IV Synod, set for June 8-10, 2011.

In The Name of Jesus  
Canon Richard Miller, President

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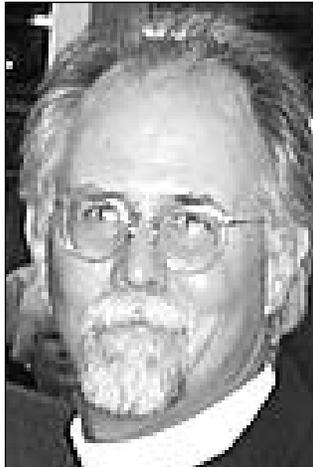
## UGA Episcopal chaplain

# New Campus Ministries chair appointed for Fourth Province

Province IV President Richard E. Miller has named the Rev. Daniel B. (Dann) Brown as the new chair of Province IV's Campus Ministries network. He replaces the Rev. Bill Blackerby, who resigned because of other new obligations on his time in the Diocese of Alabama.

Fr. Dann, as Brown is known, is the chaplain to the Episcopal students at the University of Georgia in Athens, vicar of the chapel of St. Mary, the Virgin, and director of the Episcopal Center at UGA.

He began working at the University of Georgia in 2003 after having served 10 years in parishes in August, Clarkesville and Douglasville, Ga.



Brown

He received his M.Div. degree from the School of Theology of the University of the South in Sewanee, Tenn., in 1993 and his undergraduate degree from Furman University in 1976. Between then, Brown lived, trained and raced as a competitive distance runner in the upcountry of South Carolina and the mountains of North Carolina.

In 1979, he moved to California where he continued to compete as a runner, into his thirties. He also taught high school, coached track and field athletes of all ages and managed a sporting goods store.

Brown and his wife, Cindy Carson-Brown, have a 16-year-old son and a 14-year-old daughter.

His first meeting with the Province IV chaplains will be Nov. 22-24 at Ignatius House in Atlanta for the annual Campus Ministers' Retreat. The Rev. Stuart Higginbotham, associate rector of St. Benedict's in Smyrna, Ga., will be the guest chaplain to lead the group in prayer and reflection. His theme will be "Resting in God: Cultivating a Deeper Awareness of the Divine Presence."

## Young adult ministry proposed to reach under-served churchmen

Province IV President Richard E. Miller is proposing that the Province establish a young adult ministry and to provide them with support, encouragement and resources to help incorporate them more fully into the life of The Episcopal Church.

Miller will present his proposal to the Province IV Executive Committee meeting in November, but meanwhile, he has named Lauren Woody, the Young Adult Coordinator for the Diocese of Atlanta, as the provisional chair of this group.

Woody, a young adult herself, created a diocesan young adult ministry four years ago and was subsequently given a part-time job by the diocese two years after it began.

Miller's vision is that Woody will help the dioceses in Province IV establish young adult groups who will then work together to share resources, commonalities and ideas.

"The need for a young adult ministry at the diocesan level

is greater than it ever has been," Miller said.

He pointed out that the median age of an Episcopalian is the mid-fifties and young adults are noticeably absent from the typical parish.

Miller and Woody are working together to create a model for forming a diocesan young adult network ministry and to provide tools to help dioceses understand the need to welcome the participation of young adults.

"This is a critical time in the life of the church and we need to start doing what is necessary if we want young adults in our pews," Miller said. "We can really set an example for the church that young adult ministries can be done and it can be successful."

Contact Woody at 404-601-5358 or email her at [lwoody@episcopalatlanta.org](mailto:lwoody@episcopalatlanta.org)

# Church Periodical Club clarified

## What is the Church Periodical Club?

The Church Periodical Club is an Episcopal institution; its ministry is to supply books, magazines, tapes, videos and computer programs free to those who cannot otherwise obtain them and to raise the money to do this.

Mary Ann Drake Fargo, wife of a member of the Wells-Fargo Express firm, founded it in 1888. Mary Ann and her friends in the Church of the Holy Communion, New York, sent their bundles of books and periodicals westward to missionaries and pioneers via stagecoach.

There are two primary granting funds. The National Books Fund grants annually and responds to requests for books and related materials around the world. The Miles of Pennies fund is exclusively used for the book needs of children; grants are made year round.

For more information about the Church Periodical Club go to [www.churchperiodical.com](http://www.churchperiodical.com).

## Does Province IV participate in the CPC?

The people and dioceses of Province IV are active participants in this ministry. Sixteen (16) of the twenty (20) dioceses in our province have made contributions this year:

Alabama, \$321.12	Louisiana, \$2,729.19
Atlanta, \$39	Southwest Florida, \$1,868.35
Central Florida, 1,215.50	South Carolina, \$71
Central Gulf Coast, \$100	Tennessee, \$55.26
East Carolina, \$1,267.73	Upper South Carolina, \$813.65
East Tennessee, \$183.59	Western North Carolina, \$1,450.55
Florida, \$125	<b>Grand Total — \$10,989.94</b>
Georgia, \$200	
Lexington, \$350	

This ministry is small but the impact is great. Contributions are greatly appreciated by those who can purchase books and other printed materials because they received a grant.

## Have any grants been made in Province IV?

Grace Church in West Felicia Parish requested 20 hymnals for their ministry in a local nursing home. Our province adopted this project and the \$200 requested was donated from dioceses and people who attended the Women's Conference and sent to the National Books Fund in July.

The Diocese of Lexington, Ky., sponsors summer reading camps for children. These camps have received Miles of Pennies grants in previous years.

## How can one apply for a National CPC grant?

The Church Periodical Club grants and applications web page has applications and guidelines. The address is [http://www.churchperiodical.com/grants/apps\\_guides.htm](http://www.churchperiodical.com/grants/apps_guides.htm).

The deadline for National Books Fund grant applications

each year is April 15. The next granting session was to be in October 2010. Miles of Pennies grants are made year round. Which dioceses in Province IV have given at least one Mile of Pennies between 1988 and April 1, 2010?

## Does your diocese have a Church Periodical Club project?

- SW Florida 63
- Central Florida 13
- North Carolina 11
- South Carolina 10
- SE Florida 10
- Kentucky 3
- East Carolina 3
- Louisiana 3
- Florida 2
- Alabama 1

Many dioceses in Province IV collect funds to help seminarians sponsored by their diocese with the purchase of textbooks. This project is usually established by the Diocesan Episcopal Church Women and funded by local branch contributions to a Diocesan Seminarian Book Fund.

Paying for magazine subscriptions for missionaries sponsored by the diocese and collecting books for children who reside in diocesan homes for children are other common projects.

Some parishes also have projects. The most common is collecting magazines and recycling them to diocesan institutions for children and the elderly. Another is holding a "bring a book buy a book" sale a few times a year to raise funds to contribute to the diocesan and national church periodical club projects. Books not sold are given to an appropriate residential facility.

These projects are an important addition to the grants made by the National Books Fund and Miles of Pennies.

## Are you a member of the Church Periodical Club?

If you are a member, have you renewed your annual membership? If you are not a member yet, now is a good time to join. Members receive the CPC Quarterly and other information about the ministry.

Dues are \$20 per year. Life Membership is \$250 and may be paid at one time or \$50 per year for five years. Each new Life Member receives a certificate signed by the Presiding Bishop, a gold pin to wear as an outward symbol of their commitment, and a thank you letter. We now have 75 Life Members/Interim Life Members.

The newest way to join and support the ongoing ministry of CPC is a Life Membership for your parish. Life Membership for Parishes is \$300 and is deposited to the endowment fund with interest going toward operating expenses. This option also includes all of the benefits listed above.

If you are reading this, you are interested in The Church Periodical Club. I urge you to support it by your membership and by recruiting new members in all the categories. Go to the Membership page on the Church Periodical Club web site [www.churchperiodicalclub/membership.htm](http://www.churchperiodicalclub/membership.htm) for more information.

— Cai Armstrong, chair CPC in Province IV

# CD&E hosts leadership conferences

By The Rev. Arnold A. Bush,  
Coordinator, CD&E

“Moving from an abundance of management skills in parish clergy and key laity to learning and practicing leadership skills that create vital and growing parishes is greatly needed across the Episcopal Church today.”

That's the view of Mary MacGregor, director of Leadership Development in the Diocese of Texas. She was one of six plenary presenters at two Province IV Leadership Conferences in April and June. The post evaluations praised MacGregor and the other presenters, who challenged, inspired, informed, and opened possibilities for each participant.

The other key presenters were, the Rev. Charles Fulton, former director of Congregational Development for The Episcopal Church; the Rev. Tom Brackett, program officer for TEC's Church Planting and Redevelopment; The Ven. Rev. Bryan Hobbs, director of Nehemiah Process in the Diocese of Southeast Florida; and the Rt. Revs. Leo Frade (Southeast Florida) and William Gregg (Assisting, North Carolina).

More than 110 laity and clergy from Province IV with a few from the dioceses of Chicago and Massachusetts, participated in the two Leadership Conferences at Canterbury Retreat and Conference Center in the Diocese of Central Florida and at Kanuga Conferences in Hendersonville, N.C.

Each three-day conference used peer groups, based on Average Sunday Attendance, to assist the attendees in digesting and applying plenary presentations. Several practical workshops offered were; “Gallup Redevelopment Assessment for Leaders” (Brackett); “Building a Welcoming System: Hospitality, Invitation, Incorporation” (Hobbs); “Problem Solvers: Peer Groups and Continuing Education: Two Essentials for Clergy Leaders” (MacGregor); “Strategic Vision for Reaching Latinos/Hispanics” (the Rev. Richard Aguilar, Diocese of Southeast Florida); “Using Gifts and Talents” (the Rev. Arnold Bush, chair Province IV CD&E network); “Spirituality and Leadership” (the Rev. Beth Ely, Diocese of N.C.); “Building and Working with Effective Groups” (the Rev. Trawin Malone, Diocese of N.C.); and “Peer Groups for Diocesan Staff and Bishops” (Fulton).

About half of the congregations attending these two Leadership Conferences were from congregations of fewer than 100 in Average Sunday Attendance even though we encouraged all sizes to participate. With such an interest from smaller churches and having these conferences in the Eastern dioceses, we have requested a large grant from the Roanridge Trust Fund established through the Congregational Development Department of the Episcopal Church Center.

Our intention is to offer a third “Leadership Conference” for



**Steering Committee for the CD&E conference at Kanuga included, (front) from left, Mary MacGregory, the Revs. Charles Fulton, Randy Ferebee, Paul Smith and Arnold Bush (back, from left) the Rev. Shawn Grffith, the Ven. Bryan Hobbs, Canon Richard Miller and the Rev. Richard Aguilar.**

congregations less than an ASA of 50 early in 2011. The new Province IV Development and Evangelism Steering Team will be drafting the final design on this conference.

To give more continuity to the ministry network for planning and implementing programs within the 20 dioceses in Province IV, this Steering Team has been established. The initial gathering was held Sept. 23 at St. John's Episcopal Church, College Park, (Atlanta), Ga. This team consists of persons who have skills and manifest a passion for Congregational Vitality and skills in implementing congregational development. They are: the Rev. Arnold A. Bush, coordinator (retired from the Diocese of Central Gulf Coast and living in Birmingham); the Rev. David H. Peebles (rector, Grace Church, Mt. Meigs, Al. and involved in Cooperative College of Congregational Development offered in the Diocese of Miss.); the Rev. B. Massey Gentry (retired from the Diocese of Texas and living in Fairhope, Ala.); William (Bill) Monk, the Rev. Beth Wickenberg Ely (regional priest in Southern Region in the Diocese of N.C.); the Rev. Randolph Ferebee (director of Epiphany Institute, Hickory, N.C.); the Ven. Dr. Bryan A. Hobbs ( Director of Nehemiah process in the Diocese of Southeast Florida); The Rt. Rev. Keith Whitmore (assistant bishop in the Diocese of Atlanta). These persons are willing to hear/or receive information on any effective ministry in your parish or diocese. Also, they are open for advice or consultation.

They will focus on such areas as

- discovering effective CD ministries that are transferable to other dioceses,
- following up on 2010 Leadership Conferences attendees,

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## *PIV hosts 19th HIV/AIDS retreat*

Province IV's 19th annual HIV/AIDS Healing Retreat for those living with the disease and their caregivers was held at Kanuga Conferences, near Hendersonville, N.C., June 11-13. It is annually one of the largest conferences at Kanuga. Retreat leader was the Rev. Dr. Keith Riddle from Charleston, S.C., a minister-at-large within the Presbyterian Church who focuses his min-

istry on those living with the virus as well as the societal issues that continue to plague the HIV community. Ann Caldwell, a jazz vocalist, blues singer and musical producer, also from Charleston, served as the musical director. Pictured above are members of the retreat's Steering Committee, with network chair Lola Thomas at the microphone, at the opening session.

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- designing small church conference in 2011,
- exploring with Education for Ministry staff at Sewanee, Tenn., and CREDO staff in Memphis a possible "Education for Leadership" module/curriculum,
- keeping abreast with Congregational Development Institute 9-day Training Events,
- exploring potential targets for seminars and workshops such as small congregations (under ASA 100); transitional congregations (ASA 100-200); large congregations with multi-staff and over ASA400; Young adults; Diocesan Staff or Key Lay Leaders.

We are grateful to Bill Monk of the Diocese of Atlanta, who is our director of communications for Province IV Communications. Bill has created Internet resources from "Leadership Marks of Creating and Growing Vital

Congregations" a Province IV e-newsletter, and other electronic media, this year he has set up our Province IV Webpage, which can be found at <http://www.prov4cde.org>.

The purpose of the website, is two-fold; first to provide an awareness of what other parishes in the 20 dioceses in Province IV are doing, and to provide resources for our parishes in areas such as; stewardship, leadership, evangelism, and communication, as well as other areas critical to the development of our parishes in the province.

The website is always a work in progress, more interactive tools will be coming to keep us all better informed. Please take a look. If you have resources or suggestions for content on our site, please e-mail Bill Monk at [bmonk@prov4cde.org](mailto:bmonk@prov4cde.org) We also would like your success stories, and images of parishes that relate to growing congregations.



**Disaster Preparedness & Response network members at annual meeting in Nashville, Tenn. They are, seated, from left, Sue Liverman, East Carolina; Stephen Askew, East Tennessee; Susan Terrell, East Carolina; Dave Drachlis, Alabama; Ted Edwards, Southwest Florida; standing, from left, Dianne Britton, East Tennessee; Gary Abbott, Georgia; Fred Dettwiller, Tennessee; Sandra Braasch, Mississippi; Al Moore, North Carolina; Marlene Weigart, North Carolina; Ed Rosenlieb, South Carolina; Linda Schlepp-Gray, Southeast Florida; Dwight Ogier, Atlanta; Don Brooks, West Tennessee; Sharon Jones, Central Florida; Larry Britt, Western North Carolina.**

## Disaster Preparedness ministry members train in crisis intervention

**T**he annual meeting of the Disaster Preparedness and Response Commissions of Province IV was held Aug. 10-13 at the Hutton Hotel in Nashville, Tenn. The Rev. Fred Dettwiller, representative from this diocese, and his committee provided an interesting and informative conference.

Immediately after arrival on Tuesday, the group set off for the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency for a tour and briefing, especially touching on the recent devastation from flooding in downtown Nashville. Upon returning from TEMA, there was a Holy Eucharist celebrated by the Rt. Rev. John Bauerschmidt, bishop of the Diocese of Tennessee. The service was held at Christ Church Cathedral and accompaniment was provided by Dr. Michael Veltin on their magnificent organ. A welcome reception was held at the cathedral at the close of the service.

On Wednesday, after Morning Prayer, there was a Live Search and Rescue demonstration provided by Melissa Riley,

the owner and trainer of one of the few live rescue dogs in the country. The two-day Group Crisis Intervention Training began, provided by Becky Stoll, board president of the International Critical Incident Stress Management Foundation.

The following morning, after Morning Prayer, Mike Hasselbrink of the Nashville Airport Police led us in a tabletop exercise that had recently been done in the community. The certificate training continued and concluded. The program for the evening banquet was presented by Pete Dillenbeck and Val Thal-Slocum of FedEx Corporation. They are leaders of the crisis response team for their international corporation and discussed the Narita, Japan crash disaster which claimed the lives of two of their seasoned pilots.

Friday morning was the time of our planning meeting. Several items came out of that meeting for the future. The manual that

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# Group crisis training held in Nashville

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has been adopted by the national church will be reviewed and revised to include some areas that have been overlooked. Details of the crisis response team that is being developed were completed. Members applied to make themselves available for crisis response. Those whose application is on file include:

The Rev. Stephen Askew  
 The Rev. Larry Britt  
 Dianne Britton, LCSW  
 The Rev. Don Brooks  
 The Rev. Dave Drachlis  
 The Rev. Ted Edwards  
 Sue Liverman, RN  
 The Rev. Dwight Ogier  
 The Rev. Ed Rosenlieb  
 Susan Terrell  
 Sharon Jones, Ph.D. Coordinator

A brochure will be developed for distribution to each diocese in the province. The plan will be formally unveiled at the Province IV House of Bishops meeting in November in Miami. It was agreed that this team would be registered with ICISF. The next project will be to develop a resource list for crisis services. Since we are only able to meet once each year, a conference call service will be utilized among the representatives.

A very special thanks is due Fred Dettwiller and Bishop Bauerschmidt for their hospitality and detailed planning of this event. What a strong conference this was!!

An invitation from the bishop and Diocese of Eastern North Carolina has been gratefully accepted for Aug. 23-26, 2011 at Trinity Center in Salter Path, N.C.

— Sharon Jones, Ph.D.  
 Commission Coordinator

**SAVE THE DATE:**  
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## Province IV Youth Ministries

# 2010 a summer of adventure

**W**hile removing “exotic” plants, barbed wire fencing or graffiti from Cade’s Coves in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park or while riding a bus as we learned about the Civil Rights Movement in North Carolina or while we journeyed through the Holy Land on our Journey of Faith, Province IV Youth Ministries experienced new and exciting experiences with our God. The summer of 2010 was a powerful adventure into a variety of new and meaningful events and experiences where individuals or groups within Province IV could embrace the magnitude of God’s love and healing in their lives, in our communities and in our world. Several hundred youth and adults who accompany our young people have been transformed by their participation in one of our Province IV Youth Ministries opportunities!

The summer began with the Province IV Youth Ministries Event (PYE) 2010 that was held in Townsend, Tenn., in the Diocese of East Tennessee. 168 young people and adults gathered to focus on God’s Creation and to respond to their desire to be better stewards of this world.

Each day, we volunteered in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park working to protect the wildlife, helping to maintain the environmental balance of nature and cleaning up after the carelessness of human beings as they enjoyed the park. In the evenings, we learned about the Appalachian culture through music, storytelling and local people. The highlight of each day was the amazing worship and small group time where we could share our thoughts, our feelings and our ideas about our encounters with God through Creation.

### Freedom Ride 2010

Freedom Ride 2010 was held in July with Province IV Youth Ministries joining with the dioceses of North Carolina, East Carolina and Western North Carolina to develop a unique and meaningful journey through parts of the Civil Rights Movement in North Carolina. A total of 46 young people and adults traveled by bus to a variety of sites where significant events have taken place. Some of the highlights of this pilgrimage were seeing the production of “Blood Done Sign My Name” in Oxford, the Civil Rights

Museum in Greensboro, learning more about Harriett Jacobs in Edenton and about the 1898 Riot and the Wilmington 10 in Wilmington, seeing Pauli Murray’s murals in Durham and spending time with people who have been intimately connected with the Civil Rights Movement in N.C. Freedom Ride 2010 was truly a journey of reconciliation and healing.

### Holy Land journey

Province IV Youth Ministries and Kanuga Conference Center joined ministries with St. George’s College in Jerusalem to create the Youth Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2010. Lord George Carey, the Rev. Cannon John Peterson and Stan Hubbard combined their creative energies to develop this amazing educational and spiritual journey. 46 young people and accompanying adults traveled throughout the Holy Land to listen, learn, worship and immerse themselves in the history of the Holy Land and the life of Jesus Christ.

To say that this pilgrimage was “life changing” would be an understatement! Every person who experienced this pilgrimage will continue to be transformed by what they saw and what they experienced! The Youth Holy Land Pilgrimage 2010 was so amazing that plans are already under way for Kanuga Conferences, St George’s College and Province IV Youth Ministries to unite again for The Youth Holy Land Pilgrimage 2012!

In November 2010, the Province IV Youth Ministries Network

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**168 youth, adults focus on God’s creation at PYE 2010 in Great Smokey Mtns.**



**Freedom Ride, above, began in Wilmington, N.C.; below youth work in a cotton field**

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Meeting will take place at Grace Point Conference Center in the Diocese of East Tennessee. All dioceses within our province are encouraged to send one adult and two young people to this meeting. At this meeting, we hear the strengths and the challenges that are happening in each of our dioceses and we learn from one another about possible ways to embrace the challenges and celebrate the strengths. We also dream, vision and create opportunities for us, as the Episcopal Church, to join together to reach out to our world.

At this meeting, the Episcopal Youth Event 2011, which will be held in Minnesota and will focus on MISSION, will be highlighted. Immediately following EYE 2011, Province IV Youth Ministries (PYE 2011) will share a Mission Experience together in Minnesota. It will be an exciting and meaningful 2011 summer opportunity!

We are blessed in Province IV with outstanding young people and with committed adults who accompany youth on their journey of faith. Over the years we have seen amazing friendships bloom while we serve God together and embrace being the Body of Christ in this world. Several dioceses in Province IV are currently without a Diocesan Youth Coordinator and Province IV Youth Ministries is seeking to stay connected with all twenty of our Province IV dioceses. It is with great joy and incredible enthusiasm that we come together to worship and serve our Lord! 2010 was a great year and 2011 promises to be outstanding!

— **Cookie Cantwell**  
**Chair, PIV Youth Ministries**



**PYE youth learn about Appalachian culture in Townsend, Tenn.**

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# Episcopal Church Women ‘known as the best’ around the country

The hot hot summer did not stop the enthusiasm, work, and ministry of Episcopal Church Women in our province. We are known around the country as “the best” at everything we do and we keep on keeping on.

We had a very successful women's conference at Kanuga in June. Treated to the wonderful talks and sermons of Rev. Gigi Conner and the amazing music of Fran McKendree, and an inspiring day of Believe In A Miracle called “Come and See, Go and Tell,” 125 women left the conference motivated and ready to carry on the work we have been called to do.

The real heroines of the ECW are the 19 Diocesan Presidents who work diligently within the churches to bring ideas, programs, mission work to the women in the pews. They are truly a gifted team of women who have dedicated many years and days and hours of work to spreading God's Word. I have been traveling and visiting ECW conventions. Having just returned from the Diocese of Western North Carolina, I leave in October for the Diocese of Alabama, and in November for the Diocese of Central Florida.

As you know, the Jericho Road Episcopal Housing Initiative has been an ongoing project for ECW. We were asked to vote in a competition from Edy's Fruit Bars and the Fruit Tree Planting Foundation, the prize being a fresh fruit orchard for the neighborhood. On Sept. 1 I received the notice that we had won; of course we did, so Jericho Road will have a wonderful fruit orchard in their area. Go... Episcopal Church Women. You always come through.

Our founder, Julia Chester Emery, left us to do the work she



**Province IV ECW President Jackie Robe (right) is welcomed as the keynoter for the annual gathering of the ECW in the Diocese of Western North Carolina in September. She's pictured here with Mary Ann Ransom, WNC president of the ECW.**

found so very important. We reach out and do that, plus, we as women have adapted our work to the needs of the world today; to feed those who are hungry, to clothe those who need clothes, to assist in the fields of health, women's shelters, those living on the edge of poverty and in need and we pray fervently for all.

We work in third world countries and we reach out into our neighborhoods. I am so in awe of the women of our province. It is wonderful to be an Episcopal Church Woman Today.

— Jackie Robe  
President

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# **Provincial Calendar**

- Nov. 15, 2010 — Province IV Executive Committee meeting, Charlotte, N.C.
- Nov. 18-19, 2020 — Province IV House of Bishops meeting, Miami, Fla.
- Nov. 18-20, 2010 — Province IV Youth Ministries Network, Grace Point Conference Center, East Tennessee
- Nov. 22-24, 2010 — Province IV Campus Ministries Chaplains Retreat, St. Ignatius House, Atlanta, Ga.
- Dec. 8-10, 2010 — Provincial Leadership Conference, Newark, N.J.
- May 10-12 — “Leadership Marks for Creating and Growing Vital Congregations for Small Churches Project,” sponsored by Province IV Congregational Development & Evangelism network, Dubose Conference Center, Monteagle, Tenn.
- June 6-8, 2011 — Province IV Episcopal Church Women’s conference, Kanuga Conferences, Hendersonville, N.C.
- June 8-10, 2011 — Province IV Synod, Kanuga Conferences, Hendersonville, N.C.
- June 10-12, 2011 — Province IV HIV/AIDS Healing Conference, Kanuga Conferences, Hendersonville, N.C.
- August 23-26, 2011 — Province IV Disaster Preparedness and Response conference, Trinity Center, Salter Path, N.C.