



Daughters of the Holy Cross

Isaiah 57:19, KJV: "I create the fruit of the lips; Peace, peace to him that is far off, and to him that is near, saith the LORD; and I will heal him."

January 30, 2023

Dear Daughters of the Holy Cross,

I hope you've had a wonderful Advent season and have stayed warm during the extreme (once in a generation) cold we've experienced. It is also my prayer each of you will have a happy, healthy New Year. As we as a society continue to live with new standards of healthy interaction as a result of the Covid pandemic, I was moved by a sign I read on a country back road outside of Columbia, "Normal will not return; Jesus will." The profoundness of the sign sums up for me the last three years. Covid has changed the way we work, socialize, worship and live. Also, my theme scripture from Isaiah captures what I think we want from worship or a right relationship with God, and what we need. I chose Isaiah 57:19 for the 2023 year because our spiritual, physical, and mental health is so important to each of us. The fruit of the lips is praise and thanksgiving. Peace (spiritual health) is God given. God offers a type of peace that transcends our world, and that peace is available to anyone who seeks him, whether she is geographically or spiritually near or far. No matter where we are we may seek Him because the Lord is the great healer.

One of the focuses of my year as President of the Daughters is for more women to connect in more ways they value or in ways they feel are noteworthy. While Covid created feelings of isolation, it has also created an understanding and new appreciation that we as women of God are designed to congregate and appreciate each other. Or to quote Dietrich Bonhoeffer, "The Church is the Church only when it exists for others." We were designed by God for connection.

Enclosed with the letter you will find a Board and Executive Committee List and 2023 calendar. Volunteering and contributing to Daughter sponsored programs is now done through Realm, <https://trinitysc.org/grow/adults/daughters-of-holy-cross>. Also a check can be mailed to Trinity with "Daughters 2023 contribution" in the memo line. As I read Jeanne Crawford Kean's Reflections The Women of Trinity 1812- 2012, I was both awed and inspired by Daughter contributions since Trinity's inception in 1812. While the structure of the Daughters has evolved over time, the commitments, contributions and dedication to Trinity have remained constant. Our efforts serve both outreach to the community and inreach to our membership. ALL baptized women of Trinity are members of the DHC. Please also access Realm to fill out the Volunteer Form to become involved and note Trinity will celebrate the Seventy Fifth Anniversary of the Trinity Bazaar, on Saturday, October 28, 2023. The proceeds from the Bazaar and some individual contributions are what is available to fund community outreach grants. Opportunities for involvement at Trinity are diverse and many. Volunteering to serve in the wonderful tapestry of life at Trinity is the outward fruit of grace in action.

Lastly, I want to credit and thank the women who led the Daughters during the pandemic. Their leadership has been courageous, exemplary and thoughtful. Mary, Lynn & Julianne, on behalf of the Daughters, THANK YOU! for your leadership. We are here because of you.

Blessings!

Lee Hutson

2023 DHC President

Daughters of the Holy Cross 2023 Volunteer Form

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please check the ministries that you are interested in serving through the Daughters of the Holy Cross.

Please return this form to Lee Hutson, Trinity Cathedral, 1100 Sumter Street, Columbia, SC 29201.

This form may also be completed online using the volunteer form on Realm.

- Altar Guild: Help with set-up for services in the Cathedral and Keenan Chapel
- Baking: Prepare baked goods and/or sandwiches for receptions and parish events
- Church Women United: Meet quarterly with Christian women from Midlands' churches to work toward peace and social justice
- DHC Chapters:
 - Bishop Finlay: Meets four times a year for fellowship and a program.
 - Bishop Temple: Meets four times a year for fellowship and a program.
 - Elsie Lamar: Meets four times a year for fellowship and a program.
- DHC Events:
 - Decorations: Provide and help arrange centerpieces for DHC meetings & events
 - Greeters: Assist with welcoming and sign-in
 - Meals:
 - Prepare food
 - Serve meals
 - Wash dishes/clean-up
 - Deliver Meals
- Easter Lilies: Work with team to organize honoraria, memorials, and delivery of Easter lilies
- Episcopal Church Women: Join this Diocesan-wide organization, uniting Episcopal women
- Flower Delivery: Be a part of a team that delivers flowers to the sick and home-bound parish members after Sunday services
- Lemonade on the Lawn: Participate as a team member that serves lemonade after the 10 am service during the summer months
- Lenten Lunches: Every Wednesday during Lent
 - Prepare and serve Food
 - Provide dessert
 - Wash dishes/clean-up
- New Life Support: Provide meals for families of newborns; gather with new mothers for fellowship and support 2-3 times a year
- Pastoral Care Casseroles: Prepare casseroles for After-Care and New Life Support
- Receptions: Help with funeral and special receptions as requested by clergy and DHC Board
 - Provide Food
 - Set-up, replenish food, help clean up
- Still Hopes Valentine's Dance: Provide flower centerpieces and desserts
- Welcome Center Volunteer: Be a team member who staffs the Welcome Desk to greet visitors and answer phone calls

2023 Trinity Bazaar: Saturday, October 28, 2023

We are seeking volunteers for the 75th Trinity Bazaar. Please check your areas of interest:

- Cook for Frozen Foods booth
- Bake for Baked Goods booth
- Make jams, jellies, and pickles for Pickle Pantry booth
- Move, unpack, sort, price items the week before the Bazaar in Trinkets & Treasures
- Sort and organize clothing for Bargain Basement
- Help with the Children's Carnival
- If you have been a past Booth Chair and are willing to serve again in 2023, please name the booth or position: _____

