



## The Episcopal Community of Daughters of the King

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Dear Joan and Members of the National Council,

Enclosed is a statement of introduction to The Episcopal Community of Daughters of the King, a community that has been raised up from within the Order, that will be working within the Order to strengthen, encourage and enrich the lives of those Daughters who wish to participate in more focused study and spiritual formation. In no way is this a parallel organization; we call it “imbedded.”

We acknowledge the tension which currently exists and wish to assure you that we have formed to undergird and support the local chapters and Daughters at Large, and to maintain our ties to The Episcopal Church thereby maintaining the integrity and good will which have traditionally existed between the Order and our Bishops and National Church structure. We also acknowledge and support the offices to which the National Council members have been elected. We further acknowledge that not all Daughters, even all of the Episcopalian Daughters, will want to add the layer of deep study and work that will be offered by The Episcopal Community.

The women of The Episcopal Community of Daughters of the King are committed to sharing gifts with individuals: prospective members and Daughters as well as local chapters, and dioceses, helping to explore fulfilling ways to live out lifetime vows of prayer and service. Further, we will encourage and offer opportunity for developing leadership for the journey. The Episcopal Community is creating a resource bank for those who might like assistance in forming chapters, organizing retreats, quiet days or evenings, workshops on prayer, leadership, history of the order, and as well as gathering a variety of speakers available for congregations, chapters or dioceses on topics of particular significance to members of the Order and those who might seek membership. To announce our availability as a resource, we are sending the enclosed letter to the members of the Order.

For further information, please see our website: [www.DOKepiscopal.org](http://www.DOKepiscopal.org) or contact any member of the Community’s current circle of leadership. This ever widening circle is included for your information and use, with the most up-to-date list available through the website.

We look forward to collaboration as you find appropriate. Please feel free to call upon us if we can be of assistance to you.

For His Sake and In Christ’s Light,

The Episcopal Community