



COMPANIONS

The Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross



2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Strengthening Our Ties



FROM THE C-IN-C

Jacqueline Schmitt

Companions began 2025 taking a deep look at what holds our beloved Society together. It's our focus on prayer, we said. It is the openness and acceptance of our community life. It's our support for social justice and the many opportunities we offer for contemplative reflection and study.

We also faced the reality that the expense of maintaining old, wooden buildings—basically a summer camp with 75 beds—is demanding so much of our financial assets that we risked emptying our cash reserves within seven years. Despite our best efforts at planning, cleaning, repairing and marketing, we realized we could no longer make ends meet to keep Adelynrood running.

What was most important to us, we said, were those things in our common life that we experienced together: Companion Conference, Annual Meeting and regional conferences such as the one hosted by the Happehatchee Chapter. We value our web-based studies and programs, prayer services; and, yes, even our committee meetings. We are held together by our chapter relationships and by what we pray in common through our monthly Intercession Paper. We deepened our bonds as we talked with each other and gathered online: the thrice-yearly newsletter, the monthly "From the CinC," the Companions website, regular meetings of chapter leadership, and social media. We held several Open Conversations, available to all Companions in real time and in recordings, to share with each other what we loved about the Companionship and how together we can face the challenges in front of us.

This dispersed community of over 700 women, stretching across many time zones, strengthened our ties in 2025. We know there are many more women out there who crave what we offer, who would join us in what we love about Companions. We are ready to meet them, as together we walk the Way of the Cross.

Jacqueline Schmitt

LEADERSHIP

Meet the SCHC Governing Board and Adelynrood Staff

Governing Board

- **Companion-in-Charge, Jacqueline Schmitt**
- **Assistant Companion-in-Charge, Kristen Kalbrener**
- **Secretary, Nancy Lowry**
- **Treasurer, Mary Grant**
- **Communications Committee Chairwoman, Karen Christian**
- **Finance Committee Chairwoman, Mary Grant**
- **Program Committee Chairwoman, Kathy Staudt**
- **Adelynrood Committee Chairwoman, Barbara M. Diamond**
- **Companion-in-Charge of Chapters, Marti A. Hunt**
- **Companion-in-Charge of Discerners, Louise D. Valleau**
- **Nominating Committee Chairwoman, Melissa Buckingham**
- **Development Committee Chairwoman, Victoria Crago Sicks**
- **Aims and Prophetic Ministries Chairwoman, Nokomis Wood**

Year-round Staff

- **Sarah van Gulden, General Manager**
- **Nicole Grace Frizzo, Communications Coordinator**
- **Phil Kourmanopoulos, Finance Assistant**
- **Stewart Guay, Facilities Manager**
- **Jim McAuley, Facilities Assistant**
- **Adam Segal, Chef & Kitchen Manager**



HIGHLIGHTS

Adelynrood Programs and SCHC Life At-a-Glance

- 11 homegrown programs
- 26 outside group events
- 2 volunteer lunches
- 562 overnight guests
- More than 300 SCHC meetings took place across Chapters worldwide.
- Companions gathered via Zoom throughout the week at noon for prayer. Each service was led by a different chapter, bringing a unique and meaningful approach to intercessory prayer. Afterward, participants had the opportunity to connect and visit with one another across states and even time zones, strengthening the bonds of companionship and community.



HIGHLIGHTS

Books Read and Films Watched

- *Blood Brothers* by Elias Chacour
- *The Lemon Tree* by Sandy Tolan
- *St. Benedict's Toolbox* by Companion Jane Tomaine
- *Feast of Feasts* by The Rt Rev Frank and Victoria Logue
- *A Spring in the Desert* by Frank and Victoria Logue
- *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson
- *Women of the Passion: A Journey to the Cross* by Katie Sherrod
- *The Pilgrim Life: Finding God Along the Way* by Companion Deborah Douglas Smith
- *My Neighbor's Faith* by Jennifer Peace
- *Still Life* by Louise Penny
- *All Creation Waits* by Gayle Boss
- *The Winter of Secret Foliage* by Sue Monk Kidd
- *The Greatest Prayer* by John Dominic Crossan
- *Sacred Earth Sacred Soul: Celtic Wisdom for Reawakening to What Our Souls Know and Healing the World* by John Philip Newell
- *The Fourth Quarter of Your Life: Embracing What Matters Most* by Allen Hunt and Matthew Kelly
- *Entering the Passion of Christ; A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week* by Amy-Jill Levine
- *Jesus and the Disinherited* by Howard Thurman
- *The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry: How to Stay Emotionally Healthy and Spiritually Alive in the Chaos of the Modern World* by John Mark Comer
- *If God is Love, Don't Be a Jerk* by John Pavlovitz
- *Eaarth* by Bill McKibben
- *The Artist's Way* by Julia Cameron
- *Letters to Eleanore* (Documentary)
- *Wilmington on Fire* (Documentary)

This is not an exhaustive list of all books and documentaries read/watched by chapters.

NOTABLE HAPPENINGS (CONT.)

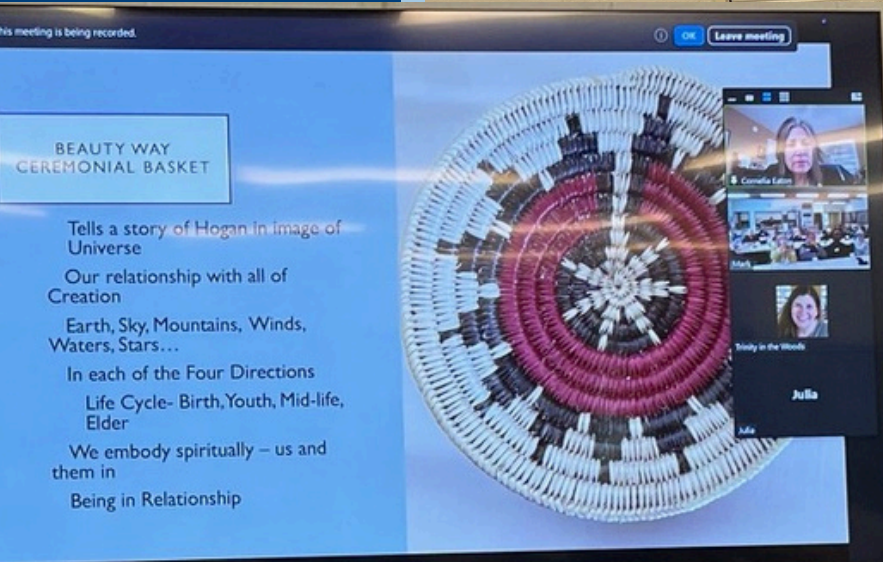
Happehatchee Chapter Holds Regional Conference in February



Companions and guests gathered in a sacred circle where they learned about Native American and Celtic worldviews and about becoming co-creators in Caring for Creation. Guided by The Rev. Rachel Taber-Hamilton who drew from her First Nations Shackan heritage, attendees gained a deeper understanding of a worldview that is life-giving for all, replacing the dominant one that is killing us. Companion Eileen Clark and others from the Happehatchee Chapter weaved in our Celtic heritage.

NOTABLE HAPPENINGS (CONT.)

Ann Arbor Chapter Hosts the Rev. Canon Cornelia Eaton on the “Spirituality of the Hozhó: the Beauty Way and the Episcopal Church in Navajoland”



At its monthly chapter meeting in January, Ann Arbor Companions hosted an event not only for the chapter but also for neighboring parishes and dioceses. The speaker, who gave her presentation over Zoom to an in-person audience, was the Rev. Cornelia Eaton, Canon to the Ordinary in the Diocese of Navajoland. Entitled “Spirituality of the Hozhó: the Beauty Way & the Episcopal Church in Navajoland,” it both explained and demonstrated how Navajo Episcopalians celebrate their culture in their discipleship and worship, walking the parallel paths of the Navajo and Christian spiritual ways.

NOTABLE HAPPENINGS (CONT.)

Nicole Attends Episcopal Communicators Conference



Nicole Grace Frizzo, SCHC Communications Coordinator, joined other communications professionals at the Episcopal Communicators Conference in Oklahoma City. She reported that the conference offered an informative and fun space for communicators to network and learn new ways to represent their respective organizations.

NOTABLE HAPPENINGS

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL OPEN HOUSE!

We hosted a lovely Open House. Lots of folks visited and enjoyed despite the rain!



COMPANION CONFERENCE 2025 HIGHLIGHTS

128th annual Companion Conference, “Building Resiliency and Renewal for Ourselves, the Companionship and the World”

A wonderful time was had by all who attended our last Companion Conference held in-person at Adelynrood. **Watch this photo montage** for a peek into the conference highlights.



COMPANION CONFERENCE 2025 HIGHLIGHTS (CONT.)



ANNUAL MEETING 2025 HIGHLIGHTS

AC-in-C Day, Assembly and Annual Meeting

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Annual Meeting events, both at Adelynrood and those who attended virtually.



ANNUAL MEETING 2025 HIGHLIGHTS (CONT.)



NOTABLE HAPPENINGS (CONT.)

Election of the New Companion-in-Charge



**Congratulations,
Andrea Briggs!**

Companions elected Andrea Briggs, of the California-Southern Chapter, to be the next Companion-in-Charge.

Many thanks to all who considered standing for election, especially Susan Holmes, of the Sewanee Chapter, who also offered her name this year.

As Companion-in-Charge-elect, Andrea began her work at the end of 2025, as an ex officio voting member of the Assembly and the Governing Board.

She will take office as Companion-in-Charge at the end of the Annual Meeting 2026.



NOTABLE HAPPENINGS (CONT.)

New Collateral

2025 Summer Program Brochure



ADELYNROOD
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SUMMER 2025 PROGRAM OFFERINGS

Adelynrood's Annual Open House Festivities | May 31 from 12-3PM

Help us kick off summer with our Annual Open House, Neighborhood Picnic and Craft Fair on the historic grounds of Adelynrood Retreat and Conference Center. Individuals and families are welcome to join us. There will be music and children's activities to enjoy as well. If you've visited Adelynrood before, this is the perfect opportunity to share it with your family, friends or coworkers. If you haven't visited, it's a great way to explore all that Adelynrood offers. This event is FREE.



School for Spiritual Direction: Observing Ourselves and Others – the Enneagram as a Tool for Spiritual Directors | June 2-6

Our approach to this training assumes that self-understanding and continuing growth is essential to our availability to others as spiritual directors. In this module, we look in depth at tools for understanding human personality. This session will focus on the Enneagram, using the Riso-Hudson type indicator.

The Rev. Michelle Meech trained with the Enneagram Institute and has taught the Enneagram ever since.

PROGRAM FEE: \$300
W/ LODGING, MEALS: \$868



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JOIN US THIS SUMMER!

2025 ADELYNROOD PROGRAMS

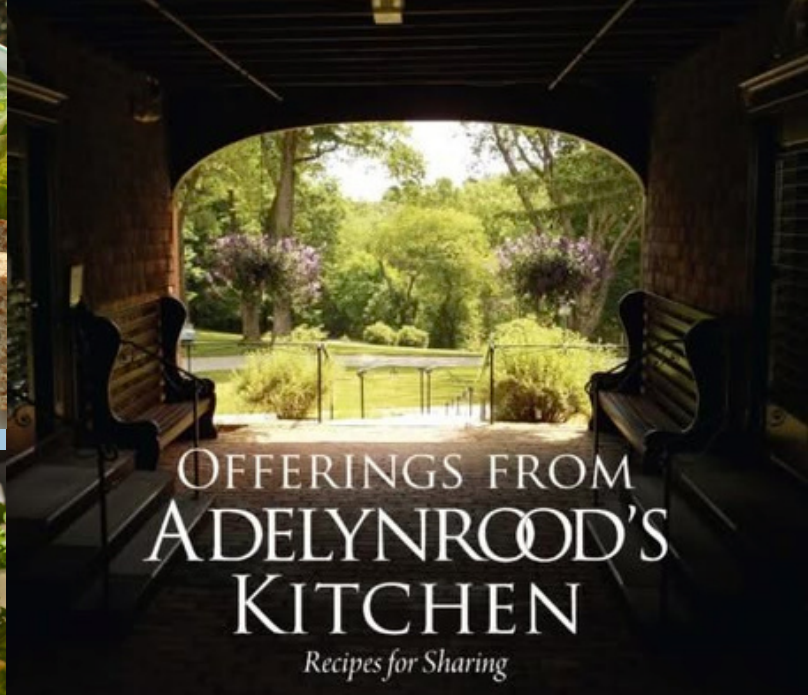
May 31	Open House	August 4-8	School for Spiritual Direction: Seeing the Diversity in Human Persons
June 2-6	School for Spiritual Direction: Observing Ourselves and Others – Enneagram as a Tool for Spiritual Directors	August 6	Quiet Day – Discover Your Inner Voice: A SoulCollage® Experience
June 4	Quiet Day – Deep Peace and High Anxiety: “Pray, Love, Remember”	August 8-10	Creating a Rule of Life: A Spiritual Discipline
June 19-21	Leading with the Heart: Circular Leadership for Lifting All Voices	August 15-17	A Day of Healing: Collaborative and Creative Community Building with Nature and the Arts
July 18-20	Seeing as Spiritual Practice	August 22-24	Rewilding the Spirit
July 23-25	Life Story Writing	September 17-21	I Have the Light of Freedom: Tell Me How Did You Feel When You Came Out of the Wilderness

We crafted and distributed our 2025 Summer Program brochures. We reached more than 4,000 people between digital and print communications. We also dropped off brochures at 6 local libraries, posted on community boards and in coffee shops.

NOTABLE HAPPENINGS (CONT.)

Enjoy Adelynrood's Cuisine at Home

Released Newly Revised Digital Cookbook



We said goodbye to longtime employee and chef extraordinaire, Adam Segal. We are immensely grateful for his many years of service and delicious cuisine. Before he left, he released an updated digital version of his *Offerings from Adelynrood's Kitchen* cookbook! **ORDER HERE.**

NOTABLE HAPPENINGS (CONT.)

Email Communications

Distributed nearly 70 email communications, announcing programs and events, providing Society-wide updates, messages to Friends of Adelynrood, election updates, messages from the C-in-C and more.



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Dear Companions,


We are thrilled to see how many of you have already signed up for our 2025 programs. It is going to be a memorable summer at Adelynrood!

No matter what you are interested in, this year we have offerings for you! Write your life story with Companion, Nancy Rose-Wesber, enjoy a quiet day, or learn about a new way of leading. Create a SoulCollage, revitalize your spirit with Rachel Taber Hamilton or learn from other incredible women like Ruby Sales, who has dedicated her life to social justice.

These programs have been announced publicly and are filling quickly. Look forward to seeing you soon!

Warmly,
Nicole
Nicole Grace,
Communications Coordinator

Friends of Adelynrood, Prayers from the Intercession Paper, April 2025



Dear Friends of Adelynrood,

Happy Spring to you! Let us be grateful this season for the rain that nourishes our lands and cleanses our hearts.

[Included at this link](#), you will find prayers from the April Intercession Paper. Please consider joining us in prayer.

Be sure to take advantage of the opportunity to give and receive prayer support from other Friends. To share petitions and thanksgivings with the entire Friends of Adelynrood family, submit your prayers by emailing foa@adelynrood.org

Over cherry blossoms, white clouds, over clouds, the deep sky. Over cherry blossoms, over clouds, over the sky, I can climb on forever. Once in Spring I had with God a quiet talk.
- Shuntaro Tanikawa

Wishing you continued blessings in the weeks ahead.

Warmly,
FOA Committee



ADELYNROOD
OPEN HOUSE
Community Picnic
and Craft Fair
SATURDAY, MAY 31, 12-3PM

Dear Friends,

Please save the date for our free **Open House, Community Picnic and Craft Fair**, taking place on Saturday, May 31 from 12-3PM.


There will be **delicious picnic-style food** from our chef, **live music**, and **children's activities** to enjoy! Every year, we are also blessed with local artisans and crafters who sell their creations at our **craft fair**. During your visit, you can experience a meditative walk on our labyrinth, tour the gardens and more!

If you are a crafter or vendor interested in participating in our fair, please reach out to Sarah van Gulden at gm@adelynrood.org to sign up!

Also, a big thank you to those of you who have already registered for our **summer programs**! I have included some additional program highlights below. Reserve your spot today, as they are filling up quickly.

Look forward to seeing you this summer! Do not hesitate to reach out should you have any questions.

Warmly,
Nicole
Nicole Grace,
Communications Coordinator



Dear Friends,

It's a gorgeous day here at Adelynrood—flowers are blooming, and puffy white clouds are drifting across a vibrant blue sky. (Photo above taken just this afternoon.) Life is good.

I am writing to share some wonderful news. Despite some of our programs booking up this summer, there are still a few options available to enrich your time over the next few months. I've included details below for your convenience.

Come join us—enjoy a program, stay overnight surrounded by nature, wake up to birdsong, and indulge in our chef's delicious cuisine. We've got you covered for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

I hope to see you soon! Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Warmly,
Nicole
Nicole Grace,
Communications Coordinator

Seeing as a Spiritual Practice | July 18-20

Dear Companions,

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up for **I Have the Light of Freedom**, with Ruby Sales. For those of you who have not, there are a couple more spots left. [Reserve today](#) and spend some time with us at Adelynrood, before our 2025 season comes to an end!


Ruby will be joining us virtually to lead the program **live and in real time** via remote connection. This means you'll have the opportunity to engage with her directly, ask questions, and be part of a meaningful, interactive experience with other attendees in a group setting at Adelynrood.

We're excited for the rich conversations and insights this program promises to bring, and we can't wait to share it with you. Please find more details below.

Warmly,
Nicole Grace
Communications Coordinator


PS: Early Notice! **Relate, Reflect, Reconcile: A Companion Pilgrimage of Witness and Renewal** is set for March 2026, and will include visits to sites of remembrance in Montgomery and Selma, Alabama. Look for details during the Program Committee report at the Annual Meeting.

I Have the Light of Freedom: Tell Me How Did You Feel When You Came Out of the Wilderness
September 17-21



Join Us for a Lenten Virtual Book Study

St. Benedict's
Toolbox
The Nuts and Bolts of
Everyday Benedictine Living



NOTABLE HAPPENINGS (CONT.)

Blog Highlights

Regular posts have been shared on our member website and our public website.



New York Companions pray together.

CONVERGENCE and CORPORATE DEVOTIONS

December 19, 2025

From Janet Waggoner, Corporate Devotions Editor

Convergence and Corporate Devotions



The Personal Benefits of SCHC Volunteering

April 24, 2025

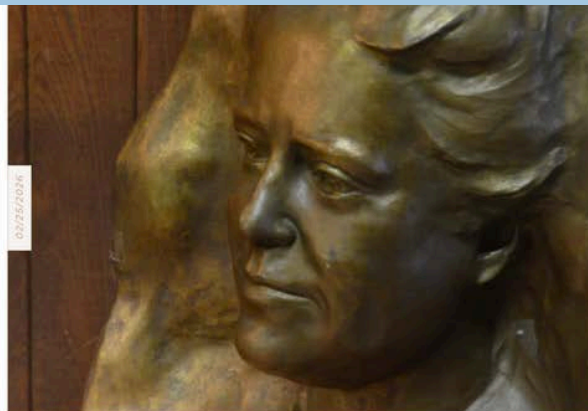
By Karen Christian

A recent article in the *New York Times* discussed how the loss of a work routine in retirement can lead to cognitive decline. Happily, the author assures us that socializing, volunteering and learning new things can lead to improved cognitive and mental health. That is a welcome message for the many retired Companions who are SCHC volunteers.

To read the article, see Mohana Ravindranath, "What Happens to Your Brain When You Retire?" *The New York Times*, March 26, 2025.

Companions take seriously our pledge to support the corporate life and ministries of the SCHC. We understand that volunteering benefits the Society. But do Companion volunteers feel a benefit for

The Personal Benefits of SCHC Volunteering



Companions

WE REMEMBER EMILY MALBONE MORGAN ON FEBRUARY 25TH

Emily Malbone Morgan (1862-1937) | Celebrated February 25 in the Episcopal Church's liturgical calendar. If you read between the lines of letters and papers that some New Englanders wrote after the Civil War, you pick up a sense of dis-ease. The ...

— SEE MORE

We Remember Emily Malbone Morgan on February 25th

NOTABLE HAPPENINGS (CONT.)

Websites

Google Analytics for Adelynrood Website

Traffic Sources

Top traffic acquisition

SESSION SOURCE / MEDIUM	SESSIONS
(direct) / (none)	5.8K
google / organic	4.6K
schccompanions.org / referral	322
bing / organic	302
member.schccompanions.org / referral	302
duckduckgo / organic	133
yahoo / organic	93

Top Performing Pages

Page path and screen class	Views	Active users	Views per active user	Average engagement time per active user	Event count
Total	25,356 100% of total	8,464 100% of total	3.00 Avg 0%	1m 51s Avg 0%	76,054 100% of total
1 /	8,852 (34.91%)	5,913 (69.86%)	1.50	32s	30,656 (40.31%)
2 /events-list/	4,372 (17.24%)	2,837 (33.52%)	1.54	1m 37s	13,235 (17.4%)
3 /phototour/	1,150 (4.54%)	780 (9.22%)	1.47	1m 23s	2,961 (3.89%)
4 /the-adelynrood-school-for-spiritual-direction/	1,036 (4.09%)	690 (8.15%)	1.50	1m 29s	3,127 (4.11%)
5 /accommodations/	991 (3.91%)	731 (8.64%)	1.36	47s	2,632 (3.46%)
6 /groups-meetings/	966 (3.81%)	706 (8.34%)	1.37	29s	2,348 (3.09%)
7 /contact-us/	794 (3.13%)	606 (7.16%)	1.31	54s	1,916 (2.52%)
8 /facilities-grounds/	788 (3.11%)	619 (7.31%)	1.27	49s	2,150 (2.83%)
9 /history/	758 (2.99%)	635 (7.5%)	1.19	45s	2,028 (2.67%)
10 /rates/	737 (2.91%)	590 (6.97%)	1.25	1m 00s	1,818 (2.39%)

NOTABLE HAPPENINGS (CONT.)

Websites

Google Analytics for SCHC Public Website

Traffic sources

Session source	↓ Sessions	Engaged sessions	Engagement rate	Average engagement time per session	Events per session	Event count All events
Total	15,067 100% of total	6,360 100% of total	42.21% Avg 0%	33s Avg 0%	4.25 Avg 0%	63,986 100% of total
1 (direct)	7,988 (53.02%)	2,538 (39.91%)	31.77%	13s	3.81	30,413 (47.53%)
2 google	4,310 (28.61%)	2,366 (37.2%)	54.9%	59s	4.93	21,238 (33.19%)
3 bing	943 (6.26%)	543 (8.54%)	57.58%	49s	4.58	4,316 (6.75%)
4 yahoo	278 (1.85%)	184 (2.89%)	66.19%	1m 14s	5.14	1,430 (2.23%)
5 adelynrood.org	264 (1.75%)	143 (2.25%)	54.17%	1m 13s	5.71	1,508 (2.36%)
6 (not set) ⚠	199 (1.32%)	1 (0.02%)	0.5%	20s	1.56	310 (0.48%)
7 m.facebook.com	174 (1.15%)	42 (0.66%)	24.14%	8s	3.39	589 (0.92%)
8 l.facebook.com	156 (1.04%)	66 (1.04%)	42.31%	36s	3.17	494 (0.77%)
9 duckduckgo	125 (0.83%)	79 (1.24%)	63.2%	1m 43s	4.74	593 (0.93%)
10 facebook.com	78 (0.52%)	48 (0.75%)	61.54%	3s	3.64	284 (0.44%)

Top Performing Pages

Page title and screen class	↓ Views	Active users	Views per active user	Average engagement time per active user	Event count All events
Total	21,123 100% of total	9,416 100% of total	2.24 Avg 0%	53s Avg 0%	63,986 100% of total
1 The Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross	8,267 (39.14%)	4,027 (42.77%)	2.05	31s	26,104 (40.8%)
2 Companions Presenting at Episcopal Church Women's Triennial This Year - THE COMPANIONS	1,001 (4.74%)	314 (3.33%)	3.19	1s	1,712 (2.68%)
3 Find a Companions Chapter Near You	868 (4.11%)	667 (7.08%)	1.30	53s	2,079 (3.25%)
4 About the Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross	777 (3.68%)	588 (6.24%)	1.32	44s	2,057 (3.21%)
5 Blog - THE COMPANIONS	730 (3.46%)	483 (5.13%)	1.51	41s	1,754 (2.74%)
6 Mechthild of Magdeburg: Leaping into Love - THE COMPANIONS	688 (3.26%)	527 (5.6%)	1.31	1m 36s	2,422 (3.79%)
7 Events - THE COMPANIONS	544 (2.58%)	345 (3.66%)	1.58	50s	1,482 (2.32%)
8 How to Join the Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross	478 (2.26%)	412 (4.38%)	1.16	28s	1,202 (1.88%)
9 History of The Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross	327 (1.55%)	261 (2.77%)	1.25	58s	846 (1.32%)
10 Adelynrood Retreat & Conference Center	316 (1.5%)	228 (2.42%)	1.39	35s	1,002 (1.57%)

NOTABLE HAPPENINGS (CONT.)

Websites

Google Analytics for Member Website

Traffic Sources

Session source	↓ Sessions	Engaged sessions	Engagement rate	Average engagement time per session	Events per session	Event count All events
Total	6,806 100% of total	4,012 100% of total	58.95% Avg 0%	29s Avg 0%	5.82 Avg 0%	39,636 100% of total
1 (direct)	6,176 (90.74%)	3,733 (93.05%)	60.44%	30s	5.93	36,618 (92.39%)
2 m.facebook.com	118 (1.73%)	70 (1.74%)	59.32%	29s	5.59	660 (1.67%)
3 (not set) ⚠	111 (1.63%)	0 (0%)	0%	13s	1.83	203 (0.51%)
4 l.facebook.com	91 (1.34%)	50 (1.25%)	54.95%	22s	5.30	482 (1.22%)
5 companionsweb.org	84 (1.23%)	52 (1.3%)	61.9%	41s	7.23	607 (1.53%)
6 ntp.msn.com	50 (0.73%)	21 (0.52%)	42%	22s	5.54	277 (0.7%)
7 google	49 (0.72%)	22 (0.55%)	44.9%	46s	6.18	303 (0.76%)
8 facebook.com	41 (0.6%)	28 (0.7%)	68.29%	2s	3.68	151 (0.38%)
9 mail.google.com	23 (0.34%)	13 (0.32%)	56.52%	12s	4.52	104 (0.26%)
10 canva.com	13 (0.19%)	7 (0.17%)	53.85%	39s	5.08	66 (0.17%)

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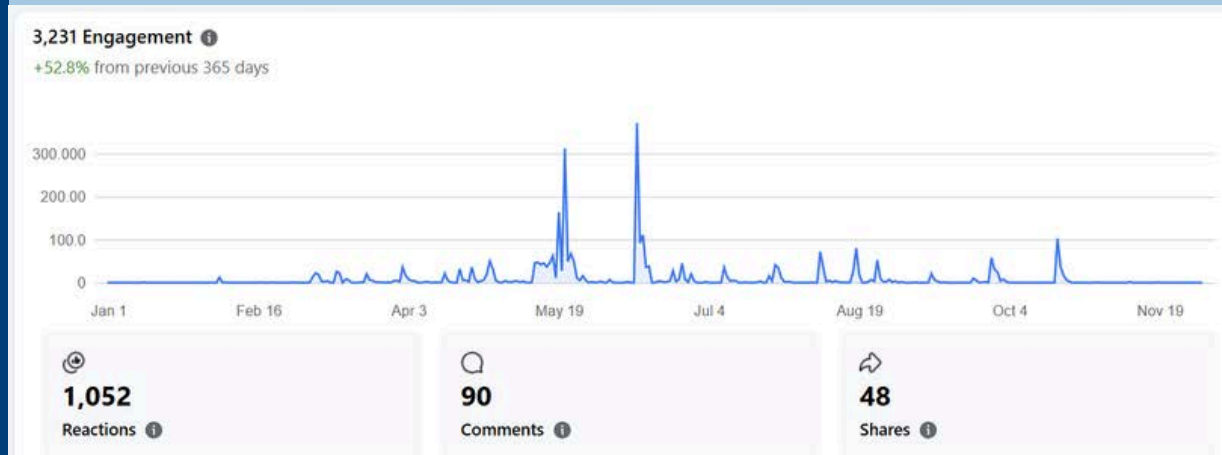
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1 /front-page/	8,885 (92.37%)	2,276 (93.36%)	3.90	1m 16s	36,769 (92.77%)
2 /password-reset/	511 (5.31%)	180 (7.38%)	2.84	1m 41s	2,040 (5.15%)
3 /retsiger/	106 (1.1%)	44 (1.8%)	2.41	3m 15s	383 (0.97%)
4 /register/	41 (0.43%)	80 (3.28%)	0.51	7s	162 (0.41%)
5 /public-privacy-statement/	34 (0.35%)	32 (1.31%)	1.06	25s	110 (0.28%)
6 /	26 (0.27%)	26 (1.07%)	1.00	2s	121 (0.31%)
7 /feed/	7 (0.07%)	7 (0.29%)	1.00	2s	27 (0.07%)
8 /sponsors-and-discerners/=guides	4 (0.04%)	5 (0.21%)	0.80	10s	12 (0.03%)
9 /WP-ADMIN	1 (0.01%)	1 (0.04%)	1.00	9s	2 (<0.01%)
10 /retsiger/	1 (0.01%)	1 (0.04%)	1.00	1m 16s	2 (<0.01%)

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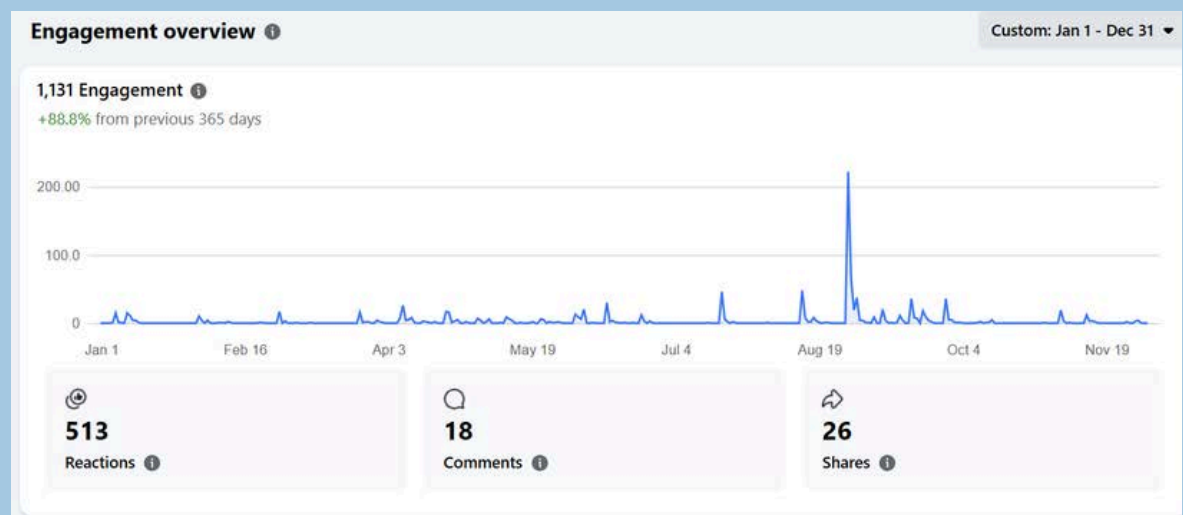
Social Media

Facebook Highlights

Adelynrood Facebook Page Engagement



SCHC Public Facebook Page Content Interactions



Content engagement is up by 88 percent on the SCHC Facebook page and more than 52 percent on the Adelynrood Facebook page, year over year! Amazing numbers. More visitors are interested in learning about the Companions.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank you for
supporting
the Society!

2025 GIFTS IN HONOR, MEMORY OR THANKSGIVING

In memory of Karen Schoelles and for social justice.

Anonymous

In memory of Annie Dimon

SCHC - Atlanta Chapter

In memory of Angela Smith

SCHC - Palmetto Chapter

In memory of Jeanne Shirk

SCHC - Philadelphia Chapter

In memory of Sharon Klander

SCHC - Ann Arbor Chapter

In honor of Lynne Kozlowski

The Danielle and Matthew Kozlowski Fund #

In gratitude for Deb Baker

Gregory Baker #

In honor of Lynne Kozlowski's 75th birthday

Diane Boxer #

In honor of my beloved sponsor Susan Butler

Deborah Smith Douglas

In honor of Laura Drum

Elizabeth T. Drum *

In thanksgiving for the life of Barbara Brown

Katharine C. Evans

For the life and ministry of Joan Russell

Katharine C. Evans

In memory of Andrew Foster

Scott Evenbeck #

In memory of Barbara Brown

Barbara Ann Forbes

In memory of Joan Russell

Barbara Ann Forbes

In memory of Scott MacLellan

Sally Fullman

In loving memory of my cousin Joan Russell, who inspired me when I was young.

Ann Sarah Gagliardi

In celebration of Beverly Duncan's 90th birthday

Ruth Griesel

In honor of my friend Lynne Kozlowski

Diane M Hanley

In gratitude for Louise Valleau. Your kindness in taking me to Logan meant the world to me, and I wanted to honor you with a gift to our beloved Companionship!

Patricia Nye Hanna

In memory of my mother, Alene M. Tate.

Cheryl M. Harrigan

In memory of Katie Purvis

Juliana K Hart #

In memory of Nance Wier

Edith Annabelle Hoffman

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In 2022, the Governing Board of the SCHC created a Development Committee as one of the Standing Committees of the Society. This was a concrete recognition of the need to be clearer about how we Companions think about funding the SCHC, something then Companion-in-Charge Edwina Simpson had been concerned about for many years. How could we stop accepting deficit budgets, drawing more than we have from the SCHC Fund, and hoping for a windfall or two?

There is a saying in fundraising that Hope is not a strategy. Over the last four years, we have worked diligently to establish, follow, and adapt strategies towards financial stability. It is never easy to look at hard facts, and I am grateful that Companions have been willing to do that very hard thing. We aren't quite there yet, and we will continue on this sensible path.

Why does this matter? It matters to me because I want the Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross to be available to the next generation of women desiring to expand their faith in the company of other women. What we see in this Annual Report is the many ways we are deepening and broadening our ways of being together. As we consider what our presence in Byfield, MA will become, we celebrate the past and face the future with confidence.

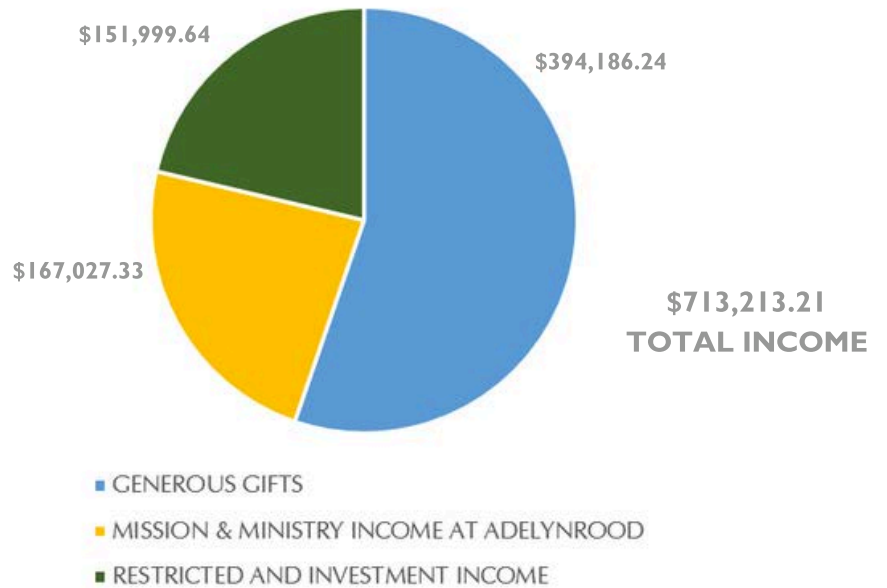
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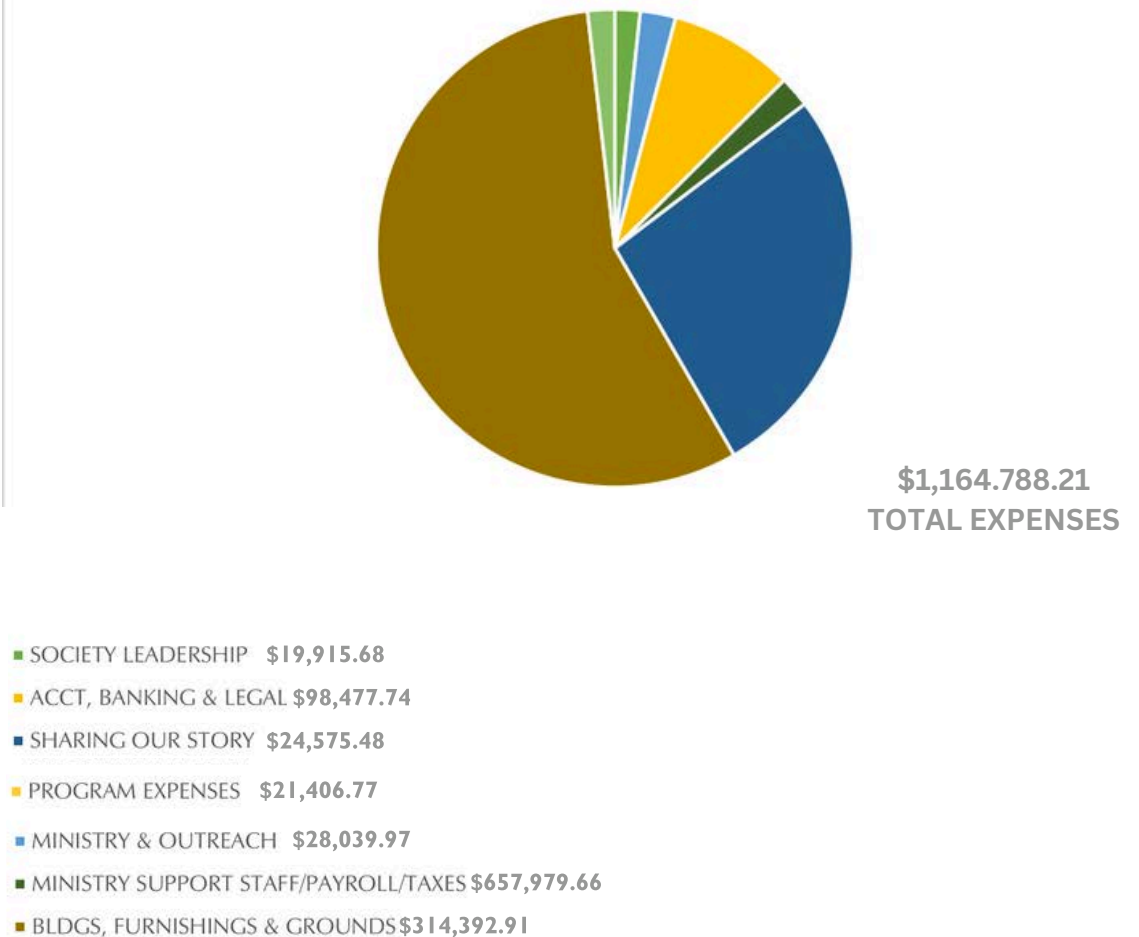


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