GFS Outreach– Diocese of Los Angeles



Spring Board Meeting – April 18, 2026

Agenda

Welcome to all; meeting guidelines

Special Visitors

Time Considerations – goal is to finish in about 1 1/2 hour

Voting eligibility: Officers of the Board, committee chairs and one rep. from each branch; a quorum is 1/5 of the voting members

Devotion and Invocation: Rev. Patricia Stansfield

Devotion

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Prayers

GFS Prayer (updated): Holy and eternal God, we ask you to bless us and all of GFS. Strengthen us, protect us, and guide us with your Holy Spirit. Help us all to bear one another's burdens and to live, not for ourselves but for others as members of one family in Christ. Cleanse us from our sins, make us holy by the indwelling of your Holy Spirit, and bring us all at last to the joy of your dream society built upon love, justice and peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Agenda – Approval of Minutes

Request for Approval of Minutes from Last Board Meeting 10/18/25- sent out by email

Highlights of Minutes

- **Reports from The Firefly Program (Electrical Training) and JÓvenes Juntas Program (Movement and Dance)**
- **Successful National Assembly Trip to NYC and Summer Picnic**
- **Motions to simplify Treasurer's work – use of debit card for postage and only 1 signature on checks under $250**
- **Five Supply Scholarships Awarded**
- **Planning for World Council and Diocesan Convention**

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Agenda – Jóvenes Juntas Report







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Agenda – Jóvenes Juntas MOU Recap

Grant Provided: $20,000

Milestone Payments Made as of 10/18/25:

- 6/28/25 $6.500

Milestones for Payment 1 have been completed:

✔ Publicity, Planning and Fall Classes

Payment 2 for $3,500 to be made ASAP

Milestones for Payment 2 are:

✔ Completion of Fall Session, Winter/Spring Sessions Scheduled
Short survey of parents (recently provided by GFS)

✔ Year end report
Narrative of how the Common Goal has been met
Description of activities occurring during class
Headcount for each session
Description of achievements and challenges
Personal reflection by the teachers/director on the impact of the program on the trainees (skills, communication, relationships and emotional growth)
Accounting of expenditures, year to date

Reminder – participants in the program are eligible to apply for the Supplies for Success Scholarship for school supplies. Go to **https://gfscalifornia.org/scholarship/**

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Q & A

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Agenda – President's Report

Attended NYC Life Insurance Event celebrating Women of Impact – hosted by Alice Agyemang-Badu

Reconnected with Dr. Melissa Johnson, CEO and Founder of the Institute for Girls Development in Pasadena (our annual meeting speaker on January 20, 2018, author of Stand Up, Speak Out)

Thank you to Mary Frances, Grant Committee Chairman and the entire Grant Committee for the terrific work.

Meeting and collaborating with Klaire Harris as she comes on board as our Executive Director

Onboarding Patricia Stansfied to take over Treasurer Duties

Reconnecting with ECW-LA and ECW-Province VIII

High school seniors? Bev will make a GFS bear with ribbons in the college colors





Guest: Alice Agyemang-Badu



Dr. Melissa Johnson

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Agenda – Treasurer's Report and Budget

Notes:

- Budget was passed at the Annual Meeting in January
- Audit for 2024 and 2025 has been arranged for $1,000
- Expenditures to date primarily for:
    1. World Council Registration and Travel (Patricia Stansfield still to submit travel)
    2. Executive Director costs
    3. Grant Payments

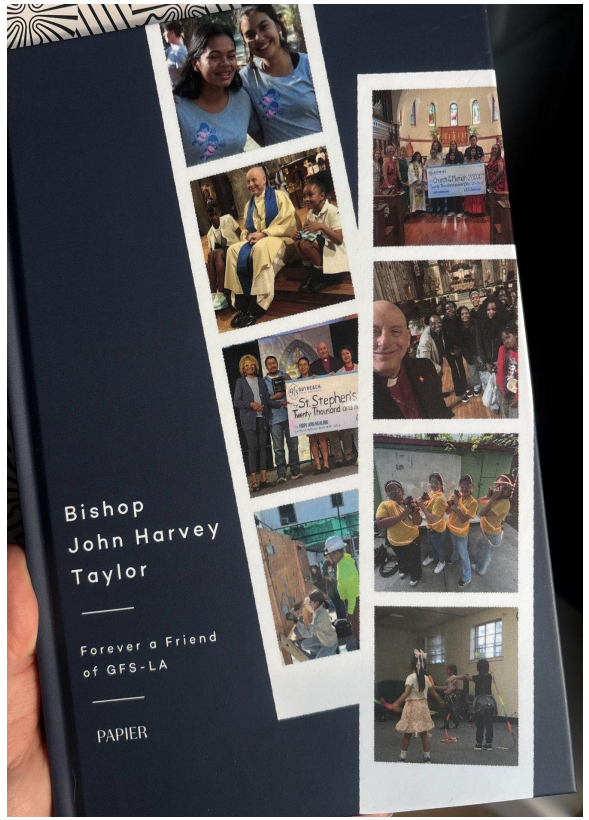
- Investment Account has increased in value

Reported by,
Margaret Nolde, acting as Treasurer

Executive Director Report – Klaire Harris

- **Diocesan & Community Relationships, continued**
- **Website and Social Media-** *SEO, Modern, & Connected*
- **Mental First Aid Responder Program- Thanks, Holly!**
- **California Report on the Status of Women & Girls**
- **Episcopal Communicators- Scholarship, IRIS partnership, Conference**
- **Gift for Bishop Taylor**

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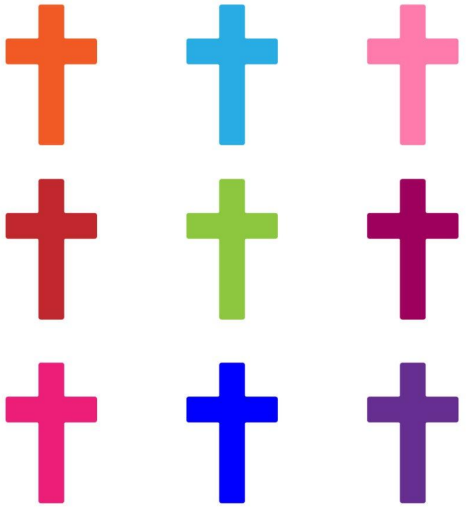
"Forever a Friend of GFS-LA"
GFS Motto on Back

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Executive Director Report- Everyone

Opportunities and Questions- ***Modernize GFS Methods?***

- Where is **girls-specific programming** most valuable/needed?
- How can GFS Outreach **reflect the population** of Southern California today?
- What is the main **strength** of GFS?
- What could **intergenerational activities** look like in your area?
- What brings your congregation/community **hope**?



Poll at end of meeting

Appendix: ED Job Description

Grant Committee – Mary Frances Ypma-Wong

- Mary Frances Ypma-Wong, Chair
- Committee Members: Martha Watson, Holly Shafer, Isabel Ertac, Sara Ertac, Anastasia Winley, Julia Wong, Klaire Harris

- 2026-2027 Grant Award to: St. Mark's Van Nuys Braiding Program

- Committee Report

- Pending Issues

Q&A

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Supplies for Success Scholarship Committee



- Violet Limo, Chair
- New Application for K-12 Members is posted to www.GFSCalifornia.org
- Announcement sent to branch leaders and grant program leaders. Please pass information on to your members
- New Application for College Students is posted to www.gfsus.org
- For college applications, the requirement for involvement during the past 2 years is very important

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Branch Reports if time permits

- Ugandan Community Church at St. Mark's Van Nuys – Joy Magala, Salome Kalule, Milly Nakafeero
- St. Joseph's, Buena Park – Helen Dyell
- St. Timothy's, Apple Valley – Violet Limo

Ambassador Committee

- Opening for a Chairperson
- Nya Thomas is serving as a member of the GFS-USA Ambassador Committee

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Fundraising for Sustainability

Sustaining Members Committee – Alex Jacobs

- **Next Appeal Letter is to fundraise in honor of Margaret Nolde's 20 years of leadership as president (but it was really a team effort!)**
- **Goal $???**
- **Augment with Facebook Fundraising**

Additional Avenues for Fundraising

- **Immersed in Worship Grant (Diocese of Los Angeles)**
- **Achieve Listing with Donor Advised Funds**
- **Paypal Giving Fund**
- **Ability to Receive Stock Donations**
- **Grants**

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Planning

- **Executive Director Annual Review – November**
- **GFS-USA Participation**
- Meeting on May 30 at 7 am
- Participation in National Committees – pending information on committees from GFS-USA
- Sedinam Gadzekpo serving on GFS-USA Scholarship Committee
- Nya Thomas serving on GFS-USA Ambassador Committee
- **World Council Attendance**
- Registration Fees are paid
- Travel and Insurance for Margaret and Klaire has been paid. Patricia's request is pending
- Other costs will be minimal – travel to airport and small gifts
- **Recruitment of Directors-at-Large for Board**
- **Looking ahead**
- Installation of Rev. Dr. Antonio Gallardo Lucena as 8th Bishop of the Diocese of Los Angeles – July 11, 2026
- Fall Board Meeting
- Diocesan Convention – November 13 and 14, 2026

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Final Notes and Adjournment



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