

**“Cross Notes”: Words and Prayers enclosed in  
The Chanco Davenport Spirit Center Processional Cross  
June 2022**

This processional cross was made in 2022 by Fred M Alligood Jr of Midlothian, VA for the Davenport Spirit Center at Chanco on the James, Spring Grove, Virginia. Fred and his wife, Mary Carter Sale Alligood had two children, Anne Hassell Alligood Bryson and Frederick Carter Alligood, who attended Chanco at its original location in the 1970's and 80's. Fred and Mary's grandchildren, Sarah Carter Alligood, Andrew Brooks Alligood, Warren Haynes Bryson, Virginia Nicole Bryson, and Charles William Bryson attended Chanco during the first three decades of the 21st century. The design of the cross is based on the processional cross of the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, Midlothian, VA; the home parish of the Alligoods for 55 years in 2022.

*Fred M Alligood Jr.*  
*June 2022*

Everything I learned, I learned at Chanco on the James...and, with the help of the Most Rev. Michael Curry, who once in a dark time, shared, “Our ideals, values, principles, and dreams of beloved community matter. They matter because they divide us beyond service of self alone, to commitment to the greater good of us all. They matter because they give us an actual picture of God’s reign of love, and a reason to struggle and make it real. They matter to our lives as people of faith. They matter to our life in civil society. They matter to our life as a nation and as a world. Our values matter!” And he goes on to remind us that each generation must continue to do the evolving work. At Chanco, we are not about one day years ago; no, we are many days, many people, many readings, many songs, many prayers – many moments. Once woven together with the Holy Spirit – the Spirit of Chanco – we know we live these values of God’s love in us and in our world, our work, our families, our friends, our enemies, our laws, OUR moments. We believe in this love, in this place, in this time – our time. But for the coming of new leaders, campers, spiritual friends listening for God’s work – that you will always cherish and believe in this beloved community. *My brothers, my sisters, God love you, God bless you, and may God hold us all in those almighty hands of love.*

– **Nancy LeCuyer Beach, Board President 2018-2022**

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Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace. (BCP p. 101) As this cross is raised in the sight of all who gather on these holy grounds under the shadow of your wings, may it be an emblem of your radical love and all-encompassing salvation for your beloved world.

The Rt. Rev. Susan B. Haynes  
XI Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia

Chanco: a place where the friendships last forever, the Holy Spirit is evident in creation, God’s love is shared, and we learn to trust ourselves. But, without the people this place is just a bunch of sticks.

“We do not inherit the Earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children.” – Proverb, unknown origin

So, I pray that we may be good stewards of this place until the time comes to pass the baton to the next generation and am grateful to the generations who have come before.

-Gareth Kalfas, Chanco Executive Director 2013-present

May all who carry this cross, worship in this space, + set foot in these magical forests come to know God (more), connect with lifelong friendships, be enriched, and be blessed always. May they always KNOW the cherished children of God that they are.

Love In Christ, Talley Sale Banazek  
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