

Campus Ministry Report

'Behold I am making all things new'

These words from the Revelation of John always resonate in the world of campus ministry where communities dissolve and reform every year. These words are also true as chaplains in good faith seek proclaiming the gospel in ways that often must be more creative than dogmatic. The campus ministries supported by the Diocese of California contend daily with some of the nation's most secular campuses and with students facing no shortage of distractions, yet the constant renewal of our ministries are proof of the promise of the new creation.

The campus ministry of the Ec House at San Francisco state is both new and old. The continued ministry of the Rev. Deacon Nancy Pennekamp reflects many years of faithful non-judgmental witness at the heart of the campus. At the same time the board of Ec House called the Rev. Sandra Sanders-West from the UMC tradition to take on the unique challenges of a large urban campus community. Sandra brings a deep spirituality formed by connections throughout her life with a wide range of Christian traditions including the Episcopal Church. As programming takes a new shape it continues to build off the strong foundation of the intentional residential community at the Ec House that forms the core of the ministry.

The Canterbury Board of Stanford University took the strong step of increasing the chaplaincy there to $\frac{3}{4}$ time. The Rev. Andy Shamel enters his second year as chaplain and continues the partnership there with the ELCA while strengthening the Episcopal presence on campus. The Episcopal Lutheran Campus Ministry includes students, faculty, and staff from a wide variety of faith backgrounds. ELCM's common life is centered around a tuesday evening dinner-discussion and worship throughout the week. New this year is an evening Eucharist including a conversational homily and dinner afterwards. ELCM also goes on retreat three times a year and participates in service projects and the annual Stanford Ascension Day service.

Berkeley Canterbury continues in the fourth year of partnership with the ELCA in a collaboration known as University Chapel. The primary mission of University Chapel is providing a spiritual home to students where they can engage in 'ancient ritual, sacred story, and hopeful faith.' The worshiping aspect centers around a weekly evening worship and dinner coordinated by Tom Poyner, Episcopal Chaplain and the Rev. Jeff Johnson of the ELCA. The campus ministry also explores partnerships with campus residential life officers and ecumenical and interfaith projects for justice. This year University Chapel is also exploring broader faith and justice ministry programs through the work of the Guadalupe Art Project and the Tony Blair Faith Foundation. Students from the campus ministry are active on all levels of the church as well with current students serving on vestries, diocesan committees and attendance at provincial and national events.

Even as campus ministry grows, holds fast to the ancient and renews we always need your support. So give generously to the Big Gain. Don't know what it is? Then ask.