

Campus Ministries Report to Diocesan Convention 2015

This has been a year of community development and holy gathering at the campus ministries of the diocese. Supported by the diocesan budget and the generosity of alumni, parents, and those who are excited to see Christian community fostered on these three world-class universities, the diocese's campus ministries are places where students meet one another and Christ in challenging and sacred fellowship.

Ec House at San Francisco State University has had an exciting year welcoming its new senior chaplain, Sandra Sanders-West. They have begun a collaboration with two new partners: the Korean United Methodist Church and Temple United Methodist Church, and look forward to bringing in new participants and to be planning ecumenical worship with other San Francisco churches. A highlight of the past year was their outreach to the students and staff at SFSU on Ash Wednesday, when Ec House's three female pastors walked the campus and blessed students and staff with ashes on their forehead to remember the season of Lent. Ec House's welcome party was attended by close to 150 students, and student residents of the ministry house enjoyed sharing their stories with them. As they continue to engage the greater student body, through tabling, Ec House's mission is to increase awareness and invite further engagement and participation as we strive to spread the good news and build disciples for the transformation of the world.

Continuing their on-campus partnership with University Lutheran Church, the ministry of Stanford Canterbury Foundation continues to grow and build a rich, ecumenical community grounded in our theological and liturgical traditions. The community is centered around our weekly Bread & Belonging dinner discussions and our shared worship during the week and on Sundays. The evening Eucharist community which began last year has grown in this new school year, and it is becoming a center around which transformational ministry and leadership is gathering. ECLM was honored to welcome The Rev. Becca Stevens to our annual Ascension Day liturgy in the spring, engaging many students' desire to live out the gospel by way of working for justice and peace. As student and clergy leadership continue to learn the particular dynamics of Stanford's religious ecosystem and culture, ECLM is finding new ways to engage the community and to bring the Gospel to a campus that is very secular but high in enthusiasm and energy for making the world a better place.

University Chapel - the Episcopal/Lutheran Campus Ministry at UC Berkeley had a full year of ministry presence with both grad and undergrad students at Cal. Activities in the past academic year included midweek Eucharist and lunch for students on campus, morning prayer, bible study, the ever popular Advent feast and caroling party, and a festive dinner celebrating all the transitions from our community. Additionally we had one confirmation and two representatives at the Province VIII college conference in Tempe, Arizona. Fall semester of 2015 features hosting the monthly NightSong event at which Bishop Marc offers a special teaching followed by a time of Taizé prayer and fellowship around food. Beginning in November we will supplement this with a student lead services of choral compline or choral evensong and candlelit labyrinth walk.

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