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a newsletter for friends and supporters of the Episcopal Campus Ministry to UC Berkeley

Advent 2010

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On October 4 the restoration of the Canterbury House will begin, helping to support ministry and saving our historic property.
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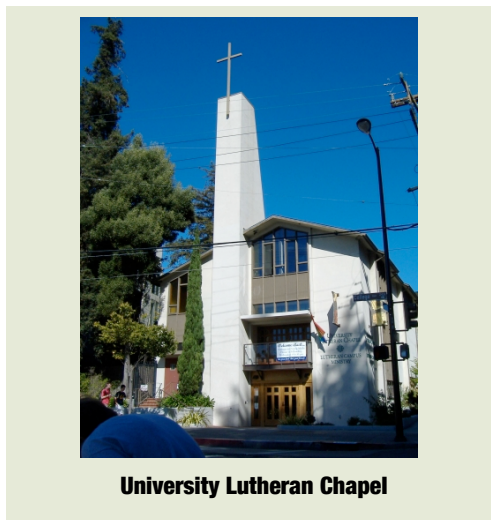
In the past year three long serving board members retired from the Canterbury Board. Their invaluable contributions will be much missed.

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Episcopal/ Lutheran Ministry begins at Cal.

Beginning in August the campus ministries of the Episcopal and ELCA churches began an exploratory partnership with intent towards greater cooperation between our two communions.

August 29th, during the warm weather at the start of the semester, witnessed the start of a new idea long overdue. The University Lutheran Chapel welcomed Lutheran students, Episcopal students



University Lutheran Chapel

and curious seekers with a cook-out, live music and warm hospitality. Area Episcopal parishes contributed side dishes, beverages, grill workers and smiling faces. Music came from the All Soul's Parish Angel Band and the Pentacles - a surfer rock band led by Good Shepherd parishioner and recent Berkeley PhD Jeff Halley. The music and festivities at a busy intersection gave a new face of life and energy to campus ministries at Cal.

Thursday Open Space and Dinner.

Beginning the following week a small team conducted the first of our regular Thursday worships. Combining elements from traditional Evensong, a quiet time of reflection on the lectionary leads to "open space" in which participants are invited to contemplate the gospel through film, pray through icons (with explanatory notes), knead bread for the next week's communion, walk the labyrinth or reflect on the various creeds of the church. Worshipers may also simply sit in quiet meditation. After the open space, all are called to the table and participate in Holy Communion. After the worship there is a dinner prepared by the multi-talented Jeff Halley.

More plans for the future.

Even as the semester concluded with our final Thursday service and a Christmas caroling party the following Tuesday, a team of students and chaplains are making plans to plot the next steps. In the spring we plan deeper involvement in offering spiritual tools with daily value for students while building on the strong foundation of our open space worship this fall. Berkeley is a vibrant and challenging place for campus ministry, this combined effort shows an exciting path forward.



Meet a Student.

Each issue of Telegraph will focus on one of the students in the campus ministry. Learn more about the face of the Episcopal Church at Cal and pray for all students at Berkeley as well as continued outreach and connection with students at Berkeley. This month's student is Chon Winger, a graduating senior in math. Chon is from Roseville, California.

What has Canterbury meant to you?

Canterbury allowed me a place to intellectually discuss my faith. Many churches prefer to keep bible study and discussion superficial without wrestling with difficult theology. If they do [discuss theology] it tends to be a one-sided discussion more like a sermon than a study. Canterbury was neither of these, allowing people to discuss and debate their own understandings and interpretations while at the same time listening to others and delving into deeper and more intellectual engagement of scripture. I very much related to this approach and so Canterbury really attracted me.

What does it mean to be a Christian at Cal?

Being a Christian is defined no differently at Cal than anywhere else, however, living as a Christian in Berkeley comes with different challenges. One must be open-minded and respectful of different perspectives. At the same time it requires strong faith in the face of an academic community that increasingly convinces itself that God cannot exist in a rational society. To be a successful Christian at Cal, one cannot simply accept faith as status-quo, but must wrestle with it open-mindedly. One must have a reasoned faith rather than an accepted one.

What would you say to an incoming first year at Cal?

The biggest advice I could give an incoming student is to get involved! While the college experience is largely academic, this environment is useless and stale without a good community to share it with. I would advise against only relating with like minded thinkers. My greatest friendships and growth came from discussions with people who understood the world differently from myself. Bubbles are made to be broken! (cont. on pg 4)



Heraldry for Campus Ministry.

An ancient means of identifying churches and agencies finds new life as a symbol and identity for campus ministry in the future.

In Fall of 2009 the Episcopal chaplain approached Sewanee professor Dr. Waring McCrady about designing a shield for the campus ministry to Cal. McCrady has a long history of involvement with education and ministry in the Episcopal Church. He served on numerous liturgical committees including the 1979 BCP and the 1982 Hymnal doing much translation and writing of verses for hymns including verse 4 of "Once in Royal David's City". Additionally McCrady was selected as official herald of the Episcopal Church. As such he has designed many shields for parishes and dioceses of the Episcopal church working creatively through the simple but symbolic language of color and design.

For Canterbury, Dr. McCrady began with the shield of the Anglican philosopher, Bishop Berkeley for whom the town of Berkeley is named. This is the portion of the shield including the chevron and crosslets. Below the shield the device of a radiating star was incorporated referencing the star used by UC in both its shield and seal. The star is connected to the motto "fiat lux" or Let there be light taken from the vulgate version of Genesis. Bishop Berkeley's shield was rendered in a very un-Cal red and silver so the shield was re-colored in more appropriate blue and gold.

A motto picking up on but not copying the university motto was selected from the vulgate bible. This text illustrates Canterbury as a beacon and guiding star to those seekers on campus looking for a home.

The new heraldry offers a connection with the particular associations of UC Berkeley and the Episcopal church with the university while connecting us to the long past and traditions of our Anglican heritage. Through this poetry of color we have a device that connotes our commitment to campus ministry continuing for generation upon generation of future Cal students.



The Big Gain - Fundraising and support for the Future!

Transitioning away from a house based ministry means a return to seeking support and connection to Episcopal parishes and alumnae of Berkeley. An old rivalry provides a fun new way to raise money for campus ministry.

Each year football fans and supporters of Cal and Stanford await the opportunity to compete for the axe and the glory of having bested their peninsular rival. Recognizing this spirit of good natured competition, the Rev. John Sutton - Berkeley Canterbury board president - proposed competing in the "Big Gain" to take place in conjunction with the big game between the two universities.

Each campus ministry pitted alumnae and supporters in a competition to raise the most money for their respective campus ministry. The winning ministry in terms of dollar amounts gets the honor of keeping "The ACTS", a plaque with the name of the winning university and a replica of the book of Acts, as a sign of their victory. Ultimately though, campus ministry is the winner.

This year the Acts goes to Berkeley Canterbury which raised over \$4300. Following the announcement of the results, Stanford chaplain - Pastor Greg Schaeffer said "it's on for next year".

Berkeley Canterbury welcomes the challenge and looks forward to a new tradition in the already storied legacies of Cal and Stanford.

but donations are still valued...

Although the official competition is over and "the Acts" is the property of Canterbury at Cal for the next year it is never too late to make a donation or memorial gift. Your contribution will be directly applied towards providing meals, financial assistance, conference registration or coffee for one of the students involved in our programs. You can rest assured that money given to Canterbury will always be money well spent in a student's life.

Canterbury House Renovation commenced October 4.

On October 4, coincidentally the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, remodeling work began on the former boarding houses of 2334 Bancroft Way. The buildings, dating to 1902, will be completely overhauled and reconfigured for student housing. Originally built as four family units, the houses are unique examples of late Victorian domestic architecture in that part of Berkeley. Designed as family dwellings, the floor plan had proved challenging as student housing from the earliest days of the Episcopal programs there in the '60's.

An additional challenge of the building was maintenance. Minutes from the first years of the board of the Berkeley Canterbury Foundation (BCF) attest to structural problems, plaster falling out and general poor conditions. The years were not any more kind. After assessing the impracticality of a church lead renovation effort, BCF decided contracting with an independent developer for a long term ground lease was the best course of action for the Canterbury Program. In October of 2009, after hearing numerous proposals, the board of BCF elected to proceed with the Berkeley firm of Hudson McDonald (HM). HM maintains a strong record of solid design, conscientious construction methods, reliable business negotiation and commitment to the city of Berkeley. The most noted project in the last year from HM is the Trader Joe's and apartment complex at the intersection of Martin Luther King and University in Berkeley. Working with architect Kirk Petersen, this building maintains the craftsman and neo-classical designs of Berkeley architecture while providing a commercial hub that supports walking and public transportation.

Why an outside firm? Why not the church?

In the process of deciding the future use of the property many people wondered why BCF or the diocese of California did not undertake the renovation directly. First, the buildings required a minimum of \$750,000 and more like over \$1,000,000 to be brought to a safe and comfortable standard of living for students. Beyond cosmetic things needed for the building such as new paint, more serious issues presented were: no seismic retrofit on the original 1902 foundation, no interior sprinklers, fire escapes on the second floor passed through shower rooms which were subject to being locked from the inside, wiring that was insufficient for 18 residents and minimal security in an area long subjected to petty crime.

Additionally, 45 years of running a residential program witnessed many changes in campus ministry in Berkeley. In the 1960's when the BCF was incorporated and the building was first used by the church, Canterbury Houses across the country were a kind of Episcopal clubhouse. Rectors would inform the chaplain that they had a student coming

to Cal and hoped they might live in the Canterbury House. The decline of formation ministries in parishes for children and youth, general secularization and less "brand loyalty" saw a decline in students who identified as Episcopalian coming to Berkeley or living in the Canterbury House. Over time how to fill the house would often become an important question and often determined the nature of what kind of ministry was offered. Board minutes indicate that approximately every 10 years the program changed direction dramatically, always connected with the best way to attract residents. Mission became a harder thing to determine independent of the house. This led to a bifurcated campus ministry in which the chaplain was both landlord, property manager, plumber, program overseer (with students completely disconnected from the church) and campus minister.

Additionally, changes in the nature of housing at Berkeley impacted the feasibility of undertaking the renovation. In the 1990's UC undertook a process of greatly enhancing undergraduate housing options. The dramatic shortage of dorm space which had allowed non-university housing programs to thrive began to disappear. Many non-university programs are struggling currently to fill beds. High construction costs and the loans incurred require higher rents and less of selectivity of students for a program.

The bishop and the board of Canterbury both agreed that overseeing a housing program as part of funding ministry was distracting and ultimately damaging to campus ministry. The high price of monthly rent needed to pay off loans would prevent selecting students interested in living in Christian community and inevitably being a landlord would trump pastoral concerns for residents. Finally, the Canterbury House had long provided an illusion of independent finances for the campus ministry. Over time this led to an erosion of connection with the broader Episcopal church. Parishes were often uninformed of the actions of their campus and the donor base was non-existent.

What does this mean for the future?

Immediately Episcopal campus ministry at Berkeley must find a new home. The combined ministry with the ELCA program alleviates a large portion of the space concern. No longer being responsible for residential concerns also opens doors for refocusing ministry to UC students.

The long term ground lease means BCF and the church retain ownership of the property with legal assurance that in 75 years the property returns to the church in completely maintained condition. The lease period insures regular income for the program with a agreed upon process for rate increase every five years based on a set percentage and the Net Operating Income. Though the money from this lease process will not fully fund ministry it does ensure a strong foundation for campus ministry

over the coming years. This income, combined with the diocesan support enables most of the professional expenses for a full-time chaplain which then frees the ministry to develop programs and invite participation through financial contribution from the parishes and agencies of the Episcopal church, a participation that supports strong programs, teaching and pastoral care for Berkeley students now and across the years.

Three Board Members retire from BCF

The past year witnessed the retirement of two long time members of the BCF board. **Alda Marsh Morgan** retired in the winter of 2010. Alda began her association with campus ministry as a student of St. Margaret's House in Berkeley. Over the years her support of campus ministry never failed and through changes and chaplains she unceasingly offered support, prayer, compassion and concern for the chaplain and students of Canterbury House. Though she has formally retired from the board, Alda remains an advocate for campus ministry, her years of service are invaluable and are appreciated deeply. **The Rev. C. Robbins Clark** began working with Canterbury when she assumed the role of rector of St. Mark's parish in the 90's. One of the early female ordinands of the Episcopal Church, an alumna of CDSP and Robbin has been a consistent leader in affairs with Canterbury. In her last years on the board Robbin served as president, overseeing the transition from a house based ministry. Though Robbin's organizational skills are considerable, perhaps her greatest contribution to Canterbury was the witness of selfless service. Whether hosting a dinner at her house, staying late to wash dishes after a ministry event or sweeping the floor for a student brunch Robbin was a reliable friend, helping hand and witness to the teaching of Christ - "whoever wants to be great among you must be your servant." Though Robbin's support will be missed we all rejoice with her for the much deserved rest and new adventures to come in her life. **Mr. John Danielson** John brought to the board the rare combination of keen financial and organizational skills and a deep passion for ministry to students, particularly undergraduates. As part of the transition process, John devoted countless hours to Canterbury organizing records. In order to move forward as a foundation, John clarified many long-standing mysteries in the files. Though always understated in manner and words John's presence in meetings provided constant assurance and his words were always measured wisdom. In the midst of dark and confusing times the board could always count on John to see clearly and articulate the best paths forward always holding the mission and ministry of the church up as the supreme task of Berkeley Canterbury Foundation. His insight and friendship are valued deeply.

fiat lux - the chaplain's thoughts

At a dark time of the year when there is little positive news to be heard we must continue to remember what it meant when we heard the words of St. John at Christmas -the light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

The campus is filled once again with students after a holiday break that probably seemed all too short. Their return is clouded by the uncertainties of the new budget. College life always has its struggles but the financial situation continues to take a toll on the UC system and the Berkeley community. This dark news comes on top of a fall semester that was full of challenges for the campus. Faculty and staff daily struggle with the issues of job security and how the cuts will impact their lives. Students live in

uncertainty about the value of their degree, whether favorite professors will still be here and if there will be a job after they graduate. Additionally the increases of tuition and other costs associated with Cal make it difficult for students to make day to day decisions. For many, just getting a decent meal is hard.

This past fall saw the still present reality that life can be difficult for LGBT students all across the country even in Berkeley. Finally the continued uncertainty over the status

of undocumented students enrolled in UC makes for an additional stress in untold lives.

For many first years, the optimism of August gets tempered by the realities of a diverse and complex environment. Each year these complex realities become larger as students struggle between leading a fulfilling life and simply trying to ensure that they have a future.

Campus ministry is never an easy calling and the days when chaplaincies were full with ready and excited students are long gone. A different climate

has taken hold. Most students matriculating at Cal have lived with the reality of being constantly connected through such media as texting, instant messenger, twitter and facebook. The world in which they move has been forever altered from the one that most of us know.

In spite of connectivity the need for community remains. Sociologist Mark Granovetter has observed that most of the new media networks, such as facebook, are based on and thrive because of shallow bonds between

people. While great for sharing ideas and news they are not great for building movements that make an impact. A campus ministry remains the most important tool and place for the lives of students. We can offer community, home, tools for learning about following one's passion and finally the reality - the light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it. Thank you for your prayers and your support - together we will provide the great gift of our faith - hope.

Taizé prayer at UC Berkeley

In the midst of the dark days of World War II, a young protestant seminarian from Switzerland had a vision of a monastic community devoted to reconciliation. This community would be bound by simplicity and prayer and would transcend the centuries old divisions of Christianity. The seminarian eventually was known as Brother Roger and the community named after a small Burgundian village is known worldwide as a movement and style of prayer - Taizé. After the earliest days the brothers realized they had a calling to welcome young adults, a calling which opened the doors to as many as 8000 young adults in one week.



At the request of Adam Crawley, a grad student in public health, an alumnus of Episcopal campus ministry at the University of Rhode Island and a veteran of two trips to Taizé, we began exploring founding an ecumenical and weekly Taizé prayer in Berkeley. There are numerous Taizé prayer services in the area but few adhere to the simple style of Taizé, meet regularly or have the purpose of being an intentional community.

After an exploratory e-mail from the Canterbury Chaplain to other programs, there was a response from the chaplain at Westminster House, the Rev. Dr. Carol Miles. It was decided that Westminster provides a space close to campus that has a history of being an ecumenical location and thus the best place to hold the weekly prayer. A small but dedicated group met each week for about 45 minutes to sing, pray and sit in silence. Occasionally we would break the bread of communion and also share a meal afterwards. In the spring we hope to spread the message more broadly - there is room for prayer and peace in a crowded life, in a world that calls for division we offer reconciliation. For more about Taizé visit www.taize.fr

Meet a Student - cont. from pg 2

What is your biggest excitement about graduating?

Although the uncertainty of graduation is a little frightening, it is also very exciting. I personally like the idea that I could go or be anywhere one year from now. I see this as a chance to actively choose where I can go or who I want to be without the immediate pressure of duty or responsibility.

What's next?

After college I will be joining the ranks of the gainfully unemployed! I will be looking for work in the areas of mathematical modeling and scientific computing (although I'm open to other exciting areas as well). Eventually I hope to settle down with my beautiful girlfriend Jessica, preferably in the San Diego area, and in a few years start graduate school.

Our prayers and support go with Chon into his new life. He will be missed in Canterbury gatherings but we look forward to hearing where the future will take him.

Do you know a student at Cal, a student who is coming to Cal or a high school student considering Berkeley. Please let the chaplain know that he can make an effort to provide a welcoming presence for their university experience.

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