

Campus ministry report for the Diocese of California 2016-2017
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The Diocese of California continues to support campus ministries in three very different fields of mission. Each week students gather and are fed in body and soul, form new friendships, and commit to justice and the baptismal covenant.

EC House – the campus ministry to San Francisco State, continues to offer a ministry of affordable housing to SF State students and also through this house they offer a warm space for meals, worship, community, and opened their doors throughout the last year for regular neighborhood block parties. EC house students could be found regularly standing up for marginalized communities and offering positive examples of the Good News to students on campus. Pastor Sandra Sanders-West announced a transition from her dynamic work with EC house. The ministry is excited to announce the new ministry of the Rev. Hannah Cornthwaite, an Episcopal priest.

Stanford Canterbury continued and strengthened numerous ministries in the last year including the weekly ecumenical bread and belonging gathering and Sunday and midweek celebrations of the Eucharist. The chaplain, the Rev. Andy Shamel, could be found on campus for lunch as well as offering student bible studies. Through Andy's guidance, students were also able to design and implement creative experiences that utilized the entire Stanford campus to bring students into greater contemplation of the Christian faith. The campus ministry also has hosted notable speakers including the well known-alumna, the Most Rev. Katherine Jefferts-Schori. Chaplain Shamel departed at the conclusion of the academic year to continue study at the University of Oxford. Though he will be missed, Andy left a strong foundation for the continued witness of the church to Palo Alto. The ministry is beginning its search for a new chaplain.

UC Berkeley Canterbury also faced a transition this year but one of location. After three years of collaboration with University Lutheran Chapel, the chaplaincy returned to its original home at St. Mark's just across from campus. The ministry concluded its first full year of funding from a \$100,000 grant received from the Eli Lilly Foundation. This money has allowed the program to hold weekly choral evensong with a group of four paid student singers. This event is always followed by a time of food and fellowship. Additionally Berkeley Canterbury hosted two events that connected the campus with the cloister. The annual candlemas celebration brought UC Berkeley professors from multiple religious traditions into conversation with Bishop Marc about the role of faith in the historic and modern university. The spring symposium recognized the bicentennial of Jane Austen's death with a special event highlighting the role of faith in Jane Austen's life and works. Academics from across the country joined in this lively conversation.

Both Stanford and Berkeley had attendees at the annual province VIII college gathering.

Finally, leaders from the boards of Berkeley and Stanford Canterbury broke new ground in laying the foundation for a larger diocesan level board that would support not only these two ministries but eventually expand the reach and capacity of the diocese towards college students throughout the Bay Area.