

## Campus Ministry

Rt. Rev. Sir and Delegates:

It is again an honor and privilege to make my report as Coordinator for Campus Ministry and Chair of the Campus Ministry Committee. I am indebted beyond all ability to adequately express my appreciation to those who have served on the Committee this past year: Karen Horney, Jonathan Frazier, Anne Kyle, Jerry Miller, Al Jewson, Ezgi Saribay, Todd Bruce, Allin Sorenson, Channing Horner, Mary Elizabeth Bradley, Pat Schreiner, Walker Adams, Sam Mason, and Larry Lewis.

In March the Committee sponsored a retreat for students. The retreat was held at Rivendell and was led by Jason Sierra who is part of the Church Center Staff and charged with ministry with college students and young adults. Mr. Sierra, who had been the presenter at the fall 2009 Campus Ministry Workshop, again provided dynamic and gracious leadership and ministry.

In September, the Rev. Sandra Mizirl led the fall 2010 workshop. The Rev. Mizirl is the Province 7 Coordinator for Campus Ministry. The workshop dealt with a variety of topics, but foremost was the transition now being made among campus ministers from a mentality of chaplaincy to one of mission. In her own ministry as the campus minister at Texas A&M, Sandi's title is "Missioner". I wish to thank The Rev. Sam Mason, Rector and the people of Trinity, Independence for hosting us.

At the beginning of 2010, Campus Ministry received a grant of \$10,000 from the Higher Education Department at Church Center. This grant has been used to assist in providing stipends to persons called to be Interns and Campus Ministers at various parish-based campus ministries. These persons provide 10 hours of ministry each week throughout the diocese. Reports from those sites and other appear later in this report.

During the past year I attended a Province 7 workshop hosted by the Diocese of Texas and I attended the annual Episcopal Campus Ministers Conference held this year in Athens, Georgia.

I was accompanied to Texas by Elizabeth Belcher, Campus Minister from St. Mary's, Fayette to Central Methodist University and by Ezgi Saribay, Campus Intern from St. John's to Drury University. Beth Belcher also accompanied me to Athens.

This is my final report to you as Coordinator and Chair of the Campus Ministry Committee. As I said at the beginning of the report, it has indeed been an honor to have served in these positions. I am grateful to all those who have worked so very hard to develop campus ministries in the Diocese of West Missouri.

While we are far from having "arrived", a platform has been constructed. This platform is our opportunity upon which to forge a truly wonderful and extensive ministry with those whose journeys traverse places of higher education.

The following are reports and information on individual parish-based campus ministries:

### **St. John's Church, Springfield (Drury University, Evangel University)**

Ms. Ezgi Saribay continues to serve as Campus Intern from St. John's to Drury University. She shares information regarding her ministry there including a Canterbury Club which aims to gather college students and introduce them to the Episcopal Church. Ms. Saribay reports that: We plan weekly events throughout each semester. This year we are meeting Tuesday Nights at 8pm on campus for a meal and social activities. Canterbury Club has 10 people regularly participating throughout the semester. Our September 2010 kick off event was a pizza party and Wii tournament on campus. Some of our activities this semester will include trivia nights, a Hallowe'en candy making party, mini-golf outing, and Christmas Card Writing to nursing home residents.

The Canterbury Club welcomes to college students to a unique and authentic experience of the Episcopal Church and provides them a safe place to talk about their life with God.

## **Christ Church, Springfield (Missouri State University, Ozarks Technical Community College, Drury University, Evangel University)**

Campus Ministry via Christ Church in Springfield is principally a table fellowship that concludes with Evening Prayer or Compline. It is led by The Rev. Jonathan Frazier and Ms. Emily Biagioni with the assistance of Mrs. Ann Frazier. Students come from Missouri State University, Ozarks Technical Community College, Drury University, and one from Evangel University. Fr. Frazier is a member of the Campus Ministers Association at Missouri State, an ecumenical group in which he and a Chinese Presbyterian pastor conceived a special luncheon for Chinese and Korean students in the fall of 2010. Twenty-seven students attended and there are plans for a celebration of the Chinese New Year in 2011. Fr. Frazier has been invited to three meetings with gay and lesbian students at Missouri State in which they have the opportunity to ask questions and share their experiences in other denominations. Some of the regularly attending students have reached out for pastoral care, marriage preparation, and vocational discernment.

### **St. Mary's, Fayette (Central Methodist University)**

#### **Fall 2009/Spring 2010**

- Developed a name (Women Gathered in Faith – WGF) and logo for our ladies' group
- Created a half sheet schedule of WGF meetings and activities to pass out and hang up around campus
- Continued Wednesday afternoon discussion group held on campus – attendance 5-8
- Incorporated a “Food & Fun Night” - one time a month
  - Held in the Bishop's Hall at St. Mary's
  - Food included: “From the grill”, “Pasta Night”, “Taco Night”, “Italian Night”, etc.
  - Activities included: Carving pumpkins (a couple of the girls had never done this), Baked Christmas cut out cookies, purchased icing and colored sugars to decorate with children at Coyote Hill (home for abuse and neglected children), Baking sugar cookies – half were packaged, tagged and given to ladies that do not attend as an invitation, the other half were packaged, tagged and delivered to one of the long term care facilities in town.
- “Finals Dinner” held before finals December & May
  - Includes: Dinner, door prizes (spring semester \$ for this was donated by a non-member of the church), activity and “Final Survival Kits” (pens, pencils, highlighters, post-its, snack food, candy, Gatorade + a little something silly or fun – donated by the members of St. Mary's)
- Valentine's Day gathering/dinner at the Mexican Restaurant – small goodies bags provided
- Dinner and Movie in Columbia
- Volunteered as a group for the CMU Service Day held in April – Biscuits and Gravy, fruit, juice and coffee were offered to those who volunteered and arrived early to the meeting spot (Bishop's Hall).
- As work permits, attending the CMU chapel held on Tuesday's at 10am

#### **Summer 2010**

- Bishop's Hall Remodeled
- Contact with the ladies as they wanted or needed
- Lunch with a WGF alumni and current student when they were in town

#### **Fall 2010**

- Bishop's Hall "Reveal Day" – Welcome back gifts and goodies provided
- Wednesday afternoon discussion group continued – now at St. Mary's Bishop Hall, attendance 7-10
- "Food & Fun Night" continued – September: "Pasta Night" & Movie, 19 ladies attended
- Developing a Facebook Fan page – 20 friends at last count
- Designing a T-shirt with WGF logo and Episcopal Shield
- Discussing possible outreach projects group could do in the community
- As work permits, attending the CMU chapel held on Tuesday's at 10am

### **St. Paul's, Kansas City (KCAI, UMKC, Rockhurst, Local Medical Schools)**

The Rev. Todd Bruce filed the following report: Claire Gardner-Dale, a junior at UMKC from Columbia, is the student leader of Canterbury KC this year. We have about 15 students, undergrads and grads, at UMKC, KCAI, Rockhurst, and all three of the local medical schools. We're focusing mostly on building relationships and on Sunday morning worship, but Claire has planned a coffee get-together in October, and we hope to start a Bible study soon, too.

Sadly missing is mention of the exquisite ministry Todd has had to young adults in the Westport area. While with work is not specifically Campus Ministry, it is sacramental of the Rev. Bruce's gifts for bringing the Episcopal Church, St. Paul's, and the prophetic message of God's love to these persons. We in this diocese are indeed blessed by Todd.

### **All Saints' Church, Nevada (Cottey College)**

Campus Ministry at All Saints' Church, Nevada focuses on meeting the needs of young adults attending Cottey College. We kicked off the 2010-11 school year by reaching out to young adults at the Annual Cottey picnic for first year students. "Journey of Faith & Discovery" is the theme for this year. Students were given St. Christopher Medals to remind them that they are on a journey of faith and self discovery. A Facebook page for All Saints' Church continues to be an excellent way for inviting college students and young adults to events and maintaining contact with them. Monthly dinners and special events are provided for the students in which they can interact with each other and the larger church community. Study Packs and Care Packages are provided during stressful times, such as finals week. Practical help, such as providing bicycles to students for transportation are also part of our ministry. The 2010-11 school year will offer more opportunities for college student to participate in service and outreach to others. One project, currently being considered, is a multi-week music/art experience for middle school children, led by college students. Susan Beeman, Louise Lunkenheimer, and Fr. Ted Estes take the lead on this parish-based campus ministry.

### **All Saints', West Plains (Missouri State-West Plains)**

All Saints' continues to have a ministry with the students who participate in the activities of the Single Parent Resource Center of the University. This Center, which is housed in All Saints' rectory, is an invaluable opportunity for single parent students. During 2010 the Center has been aided by a \$40,000 UTO grant. I am grateful to ECW president Judy Turner and to Pat Rudy, UTO Diocesan Coordinator for their assistance in acquiring the grant. Great thanksgiving is also made to The Rev. Dr. Craig Klein who as then Dean for Academic Affairs at the University was central to the writing of the grant (I should note that Dr. Klein is now Academic Dean at State Fair Community College: Our loss is Calvary and Sedalia's tremendous gain).

All Saints' continues its ministry with the Center by providing financial assistance for programs, events and individual student needs.

All Saints' is grateful to the diocesan Congregational Development Committee-Rural and Small Town Context for an Initiatives Grant provided to augment the congregation's mission to the Center. This grant is providing materials being used by Anne Kyle, BSN, RN for a series of sessions on parenting and health education.

In the near future the congregation plans to employ a Campus Minister who will develop a meals program to be held on a weekly basis.

### **Trinity, Marshall (Missouri Valley College)**

This past Spring Larry Maxwell has been appointed Campus Minister from Trinity to the students of Missouri Valley College. Thus far he has met regularly with students in a variety of venues & activities. Larry is especially gifted in ministry to students from outside the United States. Larry participates with students involved in the FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) and leads chapel worship.

### **St. John's, Neosho (Crowder College)**

Again this year I give thanks for the ministry of Vicki Hanna who lovingly and passionately makes the Episcopal Church present for the students of Crowder College. Throughout the school year Vicki participates in a variety of campus activities. She has kindly included me each year in events beginning and ending the academic year. I have been gratified to have been invited and touched by the quality of Vicki's efforts.

### **St. Paul's, Maryville (Northwest Missouri State University)**

The Episcopal Campus Ministry at Northwest Missouri State University has recently been revived. Dr. Lauren Leach-Steffens serves as part-time coordinator. Rachel Ost provides programming for ECM at Wesley as the campus ministry's intern, and Richard Leach-Steffens volunteers as needed.

One of the first decisions of the revitalized campus ministry was to find a home closer to campus, as many students are unfamiliar with the geography of Maryville, MO. Rachel spearheaded an alliance with Wesley Center and its campus ministers, Don and Marjean Ehlers.

During the Merchant Fair, the campus ministry staff, assisted by Jody Strauch from St. Paul's Episcopal Church, gave "free hugs" – little bags of Hershey's Hugs – with the contact information and schedule for fall semester's ECM at Wesley. All who received the hugs (both candy and real) welcomed them.

In the first month, the Tuesday night ECM at Wesley has not had any student attendance. This, as well as what we learned from the recent campus ministry workshop, has caused us to start brainstorming ways to reach out to the campus as a whole with limited, part-time staff. We are in the process of planning a retreat to create a plan for a new strategy of mission work to the college community.

#### **Schedule for ECM at Wesley Fall 2010:**

8/31 – Movie Night

9/7 - Ask an Episcopalian!

9/14 - Prayer Styles

9/21- Pure Worship

9/28 - Movie Night

10/5 - Living Sacramentally

10/12 - Worship Creatively

10/19 - Pure Worship

10/26 - Movie Night

11/2 - Hot Topics

11/9 - Living Prayerfully

11/16 - Pure Worship  
11/23 - BREAK  
11/30 - Movie Night  
12/7 - Incarnational Living

**Grace Church, Liberty (William Jewell College)**

(Please Note: Because of my oversight, there was insufficient opportunity for a more extensive report from Grace. With my apologies to the people of Grace, I want at least to make mention of this campus ministry-MK)

Students at William Jewell College are ministered to by The Rev. Susan McCann, Rector and the people of Grace Church. Information is available by communicating with the parish office.

Respectfully Submitted,

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