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Poverty Simulation

The Rev. Lisa Caton

In the midst of all the food drives and clothing collections for those in need, how often do we stop and wonder about poverty? What causes such extreme need? Who are the poor and what prevents them from escaping this vulnerable existence?

Canterbury House – The Episcopal Church at The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) organized an interfaith group of 25 TCNJ students and faculty from six different faith traditions to participate in a Poverty Simulation hosted by The Crisis Ministry and Princeton University. The purpose of the simulation was to give participants an awareness of what it is like to live on a low income in this country. At the poverty simulation each participant is given a typical income and identity. During the course of the simulation each participant must make decisions about how to cover costs and make it through a month while facing unexpected events that are part of normal everyday life. It was an eye-opening experience for the participants. According to Canterbury House member Micaela Ensminger, “I never realized how difficult it is to be poor. Just making it



through the day takes an enormous amount of energy.” The interfaith student coordinator Dan Mutter shared his thoughts on the experience. “Poverty is not something people choose. It is a reinforcing cycle that is hard to break out of even with much effort.”

As a result of this experience, the Council on Religious and Spiritual Life at TCNJ has decided to host a

poverty simulation at TCNJ this spring. This is the beginning of an interfaith initiative to educate students at TCNJ about poverty and to promote systemic change so that the cycle can be broken. The Canterbury House will continue to take the lead on this initiative.

Campus Ministry Testimonial: John Wood Goldsack, Esq., Chancellor, Diocese of New Jersey

Upon entering college at age 18, I was pleased to attend the Episcopal Church in my college town, St. James, Oneonta, New York. My first Sunday, I met the Rector who was engaging and welcoming but not as warm as I might have hoped. Thus began a thirty-six year friendship and ministry that has truly shaped my life.



John Wood Goldsack, Esq.,
Photo courtesy Dot Cellini.

From the first time I met Father Richard Frye, he challenged my understanding of God and the Church. He accepted me as a “spike” [Anglo-Catholic] but helped me realize church-manship had little to do with one’s relationship to Jesus. Every time I thought I finally understood what Father Frye said, he challenged me again.

After four years of knowing Father Frye, I had been truly transformed. My understanding of Christianity had been



TCNJ Poverty Simulation. Photo courtesy Lisa Caton.

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totally challenged and reshaped. Finally, I understood that faith is an ongoing, lifetime experience and that Christian learning is never complete in this life.

Father Frye married my wife and me and he and his wife were our daughter's Godparents. He only agreed to be a Godfather if our daughter would call him Uncle Dick and not Uncle Father. He even had the opportunity to marry our daughter and her husband and gave a homily I will never forget.

Words cannot explain the deep impact my college Chaplain had on my life. Words are too feeble to express my appreciation for the gifts he gave me and the love he had and shared with my entire family. What I can say with great conviction is that college chaplaincy work is a vital ministry and one that can have a lifetime impact on students and the Christian life they are called to live.

Footnote: Father Frye was killed early on a Sunday morning in May of 2001 by a drunken driver. Father Frye was on his way to say mass at a small rural church he often supplied.

Learn Theology through C.S. Lewis

The Rev. Greg Bezilla

Looking for a way to draw young adults into your parish and engage them theologically? Enter through the wardrobe into Narnia with C. S. Lewis, the best-known and best-loved Anglican author. Students, staff, and faculty from a variety of backgrounds meet on alternating Mondays around the fireplace at Canterbury House on the New Brunswick campus of Rutgers University to discuss theology based on the writings of Lewis and other authors. The spring 2009 reading list will include *The Screwtape Letters*, advice by a senior devil to his nephew Wormwood.



C.S. Lewis book group at Canterbury House, Rutgers. Photo courtesy Greg Bezilla.

**Campus Ministry Testimonial:
The Rev. Peggy Hodgkins, Rector of St. Andrew's, New Providence**

College held the chance to explore the world of spirituality beyond my Episcopal roots. A Bahai service, a literalist Bible study group, a bland Protestant chapel service, among other experiences, were all broadening, but none seemed to satisfy a quest to settle with one path and go deeper. By my junior year abroad, the hunger for church returned fiercely. In an



The Rev. Peggy Hodgkins.

officially atheist country, new Russian friends insisted logically that God did not exist. I surprised myself one night when I stood up for my faith in God.

Orthodox churches near the university beckoned with their midnight-blue onion domes flecked with golden stars. But they were closed, or turned into museums, or police stations. As Easter morning approached, I was determined to invite my roommates to celebrate the day with me in some church somewhere.

They declined, so on a bitterly cold morning, I set out alone from my dorm in Lenin Hills to enter the Moscow metro, and crossed the central city square in a flurry of snow and bracing wind to reach the British embassy.

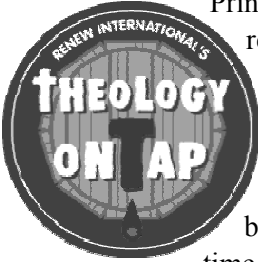
There a small group of believers clustered upstairs with their prayer books and hymnals. As the familiar prayers were spoken, they carried grace, redemption, and joy for me. Then it was affirmed: I love this Anglican church. I love Christ who arose on Easter.

So returning to Middlebury College in Vermont the next fall for my senior year, sporadically I began to attend St. Stephen's on the Green down the hill from the college. In that still sanctuary, I would be fed and feel my life regain its purpose. The side benefit for the two or three students who rallied to attend the 8 a.m. service was the invitation afterwards by the brilliant Professor Tillinghast, who taught history, to come to his home for breakfast.

Theology on Tap is in Princeton!

Stephanie Cox

Theology on Tap consists of brew drinking (coffee or beer) post-college through 30-something's in the Princeton area. We meet together on a regular basis (usually one to two times a month) to discuss theology and fellowship over drinks. With the idea of bringing theology into every day life, we gather at a local bar or coffee shop. The space and time is intended to be an inviting and comfortable place to discuss issues involving faith and the church for both Christians and non-Christians.



The agenda normally features a well-known speaker who gives a talk on a relevant topic for 20 to 25 minutes, followed by a 30 minute discussion in small groups (i.e. around tables) and then time for follow-up questions to the speaker. It is sponsored by All Saints' Episcopal Church in Princeton, and is led by a small group who meets frequently to make sure it's a success.

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More about Theology on Tap

A license for Theology on Tap, a widely-imitated ministry to young adults, has been purchased for use in the Diocese of New Jersey. Any Episcopal church or ministry in the Diocese of New Jersey may now use the trademarked name of "Theology on Tap."

Theology on Tap is a model for meeting young adults outside the walls of the church for theological conversation. It can be adapted to coffee shops and a variety of venues—wherever young adults can be found. To learn more about Theology on Tap, please visit www.renewintl.org. Click on the appropriate links under "Our Ministries."

If you wish to receive a digital file of the 115-page manual for Theology on Tap, please e-mail Greg Bezilla, bezilla@rci.rutgers.edu. The manual offers a template for adapting Theology on Tap to the local Episcopal context.

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A gathering of the Princeton "Theology on Tap."

A Great Beginning at TCNJ

The Rev. Lisa Caton

Candlelight services, themed meals, pumpkin carving, wreath making and a poverty simulation were some of the activities offered by Canterbury House – The Episcopal Church at The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) this fall. This newly formed campus ministry has a solid core group that reflects the inclusive umbrella the Episcopal Church desires to attract. About one-half of the students are born and raised Episcopalians, of the remaining fifty percent, one third are from other mainline denominations, one-third are from more fundamental/Pentecostal traditions and one-third were previously un-churched.

The weekly candlelight services are informal. We use a lectio divina type of reflection time in lieu of a formal

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Pumpkin carving. Photo courtesy Lisa Caton.

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sermon and worship in the round. According to student Alicia Marshall, "I like exploring the scripture in the context of worship. Lectio divina makes me feel God reaching out to me in a very personal way." Every Wednesday night we gather for dinner, conversation and compline, with different ethnic food highlighted each week of the month. Victoria Thompson of Newark particularly enjoyed carving pumpkins, something that was an entirely new experience for her.

The Oversight Committee, chaired by the Rev. Dirk Reinken, includes David Blake, a professor in the English Department at TCNJ, Howard Dumhart, a very active TCNJ alumni and member of St. Matthew's Church in Pennington and the Rev. Barry Hart. All have provided helpful insight and support.

Campus ministry is a ministry of presence. After a short three months at TCNJ, our presence is beginning to be felt and we are establishing both name and face recognition among the students and with the faculty and staff. We are also having fun and growing in understanding and faith as we experience the presence of the Holy Spirit within us and among us.



Students from campus ministry at TCNJ.
Photo courtesy Lisa Caton.

ECM at Rowan Plans Campus Forum

The Ven. Dr. John Hanson, Archdeacon

During the spring semester, Episcopal Campus Ministry at Rowan University plans to sponsor discussions focusing on the topic, "What's So Amazing About Grace?" based on the Philip Yancey's best-selling and insightful book.

In his book (*Zondervan, 2002*), Yancey explores grace at street level and poses several questions: If grace is God's love for the undeserving, then what does it look like in action? If Christians are its sole dispensers, how are we doing at lavishing grace on a world that knows far more of cruelty and unforgiveness than it does of mercy?

Starting 25 February, Ash Wednesday, and continuing throughout Lent, we will gather on campus to answer those questions and others as part of the ministry's Campus Forum program. Discussion leaders will share stories of God's grace in a hurting world. The Bible states it more clearly: what's so amazing about grace is that it's the great equalizer—all of us need it, none of us deserve it. "For all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God."

Lent offers an opportunity to focus on the incredible love of God. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that all who believe in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16).

Proclaiming the Good News of God in Christ, the Episcopal Campus Ministry at Rowan attempts to: provide a safe and accepting environment for students, faculty, and staff; promote spiritual growth through worship, Bible study and prayer; provide fellowship and cultivate genuine and lasting friendship; nurture talent, and encourage leadership and academic excellence.

ECM at Rowan is sponsored by St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Glassboro. The ECM Committee includes Kenneth Carpinelli, Leslie Bartee, Stacey Eisele, Kerri Colletto and Dr. Bryan K. Appleby-Wineberg, Associate Professor of Trumpet and Brass, who serves as campus adviser. Serving as Chaplains are the Rev. Idalia S. Craig, Priest-in-Charge, and the Ven. Dr. John H. Hanson, Archdeacon, Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey.

Campus Ministry Testimonial**The Rev. Dr. Hugh E. Brown III, Rector of All Saints', Princeton.**

Campus Ministry at the College of William and Mary in Virginia from Bruton Parish Episcopal Church was a life-changing, formative experience for me. During my tenure as an undergraduate from 1977 to 1981, the Chaplain from Bruton Parish to the college students was the Rev. Dr. Sam

Portaro, later serving for decades at Brent House at the University of Chicago as Episcopal Chaplain. Sam preached and taught a Gospel of inclusiveness, social justice and provocative thought which transformed my thinking and my action as a Christian and Episcopalian.

I am a committed Episcopalian and Christian today—and an Episcopal Priest because of his witness and the witness of unconditional acceptance and life-giving community from the Canterbury Association at Bruton Parish/William and Mary. Sam terms campus ministry, the “unexplored mission field” of the Christian Church and Episcopal witness. I am blessed to say that I was touched by this mission. I remain committed to Campus Ministry as an utmost priority for the Episcopal Church. As Protestant Chaplain at Georgetown University in Washington, DC for seven years, I also was privileged to serve in this marvelous ministry. I stand by to serve Campus Ministry in the Diocese of New Jersey in any way.

Conference on Emerging Adulthood

May 14-16, 2009 at Princeton Theological Seminary

The conference will include four lectures by distinguished scholars, a choice of three electives taught by experienced and innovative pastors, a panel discussion, and small groups with peers.

This conference will take place on the campus of Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, New Jersey. The conference begins at 3:00 pm on Thursday, 14 May (registration 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm), and concludes at 1:00 pm on Saturday, 16 May.



The fee of \$165 includes tuition, materials, coffee breaks, and most meals (Thursday dinner, Friday lunch and dinner, and Saturday lunch.) If you are staying on campus, breakfast is included in your lodging fee. A deposit of \$50 is required at registration.

Lodging: Limited lodging is available in Erdman Hall at a nightly rate of \$65 per person, single occupancy.

For details, please visit this link:

www2.ptsem.edu/iym/conferences/

**Campus Ministry Testimonial:
The Rev. Ed Zelle, Rector of Holy Trinity,
Wenonah.**

I was blessed to have a strong Episcopal presence at Grinnell College. While not officially recognized by the college, St. Paul's was right across the street. Within the first weeks of being on campus, Fr. Bob Towner, the vicar at the time, looked me up. I must have filled out one of those religious preference cards.

St. Paul's, while not exactly the same as my home parish, was close enough that I wanted to go each week. I actually think my attendance was close to 99%. We also hosted Study Breaks for the whole campus during finals weeks. Fr. Towner also opened his home for “Canterbury Club” suppers. We had real fellowship in that group, and I still keep in contact with a friend from those days, who now sits on a Search Committee for her new parish in Cedar Rapids, IA. I'm thankful for that faith community's presence in my life.

I often wonder if Fr. Towner had been there my Senior Year, if I might be a priest in Iowa now, rather than New Jersey. He definitely planted a seed.

The Episcopal Church at Princeton

The Rev. Peter A. French

The Episcopal Church at Princeton (ECP) is the oldest chaplaincy at Princeton University, founded in 1867 by the then rector of Trinity Church, Princeton, the Rev. Dr. Alfred Baker. Since then the Chaplaincy has grown to be a dynamic part of University life and to which many students from the University, Princeton Seminary and Westminster Choir College call their spiritual home.



Members of Lux, the choir of the Episcopal Church at Princeton University, rehearsing in the crypt of Princeton University Chapel. Photo courtesy John White.

During term ECP meets on a regular basis for worship, prayer, to hear guest speakers and to get together for social events. On Sunday evenings at 9 pm in the gothic University Chapel, a congregation of 65 to 75 undergraduates, graduates, faculty and members of the Princeton community gather to celebrate the Eucharist or to sing Evensong together. Such services are greatly enhanced by the music of *Lux* choir, ECP's volunteer choir ably directed by Westminster Choir College student Mr. Stephen Buzard. On Tuesdays at 5:15 pm in the Marquand Chapel within the University Chapel a faithful and equally diverse band of ten people gather for the regular service of the Eucharist, as do a smaller number of people for Evening Prayer on Thursdays at 5pm at Trinity Church, Princeton, ECP's ancestral home.

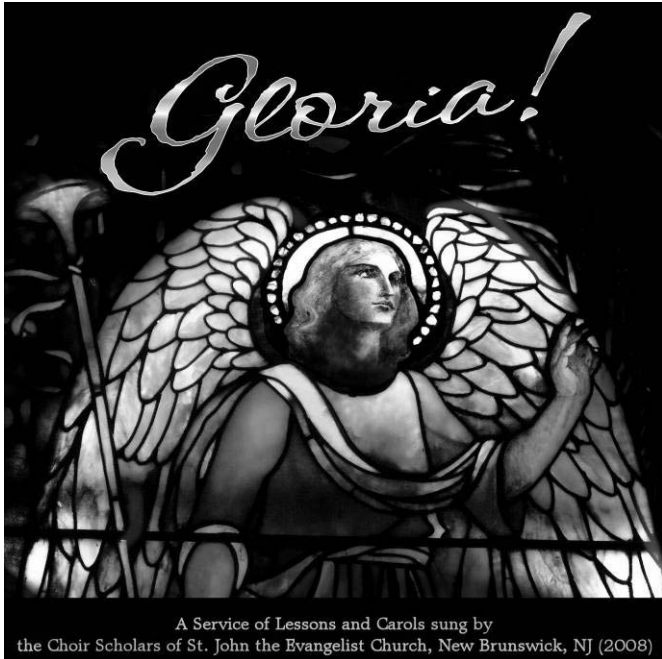
Wednesday nights from 5:30 pm at Procter House—the home of ECP and its Chaplain—a group of 20 people gather again for prayer or Eucharist, to eat a home-cooked meal together and to hear from and engage with speakers which over the past term have included priests

Anne-Marie Richards and Joan Fleming, the ethicist Peter Singer, and Saudi author Rajaa Alsanea.

The ministry of the Episcopal Church at Princeton touches the lives of hundreds of people in the course of a single week during term, a spiritual presence on campus and beyond that gives the community an encounter with the dynamic life of Christ as lived in the Episcopal tradition.



Photo: ECP Chaplain the Rev. Peter French with Princeton Seminary graduate students Peter Helman (l) and Drew Harmon (r), following ECP's Annual Lessons and Carols service, at which 200 people attended. Photo courtesy Peter French.



Choral Scholars

In December the Choral Scholars of St. John the Evangelist in New Brunswick released a new CD: "Gloria: A Service of Lessons and Carols." The choir members are young adults recruited from Rutgers University, under the direction of Dr. Susan Huslage. Copies of the CD are available from the church for \$15. E-mail: stjohns9@verizon.net. Pictured above, the CD cover graphic was designed by Nicole Nicosia.



Choral Scholars of St. John the Evangelist, New Brunswick,
Dr. Susan Huslage, director.

We Need You to Tell Us

Do you know of any Episcopal students on college campuses in the Diocese of New Jersey? Please help our campus ministers to connect with students, staff, faculty and alumni on the campuses listed below:

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For an on-line referral form for connecting college students to campus ministries anywhere, please visit the Campus Ministry pages of the Diocese of New Jersey:

<http://newjersey.anglican.org/campusministry.php>



Young Adults at Diocesan Convention

A volunteer opportunity for young adults (college age and up). Assist with registration of deputies and clergy and voting. Housing and most meals provided.

When: Thursday evening, 26 February, through Saturday morning, 28 February. **Where:** Wildwoods Convention Center, Wildwood, New Jersey. For more information, contact The Rev. Gregory Bezilla: 732-932-1278 or bezilla@rci.rutgers.edu and Ann Notte, (609) 394-5281 ext. 41 or anotte@newjersey.anglican.org.

Young Adult/Campus Ministry Workshop at Diocesan Convention

Where are the young adults? This workshop scheduled for Saturday morning on 28 February during Convention, explores practical ways of connecting with young adults (age 18-32) and involving them in the life and ministries of the local parish. Come with questions about college-age and post-college young adults. Leave with resources, ideas, support, and energy for getting started.

Workshop leaders: The Rev. Valerie Balling, Vicar of St. Stephen's, Mullica Hill and The Rev. Gregory Bezilla, Episcopal Chaplain at Rutgers

Young Adult Seaside Retreat

What does it mean to find and follow a personal calling? How do we distinguish between an authentic calling and the competing, counterfeit voices in our culture? How can we balance the inward listening *to* our hearts and listening *with* our hearts to the needs of our world? This retreat offers young adults (ages 18 to 35) time and space to reflect on these vocational questions in an environment of prayer, quiet, and beauty, and in fellowship with other young adults.

When: Saturday, 30 May, 4 pm through Sunday, 31 May at 3 PM. Cost: \$25. **Location:** Stella Maris Retreat Center, 981 Ocean Avenue, Elberon, New Jersey (near Long Branch, New Jersey), 732-229-0216.



Fr. Bezilla is Chaplain of the Episcopal Campus Ministry at Rutgers, based at Canterbury House in New Brunswick, NJ. He has served as a parish priest and a hospital chaplain. He is a graduate of the Johns Hopkins University, Columbia University, and Emory University.

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