

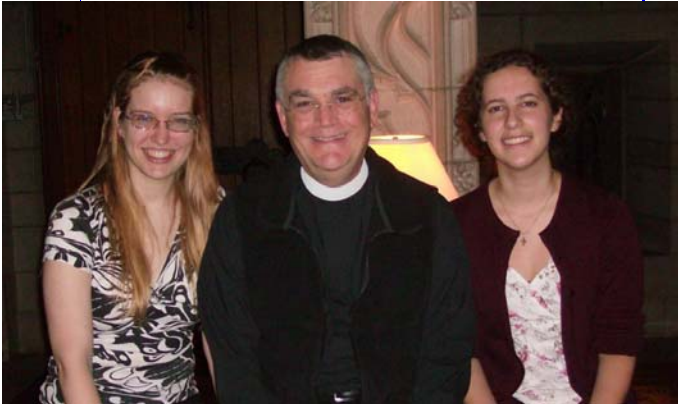
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New Jersey

Special Campus Edition



The Episcopal Church at Princeton—pictured left to right, Laura Johnson, Steve White, Emily Garcia. Photo courtesy Emily Garcia.

Campus Ministry Begins at Rowan U.



Bruce Hall, Rowan University.
Photo courtesy Rowan University.

St. Thomas' Episcopal Church in Glassboro is sponsoring the Episcopal Campus Ministry (ECM) at Rowan University. The services at the host parish are on Saturdays at 5:30 pm, and on Sundays at 8 am and 9:30 am. In the Student Center on campus, a weekly lunchtime service of prayer and meditation also will be held, followed by refreshments. ECM invites all Christians and spiritual seekers to discover and celebrate God's love, to live out the Word and to build and strengthen their relationships with Christ.

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Christina Pickowicz, student at TCNJ, and her cousin Roger on the Diocesan mission trip to Mississippi this summer.



Episcopal Church at Princeton

Emily Garcia, Princeton University

To put it simply, the Episcopal Church has changed my life. It has given me a total “reframe,” and is a place where I now experience both joy and despair in a radically different way. I can now proudly take the name of “Christian,” and I can look to the future, to when I hope to also be called “priest.” I came to this place through the Episcopal Church at Princeton (ECP), and particularly through the ministry of Father Steve White and seminarian Jill Young.

ECP is my church home and my second family; I've immersed myself so completely that I can't imagine my life before it! Because it is my family, I've been very happy to take an active role in the community: I'm a student leader, an acolyte, and the “Food Czarina” (i.e. head chef for our Wednesday Night Dinners—to which everyone is invited!). This next semester, I look forward especially to getting to know our new chaplain, Peter French, and seeing where this new part of ECP's ministry takes us.

Canterbury House: The Episcopal Church at The College of New Jersey

The Rev. Lisa Caton

Although The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) students Christina Pickowicz and Rob Wilson had never met, they both shared strong ties to the Episcopal Church and a desire to create an Episcopal campus ministry. Upon meeting last spring they became student leaders of Canterbury House—The Episcopal Church at TCNJ.



Rob Wilson

Rob, a sophomore and engineering major from St. Mary's-by-the-Sea in Point Pleasant Beach said, “My family has been attending the same Episcopal church for nearly one hundred and fifty years. I hope to share the Episcopal values that have been so meaningful to me with other students.”

As a senior majoring in art education from St. Raphael's in Brick Township, Christina Pickowicz' enthusiasm is catching. She reported, “We already have the names of 10

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Episcopalians at TCNJ and a Facebook group. I wish this had been available when I was a freshman.” Christina has also been very active with Kep Short’s Diocesan youth activities, including serving as a leader this summer for the mission trip to Mississippi.



Spirit Center, TCNJ.

The Diocese of New Jersey has funded the Rev. Lisa Caton to work with Christina and Rob to make Canterbury House a reality. A weekly 9 pm Sunday night candlelight Eucharist will be offered at the Spiritual Center.

Weekly meals and spiritual direction will be available to those interested. Monthly service activities are also planned. For more information contact liaecatn@aol.com.

**Summer Internship:
GSP Exit 137, Trinity, Cranford**

The Rev. Dr. Gina Walsh-Minor & Lacey Folta

A faith partnership was brought together this summer between the Rev. Dr. Gina Walsh-Minor, Priest-in-Charge, Trinity, Cranford and Lacey Folta, Diocesan Summer Intern, a Trinity, Asbury Park parishioner, and a Georgian Court Sophomore. Both Folta and Minor were listening and discerning God’s call to serve Him and His People. This is Mother Minor’s second experience as a mentor for the Summer Internship Program, which has proven again to be an extraordinary opportunity to recall her own early awareness of the Lord’s beckoning but also letting the infusion of Lacey’s God given skills, talents and enthusiasm flow into parish life as she shares, learns, and serves.

Lacey’s ministry interests and skills are in Youth Ministry. She was able to use her experience and talents to play a critical role in the research and development of Mother Minor’s idea to design and implement a comprehensive strategic and tactical plan for the Youth Laity Project at Trinity, Cranford. In order to develop the project, Lacey became part of Trinity—taking part in the Children’s Music Summer Camp, seeing community culture at worship to God and in service to others, sharing in liturgy, adding suggestions and input to congregational development activities, participating in publicity brainstorming sessions, researching financial costs and projections—all this in context of pastoral care needs of this family of God located off of Garden State Parkway ex. 137.

**Derrick Chambers:
Rutgers Intern**

Derrick Chambers, a member of the 2009 M.Div. class at Princeton Theological Seminary, will join the team as an intern of the Episcopal Campus Ministry at Rutgers for the 2008-2009 academic year.

Derrick was born in Shelby, NC and attended Burns High School, where he was a four-year letterman in basketball, football, and track. He went to the University of Florida on a football scholarship, majoring in Sociology and with a minor in philosophy. Chambers was on the national championship team his freshman year, and a two-time captain at Florida as well as a three year starter. He later played in the NFL for the Carolina Panthers and the Jacksonville Jaguars.

Chambers is interested in politics, theology, and philosophy, with Medieval Philosophical theology as his main focus. Of particular interest is Metaphysics and religious language in the Medieval context. Chambers studied Medieval philosophy and theology at Oxford and is a Codrington Reader of All Souls College. One of his great life experiences was playing rugby at Oxford, and against Cambridge for the championship.

As an academic athletic fellow of Princeton University, he enjoys debate, sky-diving, and reading James Joyce. He has lived in Germany, Prague, England, Argentina, and Scotland.



Derrick Chambers playing for the Gators of the University of Florida (he’s no. 91).



Posing for the camera! Members of the Episcopal Campus Ministry at Rutgers. Photo courtesy of ECM at Rutgers.

New Chaplain at Princeton U.

The Rev. Peter A. French joins the Episcopal Church at Princeton as their new Chaplain. French says that, "Praying and dining alongside both staff and student members of the Episcopal Church at Princeton has already been a great delight and I sincerely and joyfully look forward to sharing in worship, prayer, ministry and hospitality as we begin the new academic year together."

French was born in Hertfordshire, England and grew up in Melbourne, Australia. In 2006, he moved to Chicago, Illinois. Majoring in ancient and modern history, he received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Melbourne. While studying for his Bachelor of Theology at the United Faculty of Theology Melbourne, he also attended Trinity College, the University of Melbourne. His work at Trinity College included seminarian internships in suburban parishes, rural Victoria and Nice, France. He was made deacon and ordained priest in 1999 in the rural Diocese of Wangaratta and spent four years of

ministry there as a parish priest and hospital chaplain. For the next four years, French was Chaplain to the residential community at Trinity College, the University of Melbourne. While residing at Trinity he began work on a PhD in the Art



Princeton Chaplain the Rev. Peter French with his wife, the Rev. Robyn Whitaker. Photo courtesy Peter French.

History Department of the University, his dissertation entitled 'David Wright: A New Antipodean Religious Iconography,' which he intends finishing in 2010.

In 2006, French's wife, the Rev. Robyn Whitaker, an ordained minister of the Uniting Church of Australia, accepted a scholarship to the University of Chicago and has recently completed her second year of a PhD in the Divinity School in New Testament Studies. Robyn has experience as a parish minister, a high school chaplain, and as dean of a seminary. Both are looking forward to engaging with the wide breadth of academic, spiritual and social opportunities available at Princeton.

Since moving to Chicago, French worked in parish ministry in the city's south side as Associate Rector of Grace Episcopal Church, Hinsdale, and as an adjunct professor in the Department of Theology and Religion at Elmhurst



Confirmation group from 2007. All are Episcopal Campus Ministry confirmands across New Jersey gathered at the Princeton Chapel for this service, officiated by the Rt. Rev. George Councill. Photo courtesy of the Episcopal Church at Princeton.

College. Over the past few years both Robyn and Peter have enjoyed travelling, including to South Africa, Turkey, Austria and Jamaica. They both enjoy cooking and good wine, the company of a wide-range of people, gardening, and viewing and collecting art.

French says, "It is with great delight we join the community at ECP and we very much look forward to meeting members old and new of the vibrant, healthy and exciting ministry that my accomplished predecessor the Rev. Dr. Steve White has nourished and supported so successfully over these past few years."



Students relaxing at Canterbury House at Rutgers. Photo courtesy ECM at Rutgers.

Campus Ministry Begins at Rowan U.

Continued from page 1. Their goals are 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. A parish committee has been meeting for the past three months to launch the ministry. The former president of Rowan, Dr. Mark Chamberlain, has agreed to



St. Thomas' Campus Ministry Team. Back row, from right to left: Ken Carpinelli, Dr. Bryan Appleby-Wineberg, the Venerable Dr. John Hanson. Front row: Stacey Eisele, the Rev. Idalia Craig, Leslie Bartee. Not pictured: Kerri Colletto & Dr. Mark Chamberlain. Photo courtesy of Stacey Eisele

serve as consultant. The campus adviser and member of the parish planning committee is Dr. Bryan K. Appleby-Wineberg, Associate Professor of Trumpet and Brass and Coordinator, Graduate Program in Music.

Our chaplains—the Rev. Idalia Craig (Priest-in-Charge, St. Thomas', Glassboro) and Archdeacon John Hanson

will be on campus to engage students and witness to the love and abiding presence of Christ. We invite all to stop by our booth in the Student Center and share.



In addition to worship services, ECM at Rowan is hosting a weekly bible study on campus, to expand our under-

Students gathered at the library of Rowan University. Photo courtesy Rowan University.

standing of the Bible, and engage in discussions that will challenge our thoughts and our spirituality. We believe that spiritual growth is nourished through time spent together in fellowship. Each Saturday night, we plan a free dinner and entertainment, such as a movie or karaoke, in the Parish Hall at St. Thomas. All are welcome!



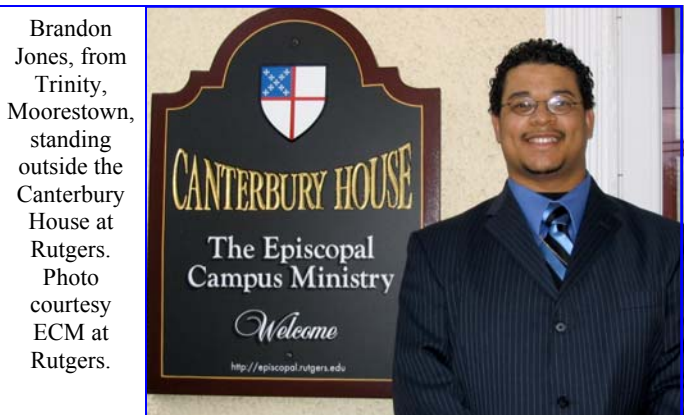
ECM at Rowan Chaplains: The Rev. Idalia Craig & the Venerable Dr. John Hanson. Photo courtesy Idalia Craig.

On Friday, 5 September 2008, the Rev. Craig and Archdeacon Hanson will staff an information table in the Student Center Patio on the Glassboro campus from 11 am to 2 pm. We will share information about the program and activities, and pass out special beach balls donated by our sponsoring parish, St. Thomas in Glassboro.

Starting in Spring 2009, ECM at Rowan will sponsor a Campus Forum for discussion of major issues in the news in light of Christian beliefs and teachings. Panelists will include religious leaders, faculty, students and staff. A question and answer period will follow and there will be refreshments.

A weekend retreat away from campus is planned for Fall 2009 around a theme centering on the practical application of Scripture and healthy relationship. The retreat will run from Friday evening through Sunday afternoon and include fellowship, reflection and quiet time.

For more information, contact Archdeacon John Hanson at hansonjh@comcast.net or 856-366-8463.



Brandon Jones, from Trinity, Moorestown, standing outside the Canterbury House at Rutgers. Photo courtesy ECM at Rutgers.

Albert W. Van Duzer Scholarship Fund

Kej Short, Director of Youth Ministry, Diocese of New Jersey

In 1987, members of the Diocese of New Jersey's Youth Commission (now the present day "Youth Council") decided to form a scholarship fund to assist young people entering post-secondary education. The scholarship was named for the Right Reverend Albert W. Van Duzer, eighth Bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey.

For more than fifty years, Bishop Van Duzer was an advocate for youth in the Diocese of New Jersey. He served as Youth Director from 1949 to 1954 and was a member of the Board of Youth Consultative Service from 1953 to 1963. Bishop Van Duzer was one of the founders of retreat ministry with youth and shared his vision of a full time youth director for the diocese.

The first scholarship was awarded in 1989. Since then, over 80 scholarships have been awarded to students from all over the Diocese. Some of the recipients have continued in the tradition of Bishop Van Duzer, and work with young people in and out of the Diocese.

The purpose of the Van Duzer Scholarship Fund is to assist recent high school graduates preparing to enter their first year of accredited post-secondary education. Certain criteria are considered in the awarding of scholarship funds: service to the church and community, academic achievement, and financial need.

The Van Duzer Scholarship Fund has continued to grow over the years through donations from congregations and individuals. The family of Bishop Van Duzer has identified the Scholarship Fund as a desired recipient of gifts in Bishop Van's memory. If you would like to donate to the fund, please contact Canon Kej Short, Director of Youth Ministry and Secretary of the Van Duzer Board of Trustees, at Diocesan House.

A Brand New Way

As a Young Adult leadership event sponsored by the national office of The Episcopal Church, this conference is designed for supporting and encouraging young adults in our churches. **Dates:** 19-21 September 2008. **Location:** Houston, TX. **Cost:** \$250 (double occupancy). For more information, contact The Rev. Douglas Fenton at 212-716-6323, email dfenton@episcopalchurch.org, or see www.episcopalchurch.org/49662_94319_ENG_HTM.htm.

Reaching Out to College Students

The key to any outreach effort is to understand the needs of those to be served and the culture you will be entering. Keep the following information in mind as you reach out to college students:

Spiritual Development Needs of College Students

- Need for belonging—late teens.
- Need for questioning, searching, blending of opposing ideas—early 20's.
- Need for discerning one's vocation or purpose—teens and twenties.

Cultural Realities of College Life

- Students live in a 24/7 world; they are nocturnal and Sunday is not sacred.
- They have an important need for a welcoming, student-friendly convenient space away from dorm for studying, chilling, eating, socializing on a 24/7 schedule.
- Students need, want and welcome food.
- They have a natural inclination for volunteerism and will participate in volunteer opportunities.
- They rely on real-time electronic and Internet media to communicate and to keep up with their community—web, text messaging, Facebook, My Space, cell phones.
- Students often work part-time and are over-committed to a variety of activities/responsibilities.



Students from Rowan University working on a house for Habitat for Humanity. Photo courtesy Rowan University.

Suggestions for Reaching Out to College Students

- ❑ Think of the single life-style when writing sermons, announcements and program development.
- ❑ Make room for searching, questioning and differences of opinion.
- ❑ Structure activities to encourage interaction with other age groups.
- ❑ Educate the congregation about issues and options for welcoming students.
- ❑ Welcome the diversity and change that bringing students into the congregation will bring.
- ❑ Remember that students live by an academic calendar and have a different rhythm and routine.
- ❑ Remember that student involvement is usually short-term and intense.
- ❑ Be present—on campus and on web (e.g., create a Facebook group).
- ❑ Accept that what works now may not work later. Be open to change. Don't give up!
- ❑ Reach out to all students (only a tiny percentage are Episcopalians).
- ❑ Avoid language that non-Episcopalians may not understand such as Eucharist, rector, BCP.
- ❑ Start small: Build commitment in a small group of students—they will bring their friends!
- ❑ Publicize ministries using fliers, ads in campus papers, and any other resources on campus.
- ❑ Seek out, support and learn from other organizations/religious groups already operating on campus.



Youth and young adults from Trinity Church, Moorestown at the Ronald McDonald House in Camden. Photo courtesy Trinity, Moorestown.

Go to www.newjersey.anglican.org/campusministry.php for info on campus ministries in diocese.

Contact campusministry@newjersey.anglican.org to get advice and to share your experience.

**Give thanks for every accomplishment,
no matter how small!**

Keeping Connected With College Students

Launching

We all know that many young people who were active in the church as children end up drifting away during different stages of their adolescence. Sometimes they drift away after confirmation, others drift away when they go to college and others leave sometime in between. Regardless of the stage at which they leave the church, it is important that churches develop a ritual to formally launch them and bless them when they move away from home for the first time. Some suggestions for launching students include:



- ❑ Hold a formal Launching Eucharist and reception for all high school seniors.
- ❑ This could include a formal invitation sent to the families of all seniors.
- ❑ Involve the students in planning the service and have a college chaplain as the guest preacher.
- ❑ Include a laying on of hands as part of the service.
- ❑ A slide show of earlier days might be shown at a reception.
- ❑ Give out "Survival Kits" to all graduates including useful, silly and even some Episcopal paraphernalia (like this Episcopal Teddy Bear from www.episcopalonline.org).
- ❑ Find out where they are going to school and notify the students of what campus ministry program is available and the name of the priest at the closest Episcopal Church. Make initial contact for student.



Maintaining

The first semester in college is a key time for keeping in touch. It is important the students know that there is someone they can communicate with as they transition into this next stage of their life. Some ideas for maintaining relationships include:

- ❑ Send personal e-mails to students on a regular basis. Do not limit it to those who were active in the youth group.
- ❑ Send them the church newsletter; include a section on college students.
- ❑ Send them care packages of cookies made by the youth group, Halloween treats, highlighter pens and silly stuff as well as an appropriate scripture on the card such as Jeremiah 29:11. “For surely I have plans for you, says the Lord, plans for your Welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.”



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- ❑ Engage them in plans for their involvement when they come home on breaks.

Homecoming

- ❑ Treat returning students as part of the ongoing ministry in the church. Use the homecoming activities as a way to keep local college students and young adults engaged at church.



- ❑ Dedicate a service over the Thanksgiving or Christmas break for college students to participate in as musicians, lectors, acolytes, etc. Follow with reception.



- ❑ Arrange college student and young adult activities during breaks such as hikes, movies and discussion, or service activities.



- ❑ Hold a forum every year or two where college students talk about the college selection process and/or tips for making the transition.



- ❑ Identify someone who will be responsible for coordinating these activities.

Remember that not all young adults go away to college and some do not go to college at all. Consider ways to make them continue to feel a part of your parish as well.

Statistics taken from:

Diocese of Tennessee, Observation Team, “Engaging Students in Episcopal Campus Ministries.” Study conducted in 2007

Office of Young Adults and Higher Education Ministries (OYAHM), Campus Ministries Resource Binder, (The Episcopal Church Center) R.T. Gibbons, *Students, Churches and Higher Education*, (United Ministries in Higher Education, Charlotte, North Carolina, 2/12/96)



Young adults from Trinity Church in Moorestown volunteering at the Special Olympics Track and Field. Photo courtesy Trinity,

After the Baby Boomers

The following are quotes from Robert Wuthnow: *After the Baby Boomers: How Twenty-and Thirty-Somethings Are Shaping the Future of American Religion* (Princeton UP, 2007).

“My view is that congregation’s *can* survive, but only if religious leaders roll up their sleeves and pay considerably more attention to young adults than they have been.” (page 230)

“We provide day care centers, schools, welfare programs, family counseling, colleges, job training programs, and even detention centers as a kind of institutional surround-sound until young adults reach age 21, and then we provide nothing. Schooling stops for the vast majority, parents provide some financial assistance and babysitting but largely keeps their distance, and even the best congregation-based youth groups or campus ministries no longer apply. Yet nearly all the major decisions a person has to



Seek First: Campus Ministry!

“Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you” you” (Matthew 6:33). September is a crazy month for university students, and it’s easy to lose our rhythm and feel stressed. Come away with students from around the NY/NJ region to a beautiful place for a time focused on seeking God as a priority for our busy, stressed-out lives.

What can you expect? You’ll be with students from campus ministries at NYU, SUNY New Paltz, Columbia/Barnard, Rutgers, Vassar, Hobart & William Smith, and other schools in [Province II](#) of The Episcopal Church. There’ll be a structure of prayer and rest, with time to talk or to be by oneself. And we’ve heard the food is good.

When: Friday evening 26 September—Sunday morning 28 September. **Where:** Ashokan Conference Center, Olivebridge, NY. See <http://www.ashokancenter.org/>
Cost: \$135 (please talk with your campus minister or priest about scholarship resources).

Want more information? Need transportation? Please contact: [The Rev. Gregory Bezilla](#), Episcopal Chaplain at Rutgers: 732-932-1278 or bezilla@rci.rutgers.edu.

Spiritual director: [The Rev. Gwyneth Murphy](#), Vicar, St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church & Episcopal Campus Pastor for SUNY New Paltz.

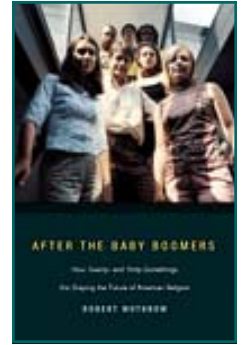
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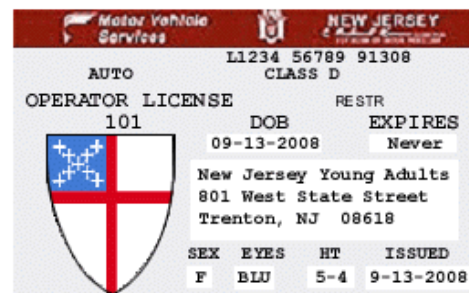
make about marriage, child rearing, and work happen after these support systems have ceased to function... No wonder young adults experience stress and confusion, worry that they are not yet capable of behaving like adults, delay settling down, and often make bad decisions about jobs and money. This is not a criticism of young adults themselves. They do the best they can in the absence of such assistance or support.” (page 216)

“We cannot hope to be a strong society if we invest resources in young people until they are eighteen or twenty and then turn them out to find their way entirely on their own... The bits and pieces of support are already there—in family networks, among groups of friends, at singles bars, in day care centers, and even in the work place. But

we have not even begun to recognize the challenges that need to be met. We need a thorough-going discussion about the needs that young adults experience, just as we have had such discussions about the needs of children and those of the elderly. How young adults can more responsibly make complex decisions about careers, finances, marriage, and parenting must be an important part of these discussions. Religion is but one of the sectors that needs to be represented. Traditionally, religion has been an important resource for networking, for maintaining inter-generational ties, and for transmitting values to adults as well as to children. It can continue to be in the future, but only if it faces the changes currently taking place among young adults.” (page 232)



CAN I SEE YOUR ID?



Attention! Young Adults in NJ!

Come to Trinity Cathedral in Trenton for food, fellowship and worship. Get to know other young adults from around the diocese and help shape this emerging ministry for the young adult age group, which extends from high school seniors to thirty-year-olds.

When? Saturday, 13 September 2008 from 3:30 to 7:30 pm. To RSVP and for more information, contact the Rev. Gregory Bezilla, The Episcopal Campus Ministry at Rutgers, 732-932-1278 or bezilla@rutgers.edu or njyoungadults@gmail.com.

Questions?

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