

CAMPUS MINISTRY

The 2017-2018 year was encouraging to me as the Episcopal University Chaplain. The partnership with Cornerstone campus ministry out of Bellefield Presbyterian Church in Oakland continues to deepen. In addition to participating in Cornerstone's Wednesday night worship gathering for students each week, I became a regular contributor to weekly leadership planning meetings, chaperoned the fall retreat for Cornerstone students, hosted the University of Pittsburgh ministry suite for the 2018 Jubilee Conference, and met frequently with individual students for purposes of discipleship.

During the past year, many of the students involved in Cornerstone also became regular participants in a monthly home Eucharist called "Zoe." On the second Friday of each month, my wife Hallie and I welcome an average of 15 to 25 folks from around the Pittsburgh area into our North Hills home to receive the Life that Jesus desires to give the world by celebrating the Lord's Supper together, eating a common meal, dwelling in the Word, and praying conversationally. November of 2018 will mark the two-year anniversary of this monthly gathering where young and old join with one another to be formed more deeply into the image of Christ.

During the 2017-2018 school year, the Episcopal University Chaplaincy also expanded to include Chatham University. In partnership with the Coalition for Christian Outreach (CCO) at Chatham and Chatham Christian Fellowship, I co-led a weekly Bible study through the book of Romans for between six and fifteen college students. Duplicating the work I've been involved in at Pitt, I also began meeting regularly with a handful of Chatham students for purposes of discipleship at the Squirrel Hill campus as well as at the Eden campus. The year also marked the inaugural Easter Vigil Eucharist held at Chatham University, at which Bishop Dorsey McConnell was the Celebrant and Preacher.

I was elected vice-president of the University of Pittsburgh Association of Chaplains in 2018 as well. I will begin to serve in this role at the start of the 2018-2019 academic year.

I can't emphasize enough how much of a snapshot this report is of the work being done under the umbrella of the Episcopal University Chaplaincy. The stories of how students are being transformed by the Spirit are too many to recount in the space of this brief review. Please, don't hesitate to reach out to me to learn more about how God is working in the lives of students at the University of Pittsburgh and Chatham University.

In Christ,
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