

# Annual Outreach Report

St. Thomas of Canterbury Episcopal Church  
Albuquerque, NM



*'With my mouth,' God says, 'I kiss my own chosen creation. I uniquely, lovingly embrace every image I have made out of the earth's clay. With a fiery spirit I transform it into a body to serve all the world.'*

*-Saint Hildegarde of Bingen, 12<sup>th</sup> century*

## Pentecost, 2018

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## **ACTIVATING for Outreach at Canterbury**

The Holy Spirit activates & strengthens us to go out and do God's work in the world: to heal the suffering, to welcome the stranger, to feed the hungry, and to care for creation!

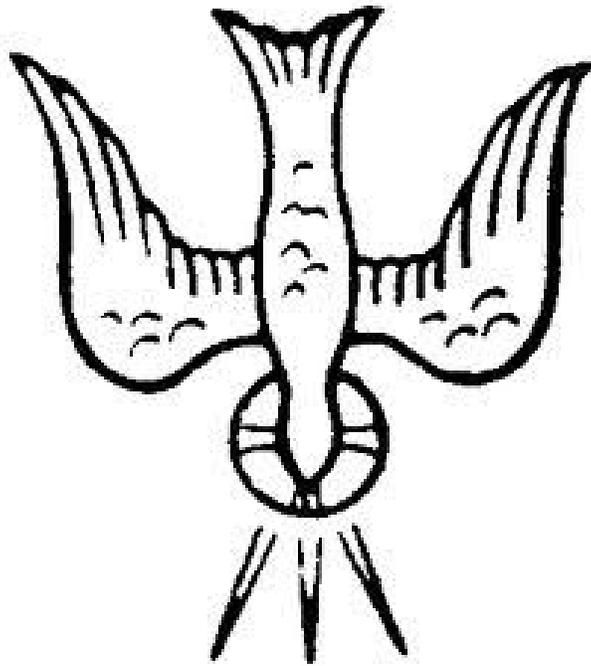
We ACTIVATE as an expression of our baptismal vows to "seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves" and to "strive for justice and peace and respect the dignity of every human person." We ACTIVATE as an expression of our commitment to work, pray, and give to support the kingdom of God and the common good. We ACTIVATE through prayer, action, advocacy, and generous giving.

Each year at Pentecost the *entire* household of Canterbury is invited to come together to celebrate the many and varied ways in which the Holy Spirit is ACTIVATING our members to reach out and serve the world, and to participate in collectively allocating Canterbury's outreach dollars for the year.

In 2018 we allocated \$2,400 for outreach in the general operating budget of the church. (This was nearly double the amount allocated for outreach in our 2017 budget). These are the outreach funds that we collectively allocate and disburse each year at Pentecost. In addition, we make a commitment to immediately direct  $\frac{1}{3}$  of any budget surplus at each year's end to the Good Works Fund to further support outreach causes. The Good Works Fund dollars are disbursed throughout the year at the rector's discretion as new outreach projects and needs arise.

## Current Outreach Projects & Ministries

Below is a list of the current projects and issues that members of Canterbury actively support. Please prayerfully consider how you might partner with the organizations and members listed below to pray, act, advocate, and give in support of God's work in the world. **Projects in GREEN have requested funding support from Canterbury's 2018 Outreach Budget.**



## **ACTIVATING FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS**

### **#1: Providing breakfast at St. Martin's (4-6x/year)**

**Contact Eileen Lambert, [rangerpecos@yahoo.com](mailto:rangerpecos@yahoo.com),  
505-265-2269**

Six Sundays a year, St. Thomas of Canterbury serves the first meal of the day to food-challenged citizens at St. Martin's Hopeworks (formerly St. Martin's Hospitality Center) in downtown Albuquerque. We buy, cook and serve food for approximately 200 people. Members of the congregations are invited to donate food, help prepare food ahead of time, make monetary donations, and serve on site. Parish children, youths and their friends are particularly welcome to be a part of this team.



### **#2: Donations for St. Martin's**

**Contact Laura Hughes, [ldhughes36@gmail.com](mailto:ldhughes36@gmail.com), 505-296-8940**

We are no longer collecting donated items for St. Martin's at the church. Please bring your donations directly to St. Martin's



### **#3: Women's circle of empowerment**

**Contact Amy Malick, [a\\_malick@sbcglobal.net](mailto:a_malick@sbcglobal.net), 860-805-1784**

The women's circle of empowerment is a support group of women who have experienced homelessness and other forms of marginalization working to empower each other to achieve the lives they want. Meeting once a week for four years in downtown Albuquerque, the group has taken a break this year to consider its future course and location. Canterbury has provided opportunities for service and support during this restructuring phase. With outreach funds awarded last year, we set up a scholarship fund with Diane Martinez-Hursh at the Hildegard Center at Canterbury for women who need healing treatments to help them through stressful life transitions.



### **#4: Peanut butter offerings for the Storehouse**

**Contact Eileen Lambert, [rangerpecos@yahoo.com](mailto:rangerpecos@yahoo.com),  
505-265-2269**

St. Thomas of Canterbury collects jars of peanut butter and jelly for donation to the Storehouse, a food pantry in downtown Albuquerque. There is a collection basket at the back of the Nave, beneath the Oblations table. Any sizes, flavors or brands of PJ&J are gratefully accepted, and all are welcome to donate and participate. A helpful note: Smiths supermarket regularly has very good sales on Kroger-brand peanut butter.



## **#5: OASIS experiment**

- **Requesting funds from Canterbury's 2018 Outreach Budget**

Weekday prayer, pastoral care & hospitality at Canterbury

**Contact Shelley Drake, [shelleydrake@me.com](mailto:shelleydrake@me.com), 480-257-0797**

For our members Canterbury has always been an oasis--a place of deep rest and refreshment--in the desert. Over the years Canterbury has grown as an oasis where church members, students, community members in recovery, musicians and artists, healers and their clients, and even our unhoused neighbors find a sanctuary of hope and healing, rest and refreshment, peace and prayer, a sense of safety and belonging.

When Sylvia+ came to Canterbury in July 2015, she introduced the practice of daily morning prayer on weekdays at Canterbury. When we opened the doors at Canterbury on weekday mornings we discovered people (housed and unhoused) seeking God and a more disciplined communal prayer practice. We also discovered people (housed and unhoused) seeking a place to use the restroom, enjoy a rare moment of peace and quiet, warm up from the cold, drink a cup of coffee, catch their breath, be known by name, feel safe and seen and known. Whether they were sitting beside us in the atrium, chanting the psalms, or sitting on the couch in the parish hall, sipping coffee and resting after a long night on the streets, our unhoused neighbors--Jonathan, Mitch, Franklin, Leandro--were becoming an integral part of our praying community on weekday mornings.

In early 2018 Canterbury member Ramona Montoya (who was not yet stably housed, herself, but had become a "regular" at Morning Prayer) began informally preparing breakfast for herself and everyone else who gathered at Canterbury on weekday mornings--clergy, members, unhoused guests. At about the same time, Canterbury member Amy Malick felt a call to resume her ministry as chaplain to people experiencing poverty and homelessness in ABQ and saw an opportunity to exercise that ministry among our regular weekday morning guests at Canterbury.

A ministry was springing up organically--and unexpectedly--at Canterbury. It was exciting. God was answering our ongoing prayer to bring new members “home” to Canterbury, but it certainly didn’t look the way we expected it to look! Sylvia+ and Canterbury member Nancy Rogers were doing their best to keep up with the urgent pastoral and practical needs of our unhoused members and guests, but it was unwieldy and more than a little overwhelming! The Spirit seemed to be blowing into Canterbury, but it felt like a whirlwind and we could hardly keep up!

In March 2018 Shelley Drake facilitated a congregational meeting to discuss our ongoing and emerging ministries with people experiencing homelessness at Canterbury. We wanted to discern some clearer shape and boundaries for the ministry that was springing up in our midst. We were confident that by discerning a clearer shape and boundaries for this ministry, we could continue saying “yes” to what we felt God was doing at Canterbury while at the same time being responsive to the legitimate concerns of members and neighbors members of Canterbury and the wider community about the challenges of living as a community that includes both housed and unhoused people. We also hoped that a clearer shape and boundaries for this ministry would enable members of Canterbury and the wider community to understand and step up to share in the work to which we were being called.

At our March meeting we decided on a 6-week trial period of offering coffee and breakfast to the unhoused after morning prayer. Sylvia+ proposed the name “Oasis” to describe this emerging experiment in intentional hospitality to ALL people at Canterbury--housed and unhoused, members and guests, students and neighbors--who might be seeking a place to get their day off to a good start with quiet and prayer, coffee and conversation, in community. For 4 weeks, Ramona Montoya prepared hot breakfast items and for 2 weeks, the team served coffee and breakfast finger-foods that do not need in-house preparation. While hot breakfasts were appreciated, the ministry did not have adequate volunteers or financial backing to continue that effort. What’s more we discovered that our volunteer “hosts” had much more time for intentional conversation with our unhoused friends during the “cold breakfast” offering.

The Outreach team met on May 15th from 1:30-3:00 PM to discuss the Oasis program. The team decided to continue the experiment--including a light breakfast though the summer months.

The Outreach team welcomes all members of Canterbury to consider participating in this emerging ministry--once a week, once a month--whatever you can do! Join us for Morning Prayer at 7:30AM then plan to remain for 30 minutes or so to spend time in the OASIS with our guests.

If you would like more orientation or training for this ministry, contact Amy Malick, Shelley Drake or Sylvia+--we'd be glad to help you out!

*Funds from Canterbury's Outreach Budget would enable OASIS hosts to continue providing coffee and simple snacks (fruit, nuts, bread, etc.) to weekday morning guests at Canterbury.*



## **#6 Abundance Medicine Drum Circle**

**Contact Sylvia+, [sylvia.miller.mutia@gmail.com](mailto:sylvia.miller.mutia@gmail.com), 505-247-2515**

Monthly drum circle at Canterbury. We pray, dance, drum, and donate to support various needs in the community. In 2018 we are raising funds to sponsor a room at the Barrett House. The Barrett House is committed to helping build a community where homelessness for women and children is rare, short-lived, and non-recurring.

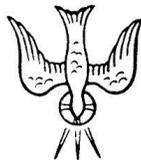


## **ACTIVATING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

### **#7: Collecting Aluminum for Education and the Environment**

**Contact Sally Barlow, [sallybarlownm@gmail.com](mailto:sallybarlownm@gmail.com),  
505-235-2356**

Sixteen-year-old Michael, the beneficiary of Canterbury's collection of aluminum cans and containers, will be graduating from high school in Jos, Nigeria, this summer. He will continue his education but we have not yet heard where. He is Pam Brown's and Sally Barlow's godson. The money generated by this project goes into a fund for his higher education. Thank you very much for continuing to put your aluminum in the white cardboard container near the NW corner of Becket Hall. Some Canterbury members have even told their friends and bring in cans from them! This project helps not only Michael but also the environment by saving energy, raw materials and waste.



### **#8: Lightbulb & battery recycling at church**

**Contact Ettajane Conant, [ejconant1@gmail.com](mailto:ejconant1@gmail.com), 505-296-4781**



**#9: Hildegard Hens (Churchyard Chickens @ Canterbury)**

**Contact Alex Miller-Mutia, [alexandra.miller.mutia@gmail.com](mailto:alexandra.miller.mutia@gmail.com)**

We have done initial research into the practical issues related to raising chickens in the backyard at Canterbury. At our most recent “chicken committee meeting” Maddie Carrell, Jonathan Yazzie, and I decided that we would revisit the project towards in July 2018.



**#10: Hildegard Healing Herbs (Healing Herb Garden @ Canterbury)**

**Contact Faith Holland, [holland.f.hannah@gmail.com](mailto:holland.f.hannah@gmail.com),  
505-712-2294**

In June, under the direction of Robert Knapp, we built a raised bed for an herb garden in the backyard at Canterbury. I consulted with professional herbalist Connie Henry to decide which herbs to plant for starters. In July the Medicine Drum Circle, in partnership with the UNM Curanderismo course, blessed the new herb garden beds behind the church. With the help of Heather Jim, Preston Jones, and other friends, I planted and tended a few healing herb plants last summer. We hope to continue “growing” this project in the coming year!



## **ACTIVATING FOR GLOBAL NEEDS**

### **#11: Supporting FAITH ALIVE HIV/AIDS clinic in Jos, Nigeria**

- **Requesting funds from Canterbury's 2018 Outreach Budget**

**Contact Sally Barlow, [sallybarlownm@gmail.com](mailto:sallybarlownm@gmail.com),  
505-235-2356**

Members of Canterbury continue to donate medical supplies and money to assist Faith Alive Hospital in Jos, Nigeria, and to pray for its success in caring for its approximately 6000 patients living with HIV. Dr. Chris Isichei, the inspiring Nigerian physician who began Faith Alive Clinic with \$333 received during a 1996 visit to Albuquerque, provides a unique service: free medical care to impoverished Nigerians in Jos and at satellite clinics in surrounding states.

In April Dr. Isichei wrote, "Please extend my appreciations to the church. They have stood by us over the [last 20] years.... If we are lucky to be included in the new funding of your church, it will be used to enrich our food bank--Faith Alive Necessities of Life Bank. There is so much poverty in the land. Patients are still being abandoned to us and food seems a better medicine now."



## **#12: Canterbury Kenyan Outreach**

**Contact Anne Marie Werner-Smith,  
am.wernersmith@gmail.com, 505-869-9133**

We have over the last 4 years funded or helped fund 6 motorcycles for young priest stationed in bush areas. We have been joined in this effort by Fr. Lawson, former Rector at St Thomas of Canterbury, and his church in California.

We worked with the Coastal Province of the Anglican Church of Kenyan for 12 years. During that time we established a scholarship program at the Mombasa bible school, Bishop Hannington Theological Institute, purchased books and a industrial copy, fax and scanner for the college and taught classes there. A second major initiative was the purchasing of a 33 seat bus for the Nursing program at St. Luke's Hospital, built in 1939 by the Church Missionary Society (CMS), spearheaded by Free Evangelical Lutherans from Germany and the Anglican Church of England. This bus allowed the national certification of the training program by ensuring the students would have transportation to various health facilities up and down the coast. On our last visit, the bus was in pristine condition. We gave our permission for it to be traded in for a larger bus, so that the hospital has a funds generating source from renting the bus out to other groups. All in all, Mission Accomplished. We will not be starting any new projects.



## ACTIVATING FOR IMMIGRANTS & REFUGEES

### **#13: Working with New Mexico Faith Coalition for Immigrant Justice**

**Contact Larry Malick, [lcmalick@gmail.com](mailto:lcmalick@gmail.com), 505-514-8186**



### **#14: Providing assistance to a refugee family from Syria in ABQ**

**Contact Kate Bolintineanu, [kate.bolintineanu@gmail.com](mailto:kate.bolintineanu@gmail.com), 505-717-5507**



### **#15: Encuentro-English as a Second Language (ESL)**

**Contact Ginger Lawrence, [violagin@aol.com](mailto:violagin@aol.com); 505-266-6728**

We have been assisting ESL students with conversational English skills students at Encuentro. Mostly immigrant women from Mexico and Central America.



## **ACTIVATING FOR LGBTQ+ RIGHTS**

### **#16: Advocacy and active participation in ABQ's annual PRIDE events**

- **Requesting funds from Canterbury's 2018 Outreach Budget**

**Contact Nick Torres-Tollardo, [ntollardo@unm.edu](mailto:ntollardo@unm.edu),  
505-980-3842**

Funds from Canterbury's Outreach fund will help enable us to buy art supplies and food & drink to share as part of Canterbury's outreach at the PRIDE parade & picnic in early June, 2018.



## **ACTIVATING FOR PRISONERS**

### **#17: Visiting and teaching at Los Lunas Correctional Facility**

**Contact Warren Smith, [warrensmtho@gmail.com](mailto:warrensmtho@gmail.com),  
505-869-9133**

I have just done my annual volunteer training at the Grants prison, at which I encountered an old ministry partner with whom I may be able to do joint visits in Los Lunas. Visiting Monday nights.



### **#18: Writing letters to transgender prisoners**

**Contact Mary Steele, [maryi@maryis.com](mailto:maryi@maryis.com)**

## **ACTIVATING FOR THE ELDERLY**

### **#19: Regular visits to senior living facilities**

**Contact Warren Smith, [warrensmtho@gmail.com](mailto:warrensmtho@gmail.com) ,  
505-869-9133**

News from Princeton Place (Warren): We have been taking communion to John Russell every week and now we are allowed to bring him to Canterbury again, and he seems to have a renewal of spirit.

News from Atria (Sylvia+): In early 2018 two of our regular “Canterbury Congregation at Atria” died. I presided over a memorial service from Louise Bell (our original “apostle” at Atria). We continue to lead a communion service at Atria 2x/month.



## **ACTIVATING FOR LOCAL ELECTIONS**

### **#20: Educating voters on issues, candidates and legislation to support the common good**

**Contact Janet Steele, [jmwsteele@gmail.com](mailto:jmwsteele@gmail.com), 505-294-1846**

We’re hoping to turn out voters for the primaries and general elections, mainly focusing on Angel Fire for the summer and in Albuquerque for the fall.

## **ACTIVATING FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

**#21: Leading efforts within and beyond the church to support the full inclusion & participation of people with disabilities**

**Contact Janet Steele, [jmwsteele@gmail.com](mailto:jmwsteele@gmail.com), 505-294-1846**

We're helping to make sure that Canterbury is accessible to all! Disabilities come in a myriad of ways. Most are not visible to others.



## **ACTIVATING FOR CAMPUS MINISTRY**

**#22: “Luther-bury”, Lutheran-Episcopal Campus Ministry at UNM**

- **Requesting funds from Canterbury’s 2018 Outreach Budget**

**Contact Victor Torres-Tollardo, [Vatorresjr@gmail.com](mailto:Vatorresjr@gmail.com), 505-250-2570**

St. Thomas of Canterbury Episcopal Church and Luther House are collaborating to build a robust, inclusive, progressive, sacramental Christian presence at UNM.

Funds from Canterbury’s Outreach fund will help support outreach to UNM by enabling Victor and his husband, Nick, to attend the Episcopal Evangelism Boot Camp at Virginia Theological Seminary in early June, 2018.

### **#23: Native IntersVarsity at UNM & CNM**

- **Requesting funds from Canterbury's 2018 Outreach Budget**

**Contact Preston Jones, [pjones37@cnm.edu](mailto:pjones37@cnm.edu); 505-870-1400**

I have been involved with Native IntersVarsity & Canterbury for the past six years. Through active involvement in Canterbury and IntersVarsity, I have come to a deeper understanding of what it means to be a Native American and follower of Jesus.

Funds from Canterbury's Outreach fund would help enable me to take a group of Native American Students from CNM to the IntersVarsity Urbana 2018 Missions conference, where we could learn more about Jesus and opportunities for ministry relating to our fields of study.



### **#24: Native IntersVarsity at SIPI**

- **Requesting funds from Canterbury's 2018 Outreach Budget**

**Contact Heather Jim, [heather.jim@intersVarsity.org](mailto:heather.jim@intersVarsity.org);  
505-620-6837**

In 2017 Heather launched a new IntersVarsity campus ministry for Native American students at SIPI.

Funds from Canterbury's Outreach fund would help enable Heather to continue ministering to Native Students at SIPI.



## **ACTIVATING FOR HEALTH AND HEALING**

### **#25: Good Works Fund/Hildegard Healing Center**

**Contact Sylvia+, [sylvia.miller.mutia@gmail.com](mailto:sylvia.miller.mutia@gmail.com), 505-247-2515**

- **The Good Works Fund is replenished annually by designated gifts from members of Canterbury. In the case of a surplus in the general operating budget of the church, 1/3 of any surplus income will be directed to the Good Works Fund at each year's end.**

The Good Works Fund enables the rector to provide emergency assistance to parishioners and members of the wider community in times of need and to support special outreach projects as they arise. In the past year money from the Good Works Fund was used to provide parishioners and community members with emergency assistance for food, rent, utilities, and transportation; to “sponsor” a room at the Barrett House for homeless women and children in partnership with the Medicine Drum Circle; and to provide supplemental support & care for members of Canterbury with limited financial means during times of acute stress and crisis through the Hildegard Healing Center (including spiritual direction, acupuncture, massage, curanderismo, and counseling.)

