

**Report of Canterbury Colorado Episcopal Campus Ministry
To The University of Colorado at Boulder, Colorado for
The 128th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Colorado
October 1-3, 2015**

Mission Statement: Fostering faith and friendships in a changing world.

Vision Statement: St. Aidan's is a prayerful and growing Christian community of faith and friendship. We worship together and support ministries that serve the needs of the University of Colorado, Boulder, the world, and our church family. Together, we endeavor to be a force for sharing God's grace through amazing service; a hub for spiritual comfort, solace, and companionship.

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(Canterbury Colorado is a 501c3 organization serving CU Boulder as an Episcopal Ministry to the University since 1948.)

Summary:

As a parish-based Episcopal Campus Ministry, St. Aidan's provides stability, a great facility adjacent to campus, and the diversity of a parish community for students, faculty, and staff at CU Boulder. This Campus Ministry began in 1948 and continues today. Your support will help Canterbury grow and help us spread the word on campus, but to do so we need you, parents and clergy, to send us names of students from your community who attend or will attend CU Boulder (office@saintaidans.org) or by mail to St. Aidan's, 2425 Colorado Avenue, Boulder, CO 80302)

2015 Diocesan Convention Report

2015 was the second full year of our partnership with Pastor Zach Parris and the Lutheran Campus Ministry, and this joint ministry continues to bear fruit. The Tuesday night 6:00 p.m. dinners known as Bread and Belonging at St. Aidan's Gingly Pat Parish Hall increased in attendance this fall. The excellent free food provided by St. Aidan's and local Lutheran congregations was enjoyed weekly by students. The hall was filled each week with great conversation, fun, relaxation, games, worship, and as one student described it a "little bit of soul bread." Through sharing experiences, both good and bad, students found support from one another. After dinner on some weeks, guest speakers were invited to speak on topics of interest ranging from Bishops to Holocaust survivors, to local homeless shelter volunteers, school officials and climatologists.

Students participated in retreats in the fall and winter and in the spring travelled to Guatemala to participate in building a road with the native workers as well as other events with people in this Central American culture. On Maundy Thursday students adventured out and washed feet at the student center on the CU campus. Many of the Canterbury students were well integrated into the life of the parish. This is one advantage of a Parish Based Campus ministry. Students were involved in the life of St. Aidan's Parish singing in the choir, participating in Altar Guild, the Vestry, and serving in other ways as a part of a multi-generational community.

Another exciting program this year was the beginning of El Camino (The Way), a project of the Lutheran Campus Ministry, made possible by a grant from the Lilly Foundation and supported by the Rocky Mountain Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and University of Colorado Boulder Career Service Staff. Canterbury students were included as were two members of Saint Aidan's Parish in El Camino. The grant provides for a four year program in which university students and mentors are trained to work together to discern the interaction of career choices and faith. Mentors and students learned to create "mind maps" to discover what students' past and present tell them about their skills, interests, and passions. They then discover with their mentors' support how these interests and skills can become careers that serve people and Christ's hope for the world. The work this year ended with the students developing core statements based on their baptismal promise and with affirmation on Easter Sunday. As a final activity El Camino hosted an interfaith panel discussion on the meaning and value of work. Most of the work in 2015 was done during Lent, but El Camino will begin in the fall semester in 2015-2016 continuing during the academic year.

Plans are coming together for the fall of 2016 with invitations extended to student from though out the Diocese of Colorado who will attend CU Boulder to come visit Canterbury and St. Aidan's with your youth leaders, clergy, or family. Plans are underway for a fall Welcome BBQ and open house at St. Aidan's for the opening of fall semester. The Canterbury Lounge is being "spruced up" and there are hopes for a possible pilgrimage to the monastery in Taize, France in spring 2016. Another incredible year is promised! Join us!