

The Center at Cathedral Ridge - Report for Diocesan Convention, 2015

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to Him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21

There are many ways to describe Cathedral Ridge: innovative, transformative, creative Christian formation, embodying excellence in hospitality, a place of belonging, a place where people come together, a place of stewardship, a place apart. It is a place where God's power works in and through everyone who visits.

2015 Program Year

Since we opened for business in 2011, people from over 80% of our congregations have had the opportunity to visit Cathedral Ridge. During 2015 program year we will host over 75 groups and 2,071 individuals. Of that total, over 586 youth participated in various Christian Formation programs. The number of groups represents a 9% increase over 2014 and a nearly 50% increase over 2013!

Along with *Cathedral Camp* and *Explore*, this summer saw the addition of year two of the *Colorado Youth Leadership Institute* as well as a second year one class. *Episcopal Youth Service Corp* centered on the idea of learning to be servant leaders and then putting those skill into practice in a support role for the *Explore*. The *Colorado Youth Leadership Institute*, a three-year leadership training program, entered its second year this summer with a new class of first year students and a transformative trip to St. Paul's School, Petit-Trou de Nippes, Haiti. The teambuilding, leadership training, and spiritual development work paid great dividends in year two enhancing an already transformative experience.

Partnerships

For the second year we hosted the Episcopal Diocese of Northwest Texas' youth summer program, *Camp Quarterman*. This diocesan partnership continues to be transformational for the youth of both our dioceses. In 2016 we will open up registration for *Camp Quarterman* to youth from our diocese.

Adult Formation Programs

Our vision, mission, and ministry is being realized with adults as well. From ministries of extraordinary grace such as *Stroke Survivor's Camp*, to the international *Tibetan Cranial*, to clergy retreats for the Archdiocese of Denver, we have continued

to look for new and creative ways to offer this place apart for formation and renewal for adults. This year *Episcopal Service Corp*, Resort Conference, *Church Development Institute*, Lay Pastoral Leaders, Standing Committee, Partnership Vicars, Congregational and Leadership Development, Ordination Retreat, Holy Orders Retreat, and Bishops Advisory Council on Ministry Retreat.

Facilities and Services

In February of 2015 we began the process of upgrading all our mattresses and linens. Lupine Lodge has been upgraded and the other sleeping areas on campus will be addressed in 2016. Water, HVAC, and new paint for Lupine Lodge and Astor Lodge are a part of our continuing efforts to beautify and enhance the guest experience. Currently under construction is Phase II of our new Challenge Course. Phase I completed in 2014 has continued to enhance retreat experiences making expansion necessary this fall. Contact Cathedral Ridge to see how your church and group might benefit from using this course.

Website and Connectivity

In April of this year The Center at Cathedral Ridge launched our new interactive website (<http://cathedralridge.org>). It has received strong and steady traffic and enhances our guest experience. In addition to our new web presence, Cathedral Ridge is excited to announce that new web connectivity is available in all our buildings for presentations. Additionally, cell coverage on campus has been boosted.

Executive Director

In the fall of 2014 the Cathedral Ridge Board of Directors approved the creation of a new Executive Director position. In January of this year, The Reverend Kenneth A Malcolm joined the bishop's staff as Canon for Servant Leadership and Formation and Executive Director of Cathedral Ridge.

Staff

In March of this year our Operations Manager resigned prompting a reevaluation of the position and our needs for the future. We are currently receiving names for a new staff position, Steward of Cathedral Ridge who will both function as a manager of operations as well as focus on holistic stewardship and the guest experience.

Challenges for the Future

With success comes the challenge of growth. Today the Center at Cathedral Ridge facilities cannot keep pace with the demand for our program needs. We must build, enhance, and upgrade our campus in order to meet current needs and expand our outreach. To that end our capital campaign *From Generation to Generation* is underway in the congregational phase of its development. When we reach our \$5 million for Phase I, we look forward to building a year-round youth campus,

improved adult lodging and meeting spaces, as well as a new pavilion, roads, remodeled dining hall and infrastructure improvements.

Our vision is challenging, but God grows our faith and trust by challenging us with opportunities that stretch us beyond what we think is possible. As disciples of Jesus, we are strengthened and given hope because we know, *“that the One who calls us is faithful, and He will do it.” 1 Thessalonians 5:24*

Cathedral Ridge is a place apart—a place where God’s Kingdom on earth is experienced through discovery, collaboration, challenge, and community; a place which provides both a sanctuary and a stimulating environment in which lives are transformed in relationship with God and one another; a place that values faithful stewardship of all God’s magnificent creation. Cathedral Ridge is a place to encounter innovative Christian spiritual formation for all ages, excellence in hospitality, and peace amidst a turbulent world.

Respectfully Submitted,

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