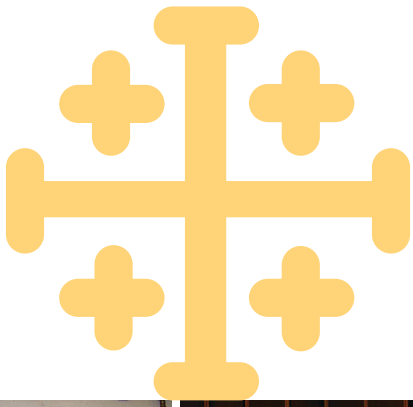




Genesee Area
Campus Ministries
Annual Report
Academic Year: 2007 - 2008



Enriching Lives
through Campus Ministries



"One influential science writer and religion skeptic has commented, 'We assume that events have natural causes. As we learn more about causes, God's domain keeps shrinking, or at least moving.... I leave the extrapolation to the reader.' Going into the sciences, I am likely to be exposed to such views often. PCC has helped me to confront them by digging into theological ideas and Biblical text with an informed and open mind. ... sermons at PCC have convinced me that one need not turn off one's critical reasoning to think about theology, faith, and wisdom. PCC has helped me be comfortable exploring the scientific intricacies of the universe, all of which is God's domain. I can see each scientific revelation not as one less reason to invoke God as a cause (in the way [that the above] skeptical writer does) but rather as a testament to God's unfathomable creativity."

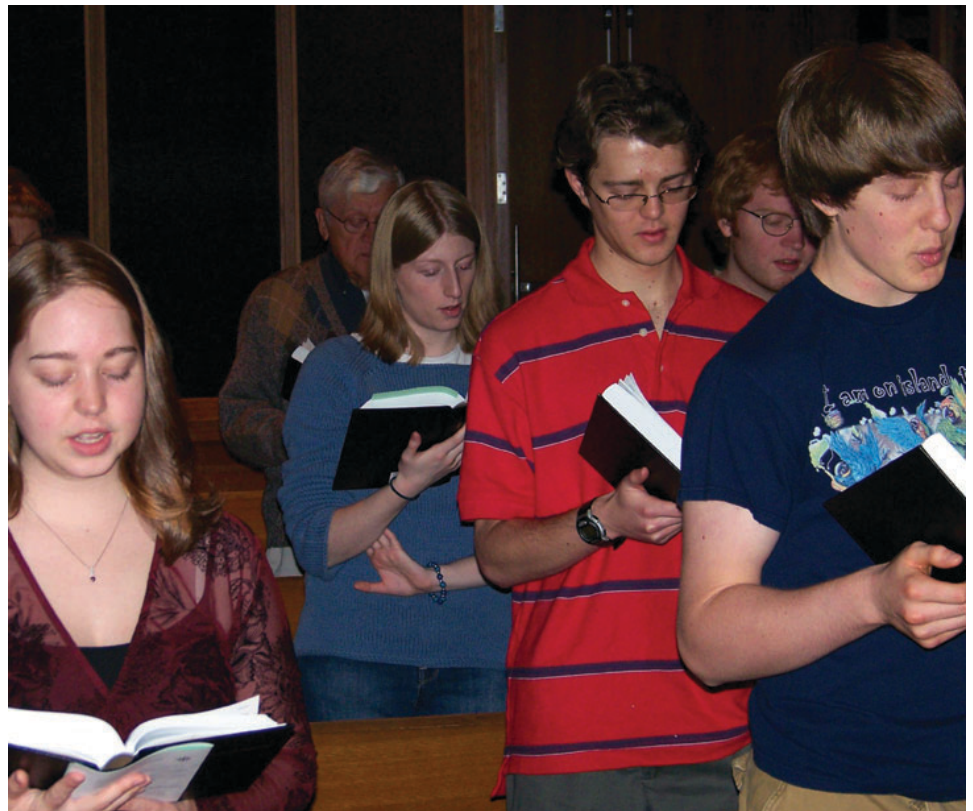


DAN ALLAN, '08, Physics, Music, and Applied Mathematics (United Methodist)

"I came to the University a semester later than my peers because I had taken some time off to work so I could afford it. And in that time college life had done what it does, bringing people together and forging friendships. So when in spring of 2004 I arrived, I found myself surrounded by groups already formed, their schedules already arranged, their habits already set. For a while it felt like being an intruder in someone else's private little universe. It was a great blessing, then, to come to this chapel where I found people who are always willing to take one more in... So for more than four years now I have been surrounded by an awesome group of people... there is much more that I should thank this group for than I will ever have the words to convey. So, for everything that you have done, I tell you that you may never know what it has meant for me..."



JONATHAN WETHERBEE
'08, Anthropology and English (Baptist)



GENESEE AREA CAMPUS MINISTRIES

MISSION

The mission of Genesee Area Campus Ministries (GACM), on behalf of the Church, is to be an agent of God's care in higher education, providing a bridge between religious and academic life, gathering and empowering students, faculty and staff to be a prophetic, nursing and reconciling community of faith on campus and in the larger world.

The Rev. Dr. Laurie Tiberi, Esq.

GACM Director and Protestant Chaplain, University of Rochester,
(United Church of Christ)



Once again, summer has come to Rochester, the students have dispersed for summer jobs, internships, or travel, and I am reflecting on another great year we had at the Protestant Chapel Community (PCC) here at the University of Rochester.

Some highlights of the academic year now ending include:

- our 2nd Annual “Wee Alternate Spring Break” during which we helped two local congregations (one Presbyterian, the other UCC) with painting, cleaning, and other hands-on labor;
- sponsoring our 2nd Annual “Go Hungry for Hunger” 30 hour fast, in which PCCers, together with UR Rotoract, raised \$1000 for Rochester Roots (which helps low-income people obtain nutritious, locally grown food);
- being joined by UR Professor of New Testament Anne Meredith, for a fascinating and enlightening discussion on the formation and authorship of the gospels;
- having dinner and a discussion with a Presbyterian peacemaker from El Salvador;
- joining in interfaith dialogue and study, including discussions throughout the year with guests such as the campus rabbi, the campus Catholic priest, a Mormon bishop, and the president of the Hindu Students Association, as well as being the guests at a meeting of the Muslim Students Association;
- sponsoring a lecture by divinity school professor of Old Testament H. Darrell Lance on the biblical understanding of homosexuality;
- holding our first Taize contemplative service, led by a local UCC pastor;
- receiving the gift of 40 United Methodist Hymnals from the West Walworth Zion and Aldersgate congregations;
- the 3rd annual formation of our popular PCC Christmas Choir and Easter Instrumental Ensemble

Of course, all of this is in addition to gathering for weekly Sunday evening worship, weekly Wednesday night “Dinner Dialogues”, monthly service at Blessed Sacrament Soup Kitchen, 4th-Sunday-of-the-month dinners (where we’re joined by a different local congregation each month), movie-and-discussion nights, and a great deal laughter, fun, and one-on-one pastoral conversations. We are truly blessed to be part of such a wonderful faith community.

Each year in May, at our closing worship service, some of the graduating seniors speak about what their time with the Protestant Chapel Community has meant to them. So that you have the chance to hear from some of the students directly, scattered throughout the pages of this Annual Report are small parts of some of their reflections from this spring.

I hope that these reflections by some of our students give you a hint of the incredible importance to these young people of this ministry which so many of you help to support. The students, the Board, and I are so thankful for the gifts of time, talent, and treasure that allow this ministry to go forward, enabling each generation of college students to be nurtured in faith and strengthened for service. May God bless you all.

Peace,

Chaplain Laurie Tiberi

Out-going President's Message

Randall Stone, Ph.D.

Member of Mountain Rise UCC, Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Rochester



As I look back over the last four years, I am astonished at how far we have come. On June 14 we celebrated Jennifer Zogg's ordination, as she takes a position serving St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Rochester. Just four years ago, when I took over as president of GACM, she was a bright eyed but unusually serious and mature senior who had returned from study abroad to become president of the student congregation, the Protestant Chapel Community. She has told us how much campus ministry meant to her as a safe, supportive and challenging place in the midst of the secular university.

Campus ministry has a special role to play in the midst of the secular university. Students come to college full of questions and challenges, and the university shatters their preconceptions. When science and modernity collide with religious tradition, many students reject religion, while others reject science and cling to literal interpretations of scripture. It takes a special sensitivity to discover that science is not inconsistent with religion, and that faith is not an unreasonable philosophical position. For many students, campus ministry is the only voice of reason speaking in favor of religion. For others, it is the only place on campus where it is safe to voice doubts. For some, it is the only place they can be sure to find a welcome.

Four years ago, GACM felt a bit adrift. We were searching for a new chaplain/director, we had been hit by a dramatic cut in support from one of our supporting denominations, and our fundraising efforts were embryonic. The first step was to rebuild the Board and transform it into a foundational board that takes responsibility for the financial support of the ministry. The Board now contributes \$5000 to the annual budget, and has set a goal of doubling that amount. Meanwhile, research by PCC students tripled the size of our mailing list, and we have invested in a regular program of contacting alumni for donations. We thank all of you who have made such a big difference with your support! Denominational support remains critical, but we expect to see it gradually decline, and we are planning to build up our Restricted Endowment to make this ministry a permanent feature of campus life.

As a political scientist, I realize that four years is probably as long as anyone should be president of anything! As I turn over my duties, I feel particularly privileged to have such a qualified and committed successor in Dr. Russell Miller, a musician, faculty member of the Eastman School of Music, and Episcopal layman.



"...four years ago, my image of God was a lot more clearly defined than it is now. God was a little more human-like, probably a little more judgmental, somewhat celestial, and, quite honestly, a lot more boring... But...I realized that I had been boxing God in. Everyone in PCC has such unique ways of pursuing truth and understanding God, and you have all added many facets to my own view of God... it has... fostered a more substantial interest in the investigation of God's attributes. This investigation can never be concluded, and for me, this is what will preserve a life-long faith. Through your humor, intellect, kindness, and genuine wonder, all of you varied and complex PCCers have exposed me to and taught me to love the mysteriousness and complexity of God."

LEIGH CARROLL

'08, Neuroscience
(Presbyterian Church USA)



Russell Miller, D.M.A.

President of GACM, Member of Christ Church (Episcopal),
Associate Professor at the Eastman School of Music,
University of Rochester



As incoming president of the GACM Board, I can't do better than to quote outgoing president Randy Stone from his comments in our 2007 Annual Report: "College is a time for questions." In my eleven years teaching at Eastman School of Music of the University of Rochester, I have seen many students arrive in a larger city for the first time, away from the environment, religious or secular, that first shaped their belief structures and values. Interacting with an array of new colleagues with widely diverse beliefs and backgrounds is a crucial experience which is stimulating but which can also be full of apprehension and confusion. My own experience with religious groups in my college years was not always one of acceptance and intellectual openness, and these are the qualities that I have come to value most highly in college chaplains—and have been thrilled to find in our own Laurie Tiberi.

Campus ministry has always had a high profile at my own Episcopal parish, Christ Church Rochester, partly because it's around the corner from Eastman School of Music, with many students attending services as musicians and worshipers. My involvement in GACM began four years ago when our former rector, Linwood Garrenton, who acted as Protestant chaplain at Eastman for over twenty years, asked me to help with our congregation's sponsorship of the Episcopal portion of the funding for the chaplain at the "other" UR campus, River Campus. I was able to watch Greg Osterberg as he was preparing to leave his position, and then worked closely with our terrific interim chaplain Lynn Carman Bodden and now with Laurie Tiberi, who is not only an engaging preacher and sympathetic listener but who also brings a professional background in law and spiritual journeys in both the Presbyterian and United Church of Christ traditions. I have been grateful to see Christ Church's interest in GACM's work reflected in our Episcopal diocese and in the many other congregations in the Rochester area that contribute their money, time and talent in numerous ways.

As you read in this report about the ways in which the Protestant Chapel Community, supported by GACM, has effectively served our college students from numerous religious backgrounds for many years now, know that the coming years will bring new challenges but also new opportunities. Funding from traditional church organizations is likely to continue its present downward trend, and we will

continue to expand our network of private donors and grant support. Thanks to Randy's and Laurie's wise leadership and encouragement, the GACM Board continues to grow in size and effectiveness with each passing year. My personal belief is that as our daily lives in America start to be significantly impacted by pressing financial and environmental issues, our longstanding sense of security in material comforts and convenience might give way to a greater hunger for spiritual fulfillment. There may well be a new set of moral values and ethical questions for the next generation of young adults to face, and we at GACM continue our commitment to providing the best opportunity we can for college students in Rochester to ask these questions in an open, supportive and tolerant environment.



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"Last spring I studied abroad in Rome. I had been to Rome twice before but even upon my third trip I was not ready to return to the States. I enjoyed both the city itself and traveling throughout Italy. But I remember being somewhat surprised how much I missed the PCC community here...both the spiritual community and the friendships I had created through services, Steering Committee, and Dinner Dialogues.... If I reflect on exactly why PCC is important to me, I come to the conclusion that—in addition to the friends I have made—it is because the services, sermons, and Diner Dialogues have helped to show me how faith is relevant in my daily life. This was, after all, I think the main reason I had lost interest in attending church during my senior year of high school and freshman year of college—I just didn't see how it was relevant. Now, as graduation nears, I find it hard to imagine my post-PCC mindset. Through PCC I have been exposed to various beliefs, opinions, and lifestyles different than what I was used to. I am sure that all of these will have a lasting impact on me, and the opinions and beliefs that I have formed while attending will affect the decisions I make when I begin to search for a faith community in my next home."

DANIEL COCHRAN

'08, Religion (United Methodist)



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REVENUES	Actual '07	Adopted '08
Presbytery of Genesee Valley	\$10,250	\$10,250
WNY Conf/United Methodist	\$5,000	\$6,000
Episcopal Diocese of Rochester	\$10,000	\$10,000
GVA/United Church of Christ	\$1,900	\$1,900
American Baptist Churches/RGR	\$1,600	\$1,700
Total Judicatories	\$28,750	\$29,850
GACM Friends (Individuals)	\$1,000	\$1,200
GACM Board Members	\$4,760	\$5,000
Student Support	\$3,000	\$1,000
Alumni Support	\$3,000	\$6,000
Parent Support	\$1,340	\$1,500
Individual Church Donations	\$3,500	\$4,000
Miscellaneous		
Total Designated Income	\$16,600	\$18,700
Grants		
United Way	\$324	\$500
NYS Baptist Foundation	\$900	\$900
Other Grants	\$2,000	\$2,000
Frank Snow Endowment Income	\$8,000	\$8,500
Total Revenues	\$56,574	\$60,450
EXPENSES		
Salary & Housing	\$36,439	\$38,698
FICA Offset	\$2,788	\$2,960
FiCA	\$5,101	\$5,418
Pension & Disability	\$547	\$580
Health	\$5,640	\$5,871
Reimbursable Expenses	\$1,000	\$1,000
Parking:	\$200	\$250
Continuing Education	\$676	\$824
Chaplain/Director Sub-total	\$52,391	\$55,601
Pulpit Supply		\$200
Organist	\$1,500	\$3,000
Bookkeeper:	\$1,532	\$1,578
Other (incl. taxes)	\$150	\$662
Total Salaries and Benefits	\$55,573	\$61,041
Public Relations/Outreach	\$50	\$250
Liability Insurance	\$1,273	\$1,000
Postage	\$4,652	\$4,800
PCC Office Supplies	\$252	\$250
PCC Equipment	\$202	\$500
PCC Worship Supplies & Mailings	\$782	\$800
PCC Program Expenses	\$1,553	\$1,500
PCC Website/ Telephone	\$72	\$75
Total Support Costs	\$8,836	\$9,175
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$64,409	\$70,216
NET INCOME	(\$7,835)	(\$9,766)



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