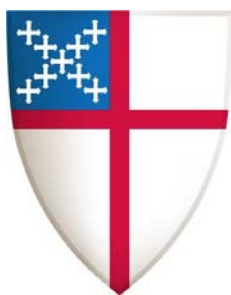


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BISHOP GADSDEN



Bishop Gadsden Episcopal Retirement Community 2017 Report to Convention of The Episcopal Church in South Carolina

Bishop Gadsden Episcopal Retirement Community in 2017 continued its focus on strategic planning. The outcome is to replace our current healthcare center (which was built in 1992), as well as our oldest assisted living residences; expand into Medicare-reimbursed rehabilitation; and also add eight new cottages. The newly expanded healthcare center will increase our skilled-care beds from 48 to 64, with 32 additional beds for short-term rehabilitation. The replacement of our memory care will increase our beds from 19 to 32. Our new healthcare center will be designed to meet the needs and expectations of our current and prospective residents.

For those whose worship is supported by our Community's Chapel, the past year has been a time of transition. In October of 2016, our Chaplain of 10 years, The Reverend Frank Russ, retired. As a result, a committee of residents, senior staff, and board members coordinated a search for a new chaplain. In early November 2016, The Reverend Tom Wilson was called to be our new Director of Pastoral Services. Tom came to Bishop Gadsden from Wichita, Kansas, where he had a successful career as an attorney and later became ordained in the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, serving in parish ministry. While Tom had never lived in South Carolina, he and his family regularly vacationed in the low country, thus finding the transition an easy one. Tom's wife, Ruth, is a practicing physician with MUSC.

Other positive developments in our Community's ministry include a resident grief support group, led by the Rev. Gale Cooper, which has expanded into a similar support group for our staff members. Presently, a chapel service of Holy Eucharist Rite II is held on Sunday mornings. A similar service, offered weekly for our skilled and memory care residents, is led by active and retired area clergy. The priests regularly involved are from Grace Church Cathedral, the BG Community, and other area parishes. If there are those interested in supporting this ministry, they are encouraged to contact Father Tom.

A monthly Presbyterian service has been added to the monthly Roman Catholic and Anglican services held in the Chapel. All of these services, including a monthly Shabbat service, are offered in support of residents who find it difficult to worship with their prior faith communities regularly.

In addition to our strategic planning and ministerial changes, Bishop Gadsden continues to focus on our charitable and philanthropic mission. Over the past year, Bishop Gadsden distributed more than \$570,000 in financial support to residents who were unable to afford the full amount required to live at Bishop Gadsden, or who have encountered financial difficulties through no fault of their own. Our Charitable Fund has supported organizations with \$2,000 each for the Trident Literacy Association and Windwood Farms for Children, and we will contribute another \$65,000 this year to My Sisters House

(serving women affected by domestic violence), Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy, Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary, and Able Life Foundation; charities chosen by our residents.

Our residents, families, and employees generously support our mission of “Embracing God’s Call to Ministry” and “Reaching Out with a Generous Spirit”, and we are proud to be on-target to distribute more than \$1,500,000 in charitable giving in 2017.

Faithfully submitted,
Bill Trawick, CEO



2017 Report to the Episcopal Church in South Carolina

Founded in 1928 and situated on 1,400 peaceful acres, Kanuga is blessed to welcome 25,000 guests annually to our multiple camps and conference facilities. Through the years, we continue to celebrate our legacy and look forward to improving the future.

This year, one of the first tasks that we faced was a discussion of our core values. With the help of a consultant, we have worked with our Board, management team, full staff, guest constituents and focus groups. Mission and core values must lead our decisions. Clarity of purpose, with accurate information and data, is essential to our strategic planning. We claim the following core values as essential to our success and future.

Service

We aim to awaken a world of good by providing programs that transform and nourish the soul for work beyond Kanuga.

Respect

We honor the image of God in every person we encounter and offer radical hospitality to all guests while striving for a work environment that supports staff with living wages and quality benefits.

Sustainability

We treasure God’s gift of creation and commit to using sustainable models that have the least impact on our land and resources.

Stewardship

We use our inheritance wisely by utilizing our resources in a responsible manner so that Kanuga is preserved for future generations.

Here’s a summary of steps we’ve already taken to strengthen our mission for the future.

- Hired a Director of Formation and Resident Chaplain who will strengthen our programming for youth and adults.
- Initial stages of investigation and work on preserving the Chapel of the Transfiguration. Kanuga has engaged a preservationist architect out of Charleston who has done extensive work on numerous churches across the country and a local architect and structural engineer.
- A reorganization of management to align the Senior Leadership Team with our strategic plan, Calling Us Forward, Kanuga Looks to 2028.
- An initial assessment of development efforts to increase our appeal to foundations and new sources of support. • Improvements to food quality and dining experience, offering more homemade options and incorporating local, sustainable ingredients.
- Increased communication to and from parishes and dioceses to provide programming that will serve them for the future.
- Working diligently with staff and board to become a living wage employer by 2018 in line with our mission.

These steps are just the beginning. So much more is being done to make Kanuga stronger and bolder in its mission. We have a bright future if we work together, embracing the fullness of who we are and supporting our purpose like never before.

All of us at Kanuga continue to be grateful to friends, supporters and partners in ministry from the Episcopal Church in South Carolina. Look with us to this place. Look with us to this mountain. Look with us to a bolder, stronger Kanuga.



Michael R. Sullivan
President



James L. Haden
VP: Community & Church Relations



Annual Report:
The Diocese of South Carolina
The Episcopal Church in South Carolina
Porter-Gaud Board of Trustees

LEADERSHIP

Hank Cheves '87 is the currently elected Chair of the Board of Trustees. He began a 3-year term in July 2015. Cordes Ford '94 is chair of the Porter-Gaud Foundation which oversees the philanthropic efforts for the school. There are three clergy representatives on the board in addition

to 18 other members. The Rev. John Zahl began his term in 2012. The other clergy positions are held by The Rt. Rev. Mark Lawrence and The Rev. Haden McCormick. Dr. John McCardell, Vice Chancellor of Sewanee is also serving on the Board of Trustees. DuBose Egleston is in his 9th year as Head of School. DuBose serves on the Governing Board for the National Association of Episcopal Schools. He will also be chairing the 5-year Accreditation for the Episcopal School of Jacksonville this Fall. He was recently elected to serve on the Board of Trustee for the Southern Association of Independent Schools.

CHAPLAINCY FACULTY and STAFF

The Rev. Jill Williams - Lower School Chaplain and Women's Vestry Leader

The Rev. Bryce Wandrey - Middle School Chaplain

The Rev. Charles Echols, PhD - Upper School Chaplain and Chair of Religion Department

Mr. Nick Rindge - Upper School Religion Faculty and Men's Vestry Leader

Mr. Hudson Dodds - Middle School Religion Faculty

HISTORY

Porter-Gaud has a long history of living out its spiritual identity as an independent Episcopal school rooted in the rich heritage of Anglicanism. For much of its history, Porter-Gaud had one chaplain who taught all the religion classes, conducted chapel services, and provided pastoral care for the school community. As the School has grown and the needs for ministry have increased, the Board of Trustees has bolstered the chaplaincy so that there are now three full-time clergy on campus in addition to two faculty members teaching Religion classes.

WORSHIP AND DISCIPLESHIP

In addition to the traditional celebration of Holy Communion each Thursday morning in St. Timothy's Chapel and special services offered on major Holy Days, there is weekly chapel on a divisional basis for the Lower, Middle, and Upper School students and faculty. The School also has a divisional Christmas Eucharist for the Middle and Upper School as well as divisional services on

Advent and Ash Wednesday and divisional Eucharist during Holy Week. The School's service of Lessons and Carols, held at the Church of the Holy Communion, is a tradition that dates back over 30 years and is a highlight of the Christmas season for the school community. Middle and Upper Schools have developed a vibrant ministry of student groups. Vestry and Bible studies groups meet weekly with strong attendance. Vestry members hold significant leadership roles on campus and in chapel. The students are invited to 2-3 retreats a year. The new chaplains continue to develop this ministry and are discussing service opportunities, possibilities of a pilgrimage, and how to develop a sequential curriculum for student spiritual growth.

ACADEMICS

Porter-Gaud offers Godly Play and character education curriculum in the Lower School that focus on the major stories of the Bible in tandem with selected virtues each month. In Middle School there is a required course on the Old Testament as well as developing coursework on ethics and world religions, and in Upper School a required course on the New Testament, along with an

elective on C.S. Lewis for spring 2019. There is also an elective taught in the Upper School this year, History of the World's Religions, that is part of the History curriculum. In the Middle and Upper School, the character education thread is woven through Advisory, Chapel, and other programming for students that follows the virtues framework established in the Lower School.

SERVICE

Porter-Gaud has an active community service program through which students volunteer thousands of hours annually to assisting various agencies throughout the Lowcountry. Service opportunities are available with agencies working with at-risk and special needs children, environmental and animal welfare, health and senior adult issues, and hunger and poverty needs. Porter-Gaud has entered a strategic partnership with Water Missions International, and regularly offers mission trip opportunities abroad, some in conjunction with Water Missions. The chaplains are exploring the possibility of a service project with Samaritan's Purse at the end of the current academic year.

Porter-Gaud Mission Statement

Porter-Gaud is an Episcopal, coeducational, independent, college preparatory day school. We acknowledge the sovereignty of God, recognize the worth of the individual, and seek to cultivate a school community that endows its citizens with a foundation of moral and ethical character and intellect. Porter-Gaud fosters a challenging academic environment that honors excellence in teaching and learning, respects differences, expects honesty, and applauds achievement. The school strives to create an environment that nurtures and protects what we value most in our children: their faith, their curiosity, their talents, their integrity, their humanity, and their dreams.

Porter-Gaud Vision

The vision for Porter-Gaud School is to offer an unsurpassed educational experience to outstanding individuals from all communities and from all walks of life. With the finest teachers, great

facilities, and a dynamic curriculum, we will engage students' hearts, minds and souls, seeking to awaken in them what is most valuable in themselves: their knowledge, their honor, their faith and their social consciousness.

- Approved by Board January 13, 2015

The WATCH Prayer O Lord, may our words be full of truth and kindness, our actions gracious and honorable, our thoughts unselfish and charitable, our character noble and upright, and our habits virtuous, that our school family may grow in faith, honor, and knowledge, as we watch together in all things. AMEN



2016-2017 REPORT TO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN SOUTH CAROLINA

College of Arts & Sciences

Enrollment from The Episcopal Church in South Carolina: 48 students total (17 report Episcopal heritage)

Financial aid awarded to all college students from The Episcopal Church in South Carolina: \$899,136.00

The School of Theology

Seminary

Enrollment from The Episcopal Church in South Carolina: 3 students total (2 in the summer Advanced Degrees Program)

The Beecken Center

Education for Ministry (EfM) Groups: 4

EfM Diocesan Coordinator: Walter Elliot Limehouse Jr.

Support Received from The Episcopal Church in South Carolina: \$2,000

Support Received from The Episcopal Church in South Carolina churches: \$1,200

2016–2017 Statistics for the University of the South

College of Arts and Sciences total students: 1,734

Class of 2020: 514

SAT combined: 1760–1983 ACT: 27–31

High School GPA: 3.69

College tuition and fees: \$ 42,400

College faculty: Full-Time: 151 Part-Time: 70

Student/faculty ratio: 9:9.1

School of Theology students: 151 (includes summer and non-degree students)

School of Theology full-time tuition and fees: \$ 17,058

School of Theology faculty: Full-Time: 10 Part-Time: 5

Student/faculty ratio: 6:1

University Fiscal Year July 1, 2016–June 30, 2017 (unaudited)

Endowment: \$394.9 million

About the University of the South

The University of the South is home to an outstanding liberal arts College of Arts and Sciences, a School of Letters, and a School of Theology. Located atop the Cumberland Plateau between Nashville and Chattanooga, Tennessee, Sewanee's 13,000-acre campus, the second largest campus in the United States, provides students with vast opportunities for research, recreation, and

reflection. Within the traditionally strong curriculum of humanities, sciences, and graduate theological studies, Sewanee faculty members promote intellectual growth, critical thinking, and hands-on research.

The University's Board of Trustees is composed of the bishops of the 28 owning dioceses, together with clergy and lay representatives elected by each diocese and representatives of other University constituencies. The Board of Regents, to which the Board of Trustees delegates some of its responsibilities for governance, is composed of Episcopal bishops, priests, and lay people, and may include a limited number of members of other Christian bodies. The chancellor of the University, elected by the Board of Trustees, is a bishop from one of the 28 owning dioceses.

An Episcopal Center of Learning

The University of the South is an institution of The Episcopal Church dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge, understanding, and wisdom in close community and in full freedom of inquiry, and enlightened by Christian faith in the Anglican tradition, welcoming individuals from all backgrounds, to the end that students be prepared to search for truth, seek justice, preserve liberty under law, and serve God and humanity.

The University was founded by church leaders from the southeastern United States in 1857 and is the only university in the nation that is owned and governed by dioceses of The Episcopal Church, specifically the 28 dioceses that are successors to the original founding dioceses. The historic ownership and governance of the University by these Episcopal dioceses has produced a living synergy of leadership, resource, and mutual support, enriching the Church and advancing the University's role in American higher education.

2016–2017 Highlights from the University of the South

Details may be found by visiting the College's website: sewanee.edu/newstoday/
And the School of Theology's website: theology.sewanee.edu/seminary/media/news/



2017 Annual Report

Danny Sanford, Executive Director

When thinking back over 2017, a common theme has been expansion and growth. Not just expansion and growth on Still Hopes' present campus, but also the potential for expansion and growth into an entirely new market. Whether exploring ways to further our mission right here in West Columbia, or extend our reach halfway across the state, it is invigorating to know Still Hopes is ever changing, ever evolving, and always searching for new ways to serve as many people as possible.

Right here on the Still Hopes campus, our North Campus Expansion project is moving full speed ahead. We have broken ground on our HealthPointe building, which will provide state of the art Skilled

Nursing and Assisted Living care. It is so exciting to see the walls of HealthPointe erected and move closer to making this dream a reality. When it comes to WellPointe, our new Independent Living apartment building, we are collecting deposits faster each day. Folks are truly excited to envision their new life at Still Hopes and they are eager to be a part of our community. Though WellPointe is a few years from completion, the sense of community among these depositors and future residents is heartwarming to see.

Another opportunity for growth and expansion is the York Place project. Previously a home for at-risk youth, the York Place campus currently stands empty, yet is ripe with possibility. Still Hopes is exploring the possibility of creating a co-operative ministry with the Diocese of Upper South Carolina to create an intergenerational community on the York Place campus. The intergenerational community would be comprised of a middle-income retirement community, along with programs and buildings geared towards youth. The benefits of intergenerational communities are numerous, and Still Hopes is excited to explore this possibility further in the days to come.

As you can see, Still Hopes is always seeking new opportunities to grow, expand, and reach new people with our mission. We have been blessed abundantly, and we are seeking ways to bless others through new opportunities and exciting developments. We appreciate your support in our endeavors, and we look forward to seeing what the coming days and years will bring.

Blessings,



Danny Sanford
Executive Director



REPORT TO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN SOUTH CAROLINA
November 2017

- The Chaplain/Vicar was actively involved with the kick-off of the 2017 Fall Semester, beginning with the New Student Orientation. During the week of orientation, the Chaplain's office participated in the following:
 - Voorhees College Legacy Dinner – Aug. 9
 - Candle Light Matriculation service – Aug. 13
 - Opening Fall Convocation – Sept. 7

- The Division of Enrollment Management/Student Affairs and Athletics hosted the first All College Assembly for the 2017 fall academic year.
- For the fifth consecutive year, the HIV/AIDS Awareness Event and free HIV testing was held on campus. This event is a collaborative project implemented by the Chaplain/Vicar's office, the Center for Excellence in Rural and Minority Health, the HIV/AIDS Ministry of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Columbia, the Episcopal Church in SC (Charleston) and Hope Health of Orangeburg
- College policies/procedures and the Anti-Hazing Workshop was held with more than 30 students and advisors in attendance.
- Students participated in, 'The Active Shooter Workshop' - A training on how to respond to an active shooting on campus.
- 5 Domestic Violence workshops were held in the student residential halls hosted by the Citizens Against Sexual Violence (CASA).
- Voorhees College is entering Year 2 of a contract with the Tri-County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Center.
- Our Chaplain/Vicar Farther James Yarsiah represented Voorhees College at the joint conference of the ADLA and the Union of Black Episcopalians 49th Annual Meeting and Conference, held in Cherry Hill, New Jersey and Philadelphia, along with Voorhees College's President W. Franklin Evans.
- This fall, over 390 students are residing in the residential halls and the majority of the students live in the freshman residential hall (Blantons Hall).
- The first annual luncheon for the 2017-2018 Miss Voorhees College was held on September 22, 2017 with 125 guests.
- The Coronation of the 50th Miss Voorhees College Terrianna McCullough was a success with over 300 in attendance.
- Selected from 400 applicants, Miss Terrianna McCullough was designated 1 of 65 students to participate with the 2017 White House Initiative.
- The Retention Office is working with faculty to implement an early warning referral system used for students that are accruing excessive absentees.
- Men and Women's Basketball season opening October 27th and October 30th.
- The office of Career Placement and Planning welcomed 22 confirmed Business and Graduate schools for the college's career fair.
- The Director of Health Services is providing assistance for students to apply for Medicaid, family planning, and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- In November, Voorhees College along with our Greek organizations, clubs, students, faculty, administration, and staff members will commit our Thanksgiving baskets as a part of our ministries to the community.

The Rev. James Yarsiah, Chaplain