

# Canterbury Fellowship Annual Report

Report to Diocesan Convention 2025

Submitted by the Rev. Allen Doyle, Chaplain

## 1. Mission / Purpose Statement

Canterbury Fellowship is a community of young adults dedicated to exploring and deepening faith together. While rooted in the Anglican/Episcopal tradition, the Fellowship welcomes individuals from all backgrounds. Through prayer, worship, study, service, and friendship, participants seek to encounter and embody God's love—sharing the Good News and living out faith in meaningful ways. Canterbury House, as a related ministry, serves as a vibrant hub of spirituality and community in Laramie, offering a safe and inclusive space for study, rest, worship, and service.

## 2. Summary of Current Year's Activities

The 2024–2025 academic year was a season of remarkable growth for Canterbury Fellowship. The ministry expanded its offerings, welcomed new members, and saw increased attendance at events. Many participants were new to the Episcopal Church, having come from diverse faith traditions and seeking a welcoming spiritual home.

Canterbury House continued to develop as a true 'third space' for students—a place for meals, study, prayer, rest, and fellowship. It also hosted three other regular groups: Laramie Friends, the Laramie Meditation Group, and a Contemplative Prayer Group. Additionally, Canterbury House partnered with Laramie Pride Fest to host several events.

This year, distinct mission statements were formalized for Canterbury Fellowship and Canterbury House. The House is owned by the Episcopal Church in Wyoming and offered as a gift to the community, providing spiritual guidance, support, and practical amenities such as meals, laundry, and study space.

Canterbury Fellowship hosted 81 events with a combined attendance of 1,112 people, representing a 58.6% increase from the prior year despite fewer total events. Weekly gatherings averaged 15–20 participants and included prayer, worship, and reflection. Additional events such as Shrove Tuesday and summer gatherings reflected strong leadership and ownership among students.

The Canterbury Tales Speaker Series launched this year, featuring guest speakers such as Bishop Kym Lucas, Bishop Cathleen Bascom, the Rev. Mother Hannah, and State Representative Trey Sherwood. Events were recorded and shared on the diocesan YouTube page.

Rev. Allen Doyle provided 69 one-on-one pastoral care visits totaling 89 hours. Community service remained central to ministry life, with donations supporting Albany County Schools, Durango Mountain Camp, and Pokes Pantry. Students also partnered with 7,220 Health,

conducted Laramie River clean-ups, cooked meals for the Downtown Clinic, and packed hurricane recovery kits.

Canterbury's commitment to mental health deepened through free therapy partnerships, suicide prevention training, and ongoing pastoral care. The ministry also collaborated with other campus ministries in Colorado and improved its digital presence with a new website and stronger social media engagement.

### **3. Financial Report**

N/A

### **4. Plans and Projections for the Coming Year**

Canterbury Fellowship plans to continue expanding its outreach to students and young adults, strengthening community partnerships, and deepening formation opportunities through worship, study, and service. The ministry also aims to sustain its mental health initiatives and expand the Canterbury Tales Speaker Series to include additional diocesan and campus collaborations.

### **5. Membership / Leadership**

Leadership is provided by a student team of four elected leaders, a faculty advisor, and the Rev. Allen Doyle as chaplain. Canterbury Fellowship remains a recognized Registered Student Organization at the University of Wyoming.

### **6. Gratitude / Acknowledgments**

The 2024–2025 academic year was marked by growth in both numbers and spiritual depth. Canterbury Fellowship and Canterbury House continue to embody prayer, community, and service, serving as visible signs of God's love in the lives of students and the Laramie community.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Allen Doyle, Chaplain