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## Clarifying Duke Chapel's Many Roles

By The Rev. Dr. Sam Wells, Dean of Duke Chapel

Duke Chapel is a complex organization, and it's a part of my role, from time to time, to explain how it all fits together. So here goes.

We operate in three modes: some operations Duke Chapel sponsors and runs; some things we facilitate and promote; and other things provide the infrastructure for everything we run or facilitate.

### *Starting with the things we run, these may be divided into three:*

- There are core programs. These have always been, and remain, worship and music.
- There are our core constituencies. Again, these have always been, and remain, the university (faculty, staff, alums, administration) and its undergraduate, graduate and professional students. Here our PathWays program is crucial. This is also where our campus programs like the Dean's Dialogues fit in.
- And there are our growing programs. These are things I've promoted in my time here, notably the Chapel's relationship with Durham and the interfaith dialogue overseen by the Faith

Council. These programs don't currently have the status, stability, or prominence of our core programs but one day they may come to be seen as core programs in their own right.

“...the Chapel can be and do so much more...”

**Moving to the things we facilitate, these again are**

### **broadly three:**

- There is our myriad of campus ministries, covering a wide range of Christian expressions, together with several other faiths. The role of Muslims, Buddhists and Hindus has increased significantly in recent years to reflect a more diverse campus culture. We don't exercise much editorial control over these groups, but largely seek as best we can to help each group flourish.
- There is the Congregation at Duke University Chapel. I've given the Congregation more visibility since I came, because I believe part of what Duke Chapel offers the university is the lived experience of a real church. But, like the other campus ministries, the Congregation is formally independent of the Chapel and the Chapel's role is to facilitate its flourishing, not to run it.

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- Then there are university, local, and student organizations, and alumni/ae who wish to use the building for appropriate purposes such as weddings and concerts. With some exceptions the Chapel's role with these events is largely one of facilitation.

**Then, third, there is the infrastructure. Again, this comes in broadly three dimensions:**

- There is fundraising, both developing our regular programs and assisting those groups we facilitate with their own efforts to find and reach donors.
- There is the vital role of communications, including our website and broadcasting ministry.
- Finally there is financial, administrative, and personnel support for all our programs, including care for and maintenance of the Chapel building itself.

It's understandable that people often find it difficult to disentangle these different responsibilities and programs. I hope laying them out in detail here helps to clarify the difference between the Chapel's ministry to students – focused on the PathWays program – and the ways the Chapel promotes the campus ministries in their own programs. I hope it also shows how the Faith

Council is a program run by the Chapel to model interfaith dialogue; meanwhile Religious Life refers to a range of diverse ministries that the Chapel seeks to facilitate and promote, but which has no other mechanism for active interaction or cooperation. I hope it explains how in my six years as Dean I have sought to maintain and strengthen the Chapel's core programs while developing others out of and alongside them.

Finally, I trust it helps clarify what the university pays for and what I look to the Friends of Duke Chapel to support. The university pays for what it believes Duke Chapel needs to be – essentially to have a building and the core staff that can make the Chapel function for major university events and oversee Religious Life. But I – and you – believe the Chapel can be and do so much more than that. That's why I call on you for support. And that's why I'm so grateful you give it – so generously. Thank you for your vision and encouragement of the abundant life of Duke Chapel. ☁



## Chapel Changes

Special Assistant to the Dean **Dave Allen** left our Chapel staff in June to become Associate Pastor of Caring Ministries at Edenton United Methodist Church in Raleigh. Dave contributed significantly to the work of the Chapel since joining the staff in summer 2010. His many talents and his wit and humor are greatly missed. We wish Dave and his wife, Heather, all the best.

In July, **Adrienne Koch** joined the staff as Special Assistant to the Dean for Administration and Communications. Adrienne, a 2011 graduate of Duke Divinity School (M.Div.) has an extensive communications background, including a B.A. in communications and three years serving as a church communications director. She has “an understanding of the breadth of the church and the campus, with a broad range of experience from baptism as a Roman Catholic, upbringing in Pentecostal circles, and more recently confirmation as an Episcopalian,” said Dean Wells, in his announcement to the staff in May. The Chapel warmly welcomes Adrienne to her new position. ☁



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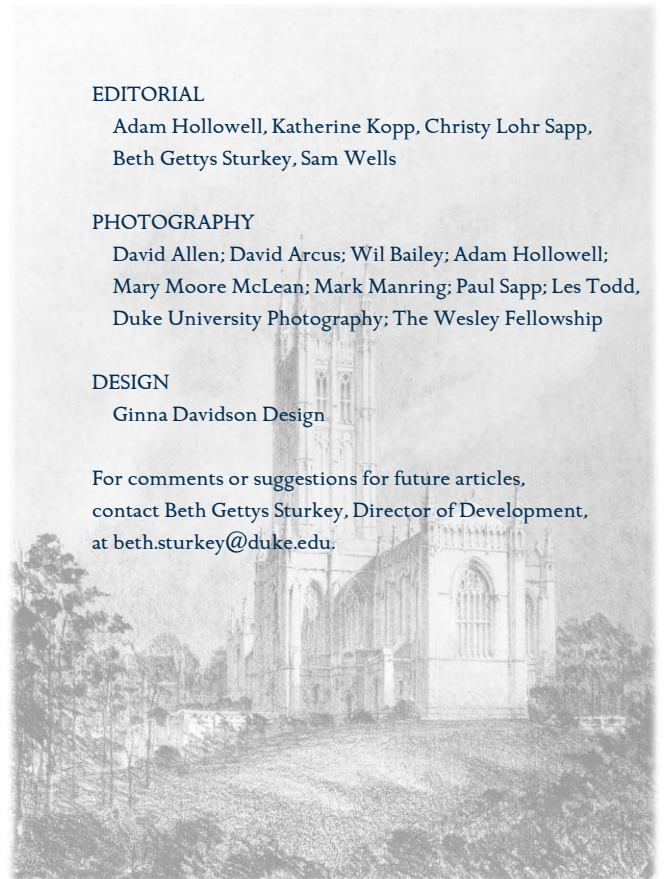
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# Religious Life and the Faith Council



By Dr. Christy Lohr Sapp  
Associate Dean for Religious Life

There is a vibrant Religious Life community at Duke which offers a wide variety of options for students who want to deepen their spiritual practices and grow in faith. With over two dozen active Religious Life groups and at least thirty-five Religious Life staff, there is a great diversity of theological perspectives and large or small group opportunities. In the past four years, Religious Life at Duke has changed dramatically and grown to accommodate a full-time Muslim chaplain, a dedicated Buddhist minister, and a Hindu chaplain.

The Faith Council is quite a different animal from Religious Life. It is the place where one can learn more about the faiths of others. In the three and a half years since its founding, the Faith Council has become the vehicle for interfaith thinking and programming on campus: modeling dialogue, setting an interfaith agenda, and raising questions of religious diversity at Duke and beyond.

The purpose of the Faith Council at Duke is to foster and model profound conversations across faith traditions in order to deepen participants' practice of their own faith, understanding of other faiths, and relationships across religious and cultural divides; and to facilitate such conversations within the university and beyond. The active verbs driving the Faith Council's mission are "foster," "model" and "facilitate."

**Foster:** To "foster" conversations suggests creating an environment in which dialogue flourishes. The laboratory for this fostering in the past three years has been the monthly Faith Council meeting. One salient feature of the Faith Council has been the permission granted to participants to meet for discussion for the sake of deepening faith, understanding and relationships. Faith Council members see it as a great indulgence to come together without a larger business

agenda; this is exactly what lies behind the word "foster." The environment created through Faith Council meetings and the priority placed on shared reading and discussion for the purpose of enhancing relationships are key features of the Faith Council's mission. This is the type of engagement that the Faith Council aspires to promote, cultivate and encourage across campus, and this type of engagement begins "at home" in the monthly meetings.

**Model:** The Faith Council demonstrates the type of dialogue it wants to see taking place on campus; it leads by example. The word "model" implies more than mere demonstration of an act. It also suggests showing others how to engage in the same, creating the conditions in which similar events can take place. It is meant to stimulate and provoke engagement in the larger community, through public events such as

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*Pictured are participants in an interfaith text study.*

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Duke Chapel Friends enjoy lunch and a discussion about faith and science by several members of the Faith Council: Dean of Duke Chapel Sam Wells, Buddhist Chaplain Sumi Loundon Kim, and Muslim Chaplain Abdullah Antepli (pictured right). The moderator was Duke Chapel Associate Dean for Religious Life Christy Lohr Sapp.



participation in Scriptural Reasoning conferences, panels at the American Academy of Religion and Friends of Duke Chapel events. To say that the Faith Council’s purpose is to “model” conversation implies that what transpires in its meetings is worthy of imitation. To model an action is to provide an example of how a thing is to be done. Through its regular meetings, the Faith Council forms a pattern of engagement that is replicable outside this group; this speaks to *facilitation*.

**Facilitate:** Facilitation implies active involvement to make something happen – an easing of the way, or a form of assistance. The Faith Council aims to bring the discourse to the wider community – to assist the university in conducting similar conversations with a wider audience. In the years ahead, the Faith Council will look for ways to facilitate dialogue better within the university and draw on its own successes. The formation of an Undergraduate Faith Council that will foster a similar type of engagement within the student community is set to begin in the fall of 2011,

and will provide a means for students to engage more directly in the Chapel’s interfaith priorities. The Undergraduate Faith Council will offer scripture studies, small group activities, retreats and public events for Duke students who are looking to engage each other across faith boundaries.

In March 2011 President Obama called on college and university presidents to make interfaith cooperation an integral part of their campus commitments. He issued a challenge to schools across the country to participate in a year-long interfaith service project that would involve constituents from across university life and local communities. The Faith Council is rising to this challenge. With the support of students, the administration and community members, we hope to make the Duke initiative in interfaith engagement one that both shines a national spotlight on the good work we are doing and creates a community of kinship among people of diverse faith traditions. ☁

# Community and Black Campus Ministry at Duke

By the Rev. Kori Jones T'05



As Community and Black Campus Minister at Duke, my role is twofold: to offer religious and spiritual direction and support to students, faculty and staff with roots in the African community, and to help strengthen our partnerships with the greater Durham community, particularly in the West End.

In the first arena, two important components of my work with students are the IMPACT Movement, a nationwide ministry of college students on fire for Christ, and United in Praise, a student group that professes the Christian faith through song and dance.

During the 2010-11 academic year, IMPACT's large group gathering met for a weekly Bible study; in the fall, I led sessions on "healthy love," coming from the text found in Matthew 22:36-40. We also enjoyed hearing from a variety of guest speakers who were asked to speak to the general topic of "Duke + Christ + YOU = ?"

In both fall 2010 and spring 2011, IMPACT held coffeehouses, with guests from a number of other schools and universities as well as members of the Duke community. The newly formed Spoken Verb group at Duke performed, delivering poignant and soul-piercing poems to their audiences. IMPACT members also enjoyed attending a Christian hip-hop concert by vocal artist LeCrae in Raleigh, and some members traveled to IMPACT's National Conference in Atlanta in December.

IMPACT members also volunteered with Reality Ministries, a community youth ministry program in Durham, and spent a day sharing the gospel on campus with students.

Duke's United in Praise (UP) group held its annual fall concert, "Send a Revival," in Page Auditorium in November. We were blessed with wonderful music and performances by the Praise Dance members. Divine Harmony from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro was our guest choir, joined by a number of guest musicians from the Triangle and guest dancers including Victory in Praise from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. UP performed at Duke Chapel, Urban Ministries of Durham, Mount Pisgah Baptist

Church and held a spring concert in conjunction with the Duke Divinity School Gospel Choir and Spoken Verb group.

United in Praise's spring trip to Washington, D.C., was "an eye-opening spiritual experience for me," said one UP member. "We attended church at DC Metro Church, a very modern contemporary church which is different from some of the churches we attend in Durham. The message was about witnessing and sharing our stories, which fit in perfectly with our homeless walk a few days later. I really loved the opportunity to hand out food and supplies to those who truly needed it and get a chance to share the love of God with people who are oftentimes forgotten in our society. I am so glad I went on the trip; it was one of my favorite memories from this year! I not only grew closer to those who went on the trip with me, but I grew closer to God and I feel more confident about my faith and my ability to share it with others."

While I greatly enjoyed my work with students on campus, I also spent significant time out in the Durham community. I particularly enjoyed working with three children who attended afternoon tutoring sessions at the West End Community Center. Tutoring them in math, reading and spelling is truly rewarding because it presents an opportunity to give back to the community in which I live. I found renewal in laughing and joking with the three of them, and it was a true pleasure

and blessing to be invited into their home and circle of love and kindness.

As a true Dukie, my favorite memories include March Madness, United in Praise, and Delta Sigma Theta, but nothing excites me more than serving as a minister at this university which is so dear to my heart. It is truly amazing to find myself at the intersection of the place where I spent my formative years and where I can now share my passion for ministry. Within the heart of Durham and united with the heart of many Duke students, I am able to share and spread my love for this community. As I look on this past year, it has truly been an amazing experience, and I am very grateful. ☁

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# Wesley Fellowship Thrives on Duke Campus

By the Rev. Dr. Jennifer E. Copeland T'85, D'88, G'08,  
United Methodist Chaplain, Duke University Executive Director of The Wesley Fellowship

**D**o you ever wonder how traditions are born, just how some of this odd stuff that we so routinely consider a faith practice and take for granted got started in our churches?

Here's one possibility... Here at Duke, students have been known to stand in line for days, sometimes months, for the opportunity to attend a basketball game. (Now that's a different oddity.) For the students of Duke Wesley Fellowship, when home games fall on



Wesley Fellowship executive director and members, l-r, Jennifer Copeland, Erin Cloninger, Kaitlin Smith, Katie Douglas

Wednesday, this forces a choice between losing their place in line or attending our Weekly Eucharist celebration. Some risk losing their place for those 30-plus minutes, hoping that no line check will occur while they are “missing.” Others hold their place in line and miss Eucharist.

This raised a new possibility. Why not have communion where students are waiting in

line in K-ville, the grass plaza that stretches the length of a football field from the front door of Cameron Indoor Stadium? Indeed, why not? For the students not attending the game, location is not an issue: Wesley Center in Duke Chapel or K-ville outside Cameron; it's still a place to celebrate the Eucharist. For the students attending the game, location determines their presence.

After debating the pros and cons of this relocation project for the better part of basketball season, we took our Table to the people for the final home game of the season. As you might imagine, Methodists are not the only people who wait in line for a basketball game. Placing bread and wine on a small table next to the gym and surrounding it with a couple of dozen students invites curiosity. Start preaching – yes I did, imagining myself in the proud line of Methodist evangelists going back to our namesake, John Wesley, who stood in the middle of a different kind of field — and curiosity changes to interest. When interest became recognition “Oh, it's the Eucharist!” the circle grew and the United Methodist practice of open communion proved its worth that evening. I suspect this experiment will become a tradition. During the next basketball season, we will most likely take our Table to the students waiting in line for every home game. And a few years from now everyone will say, “We've always done it this way!”

Of course, at Duke Wesley we also study the Bible, take mission trips, go on retreats, and worship inside the church building. Thanks be to God for a time such as this. ☁

# Upcoming Events, Fall 2011

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**October 31 at 10:30 pm**  
All Hallows Eve Service with Duke Vespers Ensemble

**November 4 and 5**  
A Weekend Course for Friends of Duke Chapel

“Ethics in an Unjust World”  
(See page 14)

**September 11 at 4:00 pm**  
Mozart *Requiem* 9/11 Ten-Year Remembrance Concert  
Free admission (See back cover)

**September 18 at 2:30 and 5:00 pm**  
Organ Recital by David Arcus  
Free admission

**October 2 at 3:00 pm**  
Blessing of the Animals

**October 16 at 5:00 pm**  
Organ Recital by Wilma Jensen  
Free admission

**October 27 at 8:00 pm**  
Duke Chorale and Duke Wind Symphony Concert with Eric Whitacre  
[www.tickets.duke.edu](http://www.tickets.duke.edu)

**November 13 at 5:00 pm**  
Organ Recital by Andrew Unsworth  
Free admission

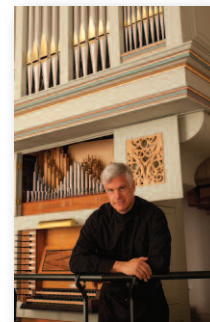
**November 20 at 6:00 pm**  
*Messiah* Sing-Along

**December 2 at 7:30 pm**  
**December 3, Friends Luncheon at 11:45 am, Concert at 2:00 pm**  
**December 4 at 3:00 pm**  
Handel's *Messiah* Concerts  
[www.tickets.duke.edu](http://www.tickets.duke.edu)



# Organ Demonstrations at Duke Chapel

By David Arcus, Chapel Organist and Associate University Organist



On most weekdays, visitors to Duke University Chapel get a special treat. For one hour, beginning at 12:30 p.m., organists from the University and surrounding community volunteer their time and talents to play one or more of Duke Chapel's four pipe organs for the public.

Since the installation of the Benjamin N. Duke Memorial Organ (Flentrop) in 1976, the Chapel has set aside one hour each weekday to offer a guaranteed time when Chapel visitors can hear organ music. The organ recital-demonstrations began as a chance for organ students at Duke to get better acquainted with the Flentrop by playing it during a time that was mutually agreeable with the Chapel's calendar. Over the years, the corps of volunteers has grown to include local organists who are willing to drive or even bicycle to Duke to volunteer their time. They provide a valuable listening opportunity for members of the University community and the public, and they describe the experience as beneficial for themselves as well.

Dr. Seth Warner, an emeritus faculty member of the Duke University Mathematics Department, began playing the demonstrations shortly after the Flentrop organ was installed. "In my demonstrations, I include a choral prelude and a Toccata or Prelude and Fugue by J. S. Bach. I also include some French music I learned while a student of André Marchal during each of the two years I spent in France, one as a visitor to the University of Nancy, the other as a visitor to the University of Paris."

"Having the opportunity to play on the Flentrop, Aeolian, and Brombaugh organs has opened up a world of sound for me," says Liz Paley, who serves as organist and choir director at Grace Lutheran Church in Durham. "It has taught me a huge amount about articulation, registration, and potential interpretations of the pieces I play. It's also rewarding to play in a

*Liz Paley, when she is not playing on the Flentrop, Aeolian or the Brombaugh organs at Duke Chapel, serves as organist and choir director at Grace Lutheran Church in Durham. Here she is seen playing the Flentrop along with fellow organists Mark Gorman and Brian Coggins.*





public space, especially when listeners hang out afterward to share their enthusiasm for the instrument.”

Liz says that she frequently shares her demonstration time with organists Brian Coggins and Mark Gorman. “We trade off playing the demos with turning pages and pulling stops for one another. This means we can experiment with and get feedback on registrations, both as players and pullers, as well as learn about repertoire from one another.”

While these volunteer organists have proven not only immensely talented but also reliable in their service, many visitors make a special point of visiting the Chapel when they know that someone will be playing the organ. Some folks call ahead of their visit to make sure that the demonstrations will happen that day.

One of Duke Chapel’s newest staff members, Communications Specialist Kelsey Hallatt, works at the attendant’s desk just inside the main entrance doors of the Chapel’s nave. Not only are the demonstrations a source of inspiration for her, but she observes that many visitors to the Chapel are drawn to them. “From where I am seated, the sound of the organs, particularly the Flentrop, is simply awe-inspiring. Every day, I’m asked by phone or in person about when the organ will be played. When I tell people about our daily organ demonstrations, they are delighted. Last year, a woman who was being treated at Duke Hospital came and listened to the organ daily. She was so interested and passionate about the organs that she brought her sister, who was visiting from out of town, to hear an organ demonstration. I have also met students who try and find time in between classes to come and hear the organs on a regular basis.”

Unlike recitals, the mid-day organ recital-demonstrations focus on letting the public hear the great variety among these instruments. Organists may play for the entire hour on one organ, or they may divide the hour among the instruments. Since the arrival of the Brombaugh organ in the Memorial Chapel and the



*Visiting organist Dongho Lee playing the Aeolian while Andrew Pester observes.*

completion of the Aeolian’s restoration and renovation, visitors are able to hear a varied program of interesting music in the space of an hour, all under one roof.

“The collection of organs at Duke is quite special, as Duke is one of very few places in the world where such a range of styles can be experienced at such a high quality in one place,” says Andrew Pester, a graduate student in Duke’s Music Department. “As a Duke student, it is an honor to be able to share these magnificent instruments with the University and the wider public. The response I receive varies from week to week as many visitors come and go during the hour-long demonstration. But what makes the effort so worthwhile is the occasional delighted visitor who is waiting for you to descend from the gallery to express his or her shared enthusiasm for the organ and the instruments of Duke Chapel. As an organ aficionado, these are the moments that make the experience so valuable.”

*For information about the organ demonstrations, call Duke Chapel at (919) 681-9488. ☁*

# Duke Chapel PathWays

by Adam Hollowell T'04, Director of Student Ministry



In its eighth year, PathWays has developed into a vital resource to ensure that there are opportunities for the Chapel to enrich the lives of students, and for students to enrich the life of the Chapel. PathWays provides opportunities for students to hear and respond to God's call for their lives on campus, in Durham, and beyond, through study, counsel, service and community.

Among the students who connect with PathWays each year, a select group displays a unique commitment to engage in the work of vocational discernment at a deeper level. These students are eager to take purposeful steps in determining how to connect their talents and passions with the world's deepest needs.

PathWays Chapel Scholars form the backbone of PathWays programming by participating widely in courses, discernment groups, mission trips, summer internships, and community service. Students are selected through an application and interview process that asks them to reflect on their journey of faith and sense of calling. Once accepted, scholars commit to meet

frequently with Chapel staff, participate in the worship life of Duke Chapel, and reflect regularly on their Duke experience and understanding of vocation. They also become eligible to receive grants for mission and service trips. Through these opportunities, Duke Chapel PathWays is able to support an extraordinary group of scholars as they listen to the heart of God.

We are grateful to the Duke Chapel Friends who contribute to the PathWays fund. Among these Friends are two couples who have **pledged to match all PathWays gifts on a one-to-one basis up to \$60,000**—Dr. Charles and Mrs. Ann Sanders, and a couple who have asked not to be named. I invite you to join in supporting these life-changing ministry opportunities for current and future students.

We highlight on the following pages accomplishments and reflections from various Chapel Scholars involved in PathWays ministries. These include an excerpt from Katie Douglas' student preacher sermon and details of an honor received by Alice Mao. ☁

## PathWays Chapel Scholar Honored with Sullivan Award

Alice Mao T'11, a PathWays Chapel Scholar and 2010 PathWays Summer Intern, received the 2011 Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award in May. The award, one of the highest honors Duke bestows on an undergraduate student, recognizes generosity, integrity, deep spirituality, and nobility of character, honoring those who "go outside the narrow circle of self interest and begin to spend themselves for the interests of humankind."

During her time at Duke, Alice participated in many campus and community service projects. She spent her PathWays summer internship volunteering in Duke Hospital, where her work focused on HIV testing. She also volunteered with Global Medical Brigades, an organization that supports medical



Alice (middle) is pictured with fellow PathWays Chapel Scholars Hillary Martinez T'13 and Hannah Peckham T'12.

mission trips to Honduras. And through DukeEngage, Alice, a native of China who was raised in the States, spent a summer in Beijing working with migrant school children.

A biology major, Alice now works for Americorps at a breast cancer nonprofit, and will apply next year to medical school. Dean Sam Wells, who taught her in his class, "Ethics in an Unjust World," says, "Alice is one of

the most vigorous, thoughtful, and dedicated civically engaged students I've ever met. She has boundless energy, and she uses it for so much good. She's an inspiring person to be around."

This was the third consecutive year that a PathWays Chapel Scholar received this award: Greg Akinbiyi T'09, and Jesse Huddleston T'10, also were recipients in their graduation years.

Duke Today provided some information for this article. ☁

## PathWays Student Preacher

Each year, PathWays student ministry provides the opportunity for a student to preach at a Chapel worship service. Selection is made by a committee, which evaluates students' written and presented sermons. Below is an excerpt from the sermon preached in Duke University Chapel on March 27, 2011, by this year's student preacher, Katie Douglas, Trinity '11, PathWays Chapel Scholar, and member of The Wesley Fellowship.

### Rocks and Hard Places

Exodus 17:1-7, John 4:5-15

When we permit ourselves to be in the desert and recognize our vulnerability, God does not leave us hanging. God is there when we acknowledge our own powerlessness, leave behind the "fix it" mentality, and choose to let God take over – to let the living water flow over us. It's a true moment of faith-building, because faith suddenly becomes entirely less theoretical and entirely more real. Faith is straightforward when life is not shaking us to our core, and we certainly need faith during the *status quo* if we are to remain sustained in the desert. But the desert – when we are surrounded by rock – solidifies our faith. In acknowledging our powerlessness, we also acknowledge that Christ's living water is with us – even when we may not perceive it, and even when that acknowledgment is painful or infuriating.

Yet acknowledging our own helplessness in our struggles may not be the most difficult way that God heals in the desert. Perhaps the most difficult thing is *accepting* the church – the body of Christ – as our community in our struggles.

Sooner or later, we all want to walk alone in our faith. We are intensely private people. Sometimes it can be tough to trust the church, because sometimes the church looks like a hard-nosed institution of judgment and alienation for those who are different. At some point, we have probably all felt judged and

alienated, even by our Christian friends. I used to think Christianity was just about God and me. The church was auxiliary; God and I would be cool with or without it. But over time, I have come to understand that we are created for communion with God and community with each other. The marriage of these relationships is imperative to our faith. When we peel back the layers of institution and hierarchy, we see the church at its core: people – who, perhaps, have hurt us – but whom we perhaps have also hurt. So perhaps in our deserts – in our broken relationships, loss of loved ones, fear, bankruptcy, confusion, anguish, guilt, and failures, the church must recognize two things: first, that we are all in *these* deserts together; and second, that we are all in these deserts *together*. Vulnerability and reconciliation go hand-in-hand, so if water is ever to flow from the desert rocks, if we are ever to be reconciled with God, we must first be reconciled to each other. The church is Christ incarnate in our desert; our actions as Christ's body reflect Christ's life. The greatest calling we can receive is to be the hands, feet, and voice of Christ for others, even as they are the hands, feet, and voice of Christ for us.

Look around at the people sitting around you. This is the Samaritan woman at the well; this is the Israelite people in the desert; and this is the church, the body of Christ. ☁



### PathWays Chapel Scholars Reflections from a Senior...

I found a home for worship each Sunday at Duke Chapel. It's important to me that my worship not be passive. I am not only a consumer of liturgical beauty, but I like to contribute to it. I found a community at Duke Chapel of people for whom liturgy mattered (like at my church at home). I served, during my four years at Duke, as a lector and as a communion server. Church wouldn't have been church if these opportunities weren't available to me. I found a Christian community at Duke Chapel that had great impact on my spiritual health while I was growing up away from all the familiarity of home.

Gregory Morrison T'11 ☁

## PathWays Chapel Scholars

### Reflections from a Senior...

Coming to Duke, I knew that I wanted to get involved with a Christian organization. As a pastor's kid, I had grown up as a Christian. As a junior in high school, I had experienced the death of my best friend Katie, which shook my faith but ultimately brought me closer to God. So, I joined InterVarsity Christian Fellowship and the PathWays program in my freshman year at Duke, hoping to find communities through which I could make friends, serve those in need, and share my faith with non-Christians on campus.

As a freshman, I had all these beliefs about how a Christian should act and the obligations that a Christian had to serve, to share his/her faith, to always worship God, etc. I was so focused on what Christians should be and what they should do that I forgot that my personal relationship with God comes before everything else. I had lost my passion for Christ when I became overly concerned with how I should be and act. PathWays encouraged me to focus and reflect on my relationship with God and his plans for me, helping me discern my path in life.

Aislynn Cannon T'11



## PathWays Spring Break 2011 Mission Trip Reflections



### “Dios te bendiga”

In Costa Rica, little more mattered than the people you were working and worshipping alongside, whether they were Costa Rican or North American. Conversations were born that completely transformed part of you (even if over half of the conversation was done in broken Spanglish and charades). We shared our stories and our vulnerabilities, our successes and our failures and the most *incredible* thing happened. Everyone was equally accepted despite each of our many flaws and short-comings. This is the Church of God that Jesus wants us to be. This is the Church that disregards race, language, and socio-economic status and this is the Church that strives to love and accept each others as they are despite their flaws, history, and mistakes. This is the Church that shares in the sufferings and successes of our brothers and sisters in Christ. Our separation is of distance only; we cross all international and earthly boundaries in our love for Jesus and each other. I believe I discovered the Church of God in Costa Rica, the body of Christ itself, and my only hope is that everyone shares this experience sometime in their life. “Dios te bendiga.” God bless you.

Wilma Metcalf T'12

### The “Language of Fun” in Romania

This spring break, a group of Eastern Orthodox college students from across the United States spent our spring break in a church-run orphanage in a poor, remote area of the Romanian mountainside called Valea Ploplului. The orphanage at Valea Ploplului has a remarkable story. Because of the failed social policies of the Romanian dictator Nicolae Ceausescu, Romania has enormous numbers of unwanted children, with some living in orphanages and others the streets (at best) or sewers (at

worst). Because the orphanage relies chiefly on donors, it depends on faithful villagers and outside volunteers to help keep it running.

During the day, we would often find ourselves working for the orphanage by doing physical labor, either moving scraps of wood to the wood stove, or sorting donated clothing so that it could be used by those staying in the orphanage. Sometimes we would be doing this work with the villagers, depending on the immediacy of the task at hand. The most meaningful part of the trip was the time we spent being with the orphans. When the kids would return from school in the afternoons, we played with them after they finished their homework. They spoke various degrees of English, but you don't need the native tongue to play with a child. Each one speaks the language of fun, both the dialects of throwing snowballs and of playing cards. It was difficult for me, however, to play with the kids at one moment, and then afterwards reflect on how much they've been through. I hope that the trip was a blessing to the orphans of Romania; I know it was a blessing to me.

*Troy Shelton T'11*

## In the Bronx: "Gathering His Children Home"

The first profound experience for me in the Bronx was a conversation I had on Monday with a young woman who told me and my prayer partner, in Spanish, that she suffers from domestic abuse. Her name was Isabel and she had a 3 year-old daughter with her. We prayed for her, in English because we were not confident enough in our Spanish, and she left. It was not until later that I realized what had happened, and was almost angry about it. Was there really nothing more we could do? Even if we were policy makers or law enforcement officers, our power as people would be limited. But God is powerful. Prayer is powerful because God is the only one who can change hearts and circumstances miraculously. People can only do so much, but God is working when people are not. He is working after the Bronx mission team leaves, and He is working even when we forget the people of the Bronx. God hears and wants to gather His children home there.

*Ivy Zhou T'13*

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## PathWays Chapel Scholars Reflections from a Senior...

I turned to PathWays when I had challenging theological questions and through PathWays I experienced Christian community unlike that which I had experienced in any other organization. I served as a PathWays summer intern after my second year at Duke. It would prove to be the most challenging summer of my life. My internship placement was at an organization with which I had previously volunteered. During a week at this organization's camp, I saw God moving in a more powerful manner than ever before in my life. However, I also learned that my on-campus Christian organization had decided not to partner with my summer placement due to theological differences.

In discussions with my community placement advisor and PathWays staff members, I began to struggle through these theological issues which had previously interested me. Now the distinction had immediate significance. In this time of uncertainty, I found the PathWays staff to be an invaluable aid in listening and pointing me towards resources.

Beyond the staff, the community I found within the PathWays house that summer grew to become some of my closest friends at Duke. My interaction with my fellow housemates continued during the school year as we met weekly to discuss theological articles, both ancient and contemporary. I feel that this group epitomized the role which PathWays played in my spiritual development while at Duke. Within this group, more than any other Christian organization or church ministry I encountered during my time at Duke, I found a tangible example of a community with a genuine desire to explore and live out Christian theology.

*Daniel Barron T'11*



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## Being Blessed on the Streets of Chicago

One afternoon our assignment was to go out in pairs with three bagged lunches and to share the extra with a homeless person on the street. I had never done anything like this before. When I see a panhandler, I humbly confess, I usually look away and ignore pleas for help. But here I was told to seek out this person out, and to give him a lunch. We found Kevin sitting in a wheelchair asking passersby for help. He allowed us to sit on the ground next to him, and for the next hour shared stories from his life and willingly answered our questions. This was one of my most humbling experiences in my life. I saw myself in most of the people who walked by, turning their heads and ignoring my host's pleas for help. Yet despite the inhumane way he was treated, he always wished them a good day and said that they would be

blessed. Kevin was trained as an electrical technician, but lost his leg two years ago to diabetes and can no longer work. He lives with his wife, daughters, and two granddaughters in the west side of Chicago, and on a good day he brings \$60.00 home. I have no idea what it is like to sit in wheelchair every day on the same street corner and be ignored by literally thousands of wealthy businessmen heading to the train that will deliver them to their safe and beautiful neighborhoods north of the city.

After an hour of sitting with him, when I came back to Duke I realized how comfortable my life is, and my many blessings that I hardly appreciate. How can I not be challenged by the lives of people like Kevin and their gratefulness and forgiveness towards me?

Michael Gay T'11



## Ethics in an Unjust World

Making Decisions  
to Live Lives of Consequence

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As part of Duke Chapel Pathways Student Ministry, Dean Wells teaches this course each fall in the Sanford School of Public Policy. Erin Cloninger T'11 wrote to potential students, "It changed everything – from my perceptions, language, and understanding, to my career, dreams, relationships, and prayer. It changed my life. You should take Dean Wells' class!"

Want more information? Questions? Contact Beth Gettys Sturkey at [beth.sturkey@duke.edu](mailto:beth.sturkey@duke.edu) or (919) 684-5351.

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## Chapel Docents – Join Us!

By Dr. Lois Pounds Oliver, Head Docent, Friend, and Congregation at Duke University Chapel Member

The Chapel began its docent program in the mid-1990s. The initial suggestion by Robin Arcus to Nancy Ferree-Clark for tours of the Chapel to take place each Sunday after the morning service was greeted with some skepticism and doubts that visitors would stay for the tours. It turned out to be a good idea after all, as each Sunday a few or a great many are glad to learn about the Chapel. Robert Dunham, a member of the Congregation at Duke Chapel took on the leadership of the program, and recruited other members to join him. Over the years, about 18 docents have taken on the enjoyable task of telling visitors about the Chapel on Sundays. All have learned from archival material, Duke histories, and, of course, the "Bible"—the beautifully complete book on Duke Chapel that the university published in 2001. Once or twice a year, the docents had a presentation of information by Chapel staff, and the university archivist. They did organ crawls and poked into various, usually unseen, corners. Susan Eitelman followed Bob Dunham as the head docent, and I followed Susan.


In 2006, Chapel events staff felt they could use some help with visitors during the week. Dean Sam Wells agreed and asked me to see if we could find willing docents. Congregation members were joined by two Friends of the

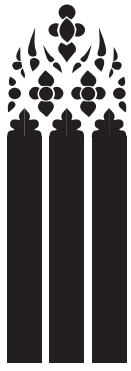


Chapel, and we started having docents in the Chapel for several mornings and afternoons Monday through Thursday. For the first year, we logged the number of visitors during the docent's hours. That year, we logged 30,000 visitors. Over the past five years, 14 docents have served our visitors. Sometimes there are scheduled tours, and at other times we serve to welcome and inform the many unscheduled people who come to visit from the hospital, the city, and points

beyond. Each of us has met people from all over the world, and people from our own neighborhoods. The pleasure our visitors take from seeing the Chapel with an informed guide is impressive.

A few of our loyal docents have recently chosen to retire or to take more time to enjoy their retirement. We are now eager to recruit new docents, as our weekday coverage has become less consistent. Though a docent is usually present part of each day, there are a few unstaffed afternoons. **We would welcome any local Friends who have an interest in learning more about the Chapel and sharing their knowledge with visitors.** The training program is not long or difficult, one can choose your own hours, and parking is provided.

If you are interested, please contact me at [loisandtim@aol.com](mailto:loisandtim@aol.com) or by calling (919) 403-8327. 



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