

CHAPEL OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD MISSION STATEMENT

We are an intergenerational Eucharistic Community in the Anglican Communion, underwritten by the Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis, and called to bear witness to the Gospel to the students, faculty, and staff of Purdue University and its surrounding community.

Confirming our Baptismal vows, we welcome the sojourner into our home, accept and love one another, learn the scriptures and our tradition, pray together and break bread in the company of all the saints, and practice justice in our relationships.

We go forth into the world of the University and the community, offering Ritual, Community, and Free Food.



Revised mission statement
and revised "mission goals and objectives"
approved by the vestry September 24, 2003

CHAPEL OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD: MISSION GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

RITUAL

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again

We will remember our past, celebrate our present, and look to our future.

We Celebrate the Holy Eucharist each Sunday

Recruit and develop lay readers, acolytes, chalice bearers, and lay Eucharistic ministers

Develop an atmosphere that is casual and welcoming

Are flexible in trying new things

Welcome you without making you join the church

COMMUNITY

Send us now into the world in peace

We will develop a mentoring community in our home, reaching out of our household into the wider community of Purdue and its surrounding area.

We Care for our intergenerational community

Maintain continuity in pastoral care with young adults

Identify the sojourner

Encourage giving and solicit alumni/parental contributions

Participate in diocesan, provincial, and national gatherings

Help the chaplain speak of justice to the University

Support Purdue's Episcopal Student Association

Develop ecumenical and inter-religious relations through program and worship

Inform our Church structures of the future we see

Support Lafayette Urban Ministry in several of its programs

Support service learning and responsibility to the greater community

FREE FOOD

You have fed us

We will provide nourishment for the Body, Mind, and Soul

We Offer free food with all regular chapel events

Offer a free mid-week meal

Encourage an active lay ministry and peer ministry

Offer sacramental preparation and education in Christian theology within the Anglican tradition

Maintain electronic and print resources

Sponsor events that encourage a dialogue between religion and the academic life

Offer short term counseling to people in crisis

Refer long-term problems to other appropriate agencies

Offer an annual provincial and diocesan retreat

Help the chaplain provide spiritual direction and mentoring