

Campus Ministry Report

Campus Ministry's Ambitious Plans for 2008

One of the goals of First Church's Campus Ministry program is to help our students develop leadership skills they will need in the working world. We also want to prepare strong progressive Christian leaders. Our 2008 programs go a long ways towards fulfilling these goals.

In 2008, Campus Ministry students will be leading an impressive array of projects addressing issues of local hunger and poverty, interfaith peace activism, creative worship planning, and innovative forms of Bible study.

The Campus Ministry's "Tech Team," is planning for a new website that will feature audio and video content, discussion forums, and networking features to help students connect with others of like mind and interests. The Tech Team is also getting involved in multimedia productions at FCCB. Recently, Tech Team members videotaped the FCCB Second Hour interview with UCC President and General Minister, John Thomas.

Students also participate in managing Campus Ministry programs. Cal Industrial Engineering junior Peter Torrey assists Rev. Dieterle with managing program mailing lists and is responsible for producing Campus Ministry's *LifesJournez* newsletter, which is received by over 300 students and announces First Church and Campus Ministry events and reports on matters of interest to progressive students of faith. Contact Peter at rauggmoss@gmail.com to get on the *LifesJournez* mailing list, if you do not receive it.

Student Profile: Tinley Ireland

Each month in this Report we will profile a student leader participating in First Church's Campus Ministry programs. This month we are featuring Tinley Ireland, a key in Campus Ministry programs and Student Liaison for the Ministry.

Tinley Ireland is completing her final year at Cal and has been an active member of the Campus Ministry Leadership Council since the beginning. She is contemplating graduate studies after her B.A. in comparative literature.

Tinley helped organize a Cal campus screening of the film, *Ghosts of Abu Ghraib*, on the Cal campus. The screening showed to a standing-room-only crowd, and Tinley hosted a lively discussion among the 150 people who attended the screening.

The screening was sponsored by the Progressive Students of Faith—the Cal student group sponsored by First Church's Campus Ministry—in



Campus Ministry Leadership Council with Our Trapeze Instructors at a Teambuilding Retreat in Sonoma



Campus Ministry Student Liaison Tinley Ireland

coordination with the Bay Area Religious Campaign Against Torture. The screening was part of a week of peace activities at Cal, culminating in a rally on the steps of Sproul Plaza, where Tinley spoke as the Christian representative in the Peace Not Prejudice Coalition.

Tinley is currently involved in a DeCal class she has designed and is leading at Cal. (DeCals are student-designed courses offered for credit at Cal.) She has developed a service-learning Decal focusing on hunger and malnutrition in the Berkeley area. In the course, students participate in class, group, and individual service projects. The objective is for students to learn more about the problems facing our community, and the possible solutions. Students are required to dedicate two hours to four hours each week to class lectures and/or service projects at local hunger relief agencies. The course has a waiting list.

Campus Ministry Programs

Worship and Spiritual Life

If you attend First Church's Jazz & Gospel service, you know Jason Hill, who leads the Spirit Band.

Education

Campus Ministry student leaders are active in interfaith education at Cal, offering DeCals (student-designed and student-facilitated courses available for credit to Cal students) in food, religion, and hospitality in the international community (DeCal led by Andrea Ford) and in local and regional food and nutrition issues (DeCal led by Tinley Ireland).

Leadership Development

The Campus Ministry's Vocation Mentorship program matches Cal students with First Church mentors for vocational and life guidance. **Chelsea Cohen** is working with Rev. Dieterle to redesign this program.

Carson Baucher was last years' student coordinator for the William Sloane Coffin Awards.

Communications

Campus Ministry's Tech Team is looking at ways to make our *LifesJournez* website a more effective tool for reaching Cal students and meeting their needs. Coordinated by student leader **Peter Torrey**, the Tech Team is investigating ways to increase our site's multimedia content.



Jason Hill leading the Second Sunday Jazz/Gospel Band



Andrea Ford and her Food, Religion and Hospitality DeCal



Chelsea Cohen with FCCB mentors

Get Involved in Campus Ministry at FCCB!

To learn more about the Campus Ministry program at First Church of Berkeley UCC, and how you can help, email Rev. Shelly Dieterle, Geoffrey Gaskins, or Tinley Ireland at the addresses below. Or stop by Shelly's office at 2345 Channing Way in Berkeley, or give her a call at 510-848-3696, ext. 22.

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