

## **Greetings from the chaplain's desk for Anglican Student Ministry!**

It is my pleasure to give an update on what is happening (old and new) in the Anglican Student Ministry. As someone who spent as many years in post-secondary studies as I did in grade school, I look forward to being back on campus in the fall and taking in the academic air, connecting with students and interacting with my colleagues. If there is one word to describe the chaplaincy role for Anglican Student Ministry it would be, collaboration. In particular there are four main partnerships that make up Anglican Student Ministry on Campus.

[Interfaith Chaplains Association at the University of Alberta \(IFCA\)](#): IFCA consists of chaplains from many faith backgrounds (Wiccan, Muslim, Jewish, and a number of Christian denominations). It is our purpose to serve “the university from the understanding that life, including academic life, is a spiritual journey.” Together we participate in joint events on campus such as the International Students Lunch, pancake lunch, and the Advent Lessons and Carols service at the Winspear. You can find our offices at the Interfaith Centre and Chaplains Offices 3-02 in the Students' Union Building or in the Chaplains Centre and Offices 169 HUB (Lower level of HUB, across from what was formerly the International Centre). Come on by and say hello. We have coffee and cookies!

[The Worship Room](#): The Worship Room is a joint ministry that comprises the [Lutheran Campus Ministry](#) and [Anglican Student Ministry](#). Together, [the Rev. Richard Reimer](#) and I lead students in a service that combines ancient and contemporary forms of worship using the rich resources from each of our denominational traditions. The Worship Room meets every Sunday beginning September 10, 2017 at 7pm. New this year to the Worship Room is dessert and coffee following the service instead of a meal at 6pm. If you or your congregation would like to provide cookies and squares for this time of fellowship following the 7pm service please email the [Rev. Sarah Holmstrom](#) for more information.

[Pub Theology](#): Another great collaboration of the Anglican Student Ministry that takes place in the basement of [The Blackdog FreeHouse](#) the third Wednesday of every month from 7-9pm. Together the [Rev. Heather Liddell](#) and I will lead discussion on some interesting topics. Come and enjoy and good pint, good company as we explore questions that really matter. Our first night of pints and conversation will be September 20. The topic: Feminism in Faith.

[St. Aidan's House](#): Straight from St. Georg's webpage, “St. Aidan's House is an intentional Christian community for students in Edmonton. Each year 5 students are able to live in the former rectory of St. George's while they attend the U of A or another educational institution in the city. Together they commit to living in community with an emphasis on prayer, hospitality and service.” Over the next academic year, the Rev. Alex Meek and I will be co-leading the house mentoring them in worship, prayer, study, and hospitality.

If you would like to know more about any of these ministries do not hesitate to contact me at [spritelyreverend@gmail.com](mailto:spritelyreverend@gmail.com) or by phone at (780) 289-6781. Look for monthly updates in the

Synod Scene and always, your prayers and financial support of this important ministry are always welcome.

In Christ,

The Rev. Sarah Holmstrom