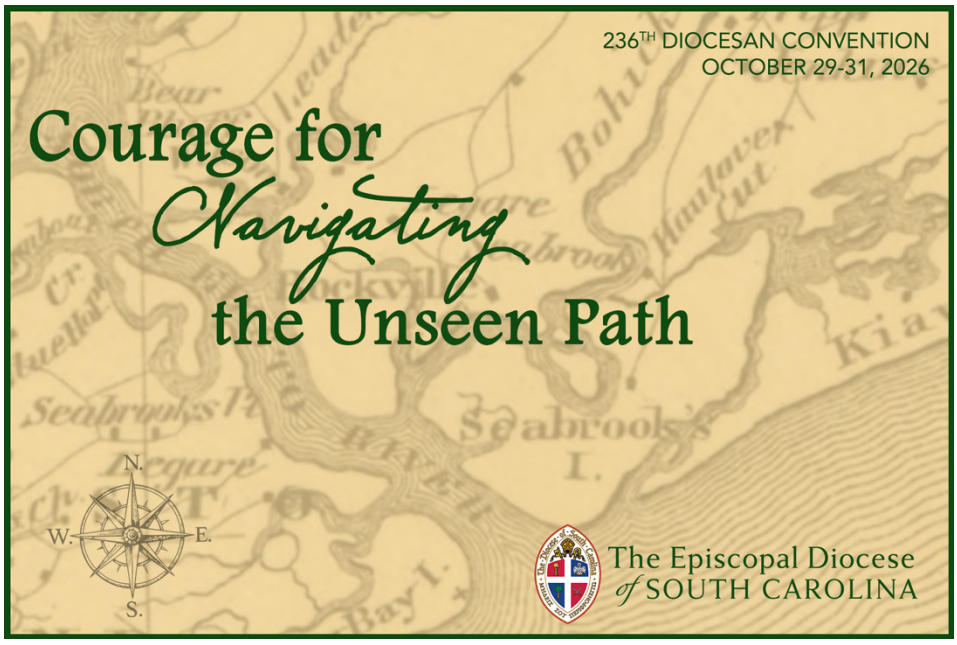


Report of Institutions

The Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina

236th Annual Diocesan Convention

Bishop Gadsden Episcopal Retirement Community
Report to the 2026 Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina

This has been a year of significant growth and renewal. Across our two campuses, our commitment to helping residents and team members flourish is reflected in new residences, renewed spaces for worship and wellness, expanded pastoral care, outreach partnerships, and educational support for team members. The mission that guided our past now carries us forward: to embrace God's call to ministry, to serve with integrity, to exercise wise stewardship, and to reach out with a generous spirit.

Seafields
Seafields, our newest community on Johns Island, marks an exciting chapter of growth in Bishop Gadsden's history. By September, 89 percent of residences were occupied or reserved. Marshview Assisted Living opened October 6th with 14 of the 16 residences reserved. A substantial and growing waiting list reflects the community's strong reception. Seafields' financial progress includes redeeming more than $111 million of its original bond principal over 12 months ahead of projections. Philanthropic gifts exceeded $500,000 in the first nine months of operations, supporting the spiritual, social, and recreational life of the community.

Seafields is also building relationships throughout the Sea Islands, welcoming nonprofit organizations to use its gathering spaces and developing ties for pastoral care and shared ministry with St. John's Episcopal Church on Johns Island. We are especially honored to host a reception at Seafields for this year's Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina.

Renewal and Investment at Bishop Gadsden
At our Charleston campus, work is underway on Reimagining Wellness, featuring an expanded fitness center, new aquatic center and spa, fitness studio, and outdoor pickleball/multisport courts. The new Wellness spaces are anchored by a dynamic Hub, with a coffee & juice bar and gathering spaces. The project also features a new performing arts venue and event courtyard, sized to accommodate the growing community. In addition, a unified health pavilion brings together expanded outpatient therapy, an enlarged pharmacy, and a renovated medical clinic, alongside new resident meeting rooms, administrative offices, and a dedicated Team Member Retreat.

These improvements reflect our conviction that aging should be accompanied by continued growth, meaningful engagement, and abundant support for healthy living. Nearly $3 million in philanthropic support has been committed to date, and giving continues to grow.

Chapel and Pastoral Care
The spiritual life of Bishop Gadsden continues to flourish, rooted in the worship, traditions, and theology of the Episcopal Church, with the Chapel at its heart, where residents, families, and team members gather to worship, pray, celebrate, and seek comfort in the presence of God.

This 20-year anniversary of the Chapel brought significant renewal, including ceiling repairs, refreshed interior, and chancel enhancements. New chairs accommodate a variety of liturgical arrangements, recalling the great collegiate chapels of the Anglican tradition. These improvements preserve the dignity and beauty of Anglican worship while keeping the space welcoming, accessible, and adaptable. Our worship life is enriched by the exceptional gifts of our choir and Choral Scholars. Holy Eucharist, Choral Evensong, and the observance of the Church's holy days are central to our common life, while sacred music connects residents to the rich musical inheritance of the Anglican tradition and welcomes the wider Charleston community into the Chapel.

The Rev. Shawn L. Griffith joined Bishop Gadsden as full-time Associate Chaplain, ministering primarily to residents, families, and team members of the Gadsden Glen Center for Health and Rehab. His presence among

those receiving skilled nursing care, memory support, and short-term rehabilitation has strengthened pastoral care across every level of our community.

Through our Koinonia initiative, we warmly engaged with congregations throughout the Diocese to strengthen fellowship and ministry through visits, social gatherings, shared worship, and musical offerings. For residents whose relationships with their home parishes have changed with age, these connections affirm that they remain valued members of the wider Episcopal Church.

Outreach and Service to the Wider Community
Outreach remains an essential expression of our Christian mission. Early this year we gave over $300,000 in outreach grants from 2025 to three worthy entities: Sea Island Habitat for Humanity, St. James Episcopal Church, and the Ferguson Village Neighborhood Association. Funds raised in 2026 will support nine organizations selected by residents addressing housing, education, food insecurity, and other essential human needs. These partnerships reflect our mission of Christian stewardship in the greater community.

Supporting Those Who Serve
Positive team-member engagement has reached an all-time high, with more than 500 employees participating in our most recent survey. Philanthropic support for team-member appreciation reached record levels at the end of 2025, and during 2026 more than $150,000 in scholarships and debt relief was provided to support team members' continued education, professional development, and financial stability. These investments reflect a core principle of our common life: the dignity and well-being of those who provide care are inseparable from those of the people who receive it. We are grateful for the individuals whose daily work gives tangible expression to the values upon which Bishop Gadsden was founded.

Looking Forward
Bishop Gadsden has been shaped by the conviction that Christian faith must find expression in how we care for one another. We are deeply grateful to the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina for its partnership, prayers, and continued support. It is our privilege to advance the legacy entrusted to the Church more than a century and three-quarters ago, confident that the same God who inspired its beginning continues to call us into a future filled with promise.

Respectfully submitted,

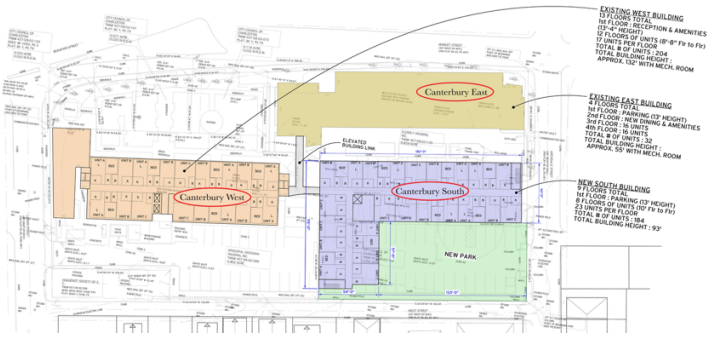
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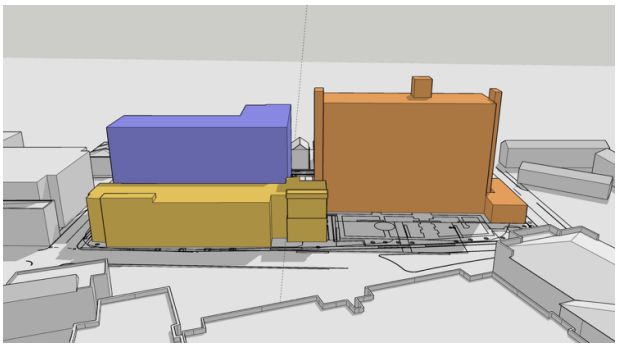
Canterbury House is expanding. The objective is to offer additional independent living units to the growing senior population in our Charleston, SC community. During the past two years, the Canterbury's development team has created plans for campus construction of a new 150-unit building. This facility would be integrated with its existing two buildings and available to anyone 62 or older who meets annual income guidelines. Once complete, the campus will encompass Canterbury House East, a four-story building with 46 (minus units on second floor) units, and Canterbury House West, a thirteen-story high-rise with 204 units, and the new building, Canterbury House South.



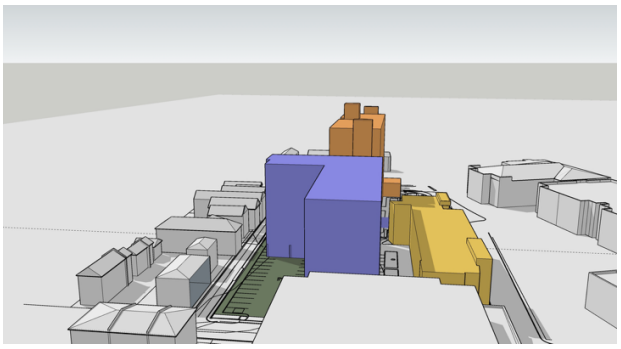


The project will cost an estimated $120 million, which include construction of the South building, updating and renovating the West building, and modifications to the East building. The expansion of affordable senior housing units will also be supported by accommodations for food services, social services, and governmental agency support for the elderly. Most importantly, the phasing of the project's elements will be coordinated in such a fashion as to eliminate any resident displacement during the project; and equally important, to maintain its affordability to residents and the community at large.

Architectural design focused and synergized on Canterbury's hidden presence while incorporating design for parking and "green spaces," including a park for residents and its neighboring community.



Market Street Elevated Angle



Archdale Street Elevated Angle

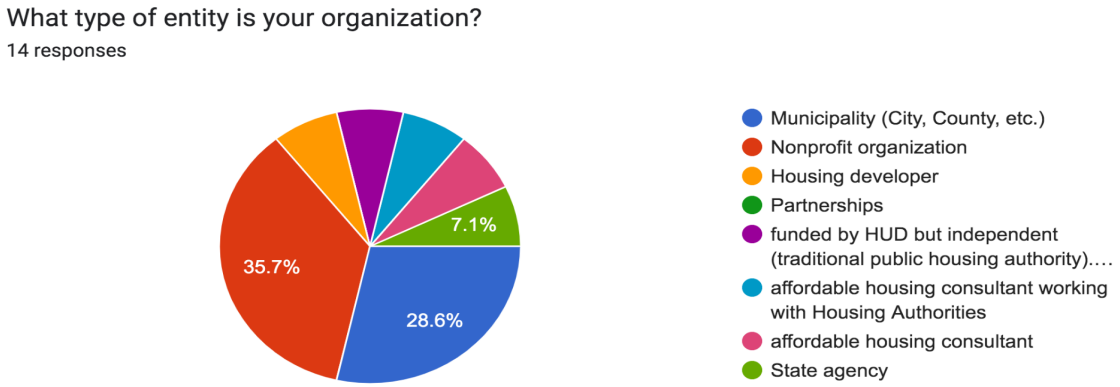
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BACKGROUND

Inherently aware of the community's insatiable need for affordable senior housing, the board of directors commissioned last year a "Needs Assessment." The purpose of this study was to gain a deeper understanding of and clarify the need for housing opportunities available for independent, low-income seniors living in Charleston and to identify any missing services required for this population to succeed. Study objectives:

- Identify the number of units available for seniors in the low-income bracket,
- Identify existing plans for more units and housing opportunities, and
- Determine unmet needs and services.

Fifteen (15) key community stakeholders and organizational leaders representing organizations, municipalities, agencies, consultants, and developers were interviewed. The composition of those interviewed is depicted below:



According to the City of Charleston Comprehensive Plan, there is currently a shortage of 16,000 units for affordable housing needed by 2030. With seniors representing 20% of low-income housing needs, this equates to a total of 3,200 units needed. Approximately 1,500 new housing units are being planned for the Charleston Area, leaving approximately 1,700 short of the goal.

The analysis also revealed unmet needs and services in the low-income or at-risk senior population in Charleston that are not being filled by current organizations serving this population:

- Need more affordable units with subsidies and rental assistance, stabilize housing costs, and preserve deeply subsidized housing
- Need more social and supportive services and partnerships with other nonprofits to increase the quality of life, such as:
- Managing and budgeting finances and paying bills
- Housekeeping, organizing, and addressing hoarding

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- Guardianship or conservatorship process for seniors who become unable to care for themselves
- Checking in on seniors to observe how they are doing
- Transportation
- Food programs and access to grocery stores
- Educating on levels of long-term care options and programs
- Mental health services
- Workforce training
- Assisted living and memory care facilities
- Clothing programs

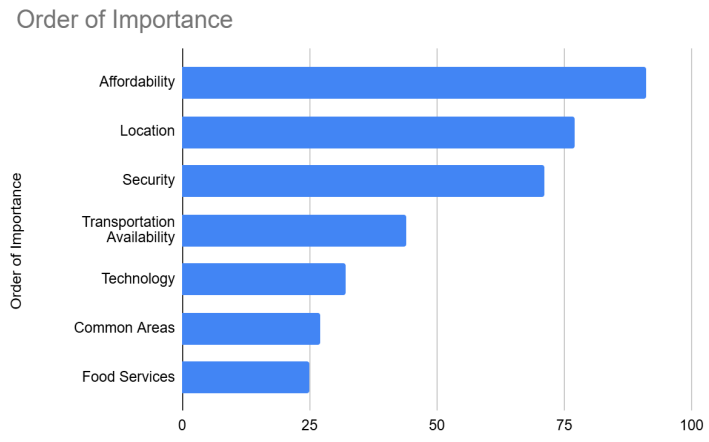
Canterbury House serves as an important part of the low-income senior housing ecosystem, including the need for aging-in-place features for staying in their own homes and independent living apartments. As a result of the project expansion, Canterbury will be optimally positioned to meet several of the aforementioned “unmet” needs and services.

FOCUSING INWARD

In order to gain a better understanding of resident satisfaction on existing benefits and services, and gain additional insights on potential communal elements that will add to the quality of life of current and future residents, the board expanded the survey to include its residents.

All current (Oct-2025) residents of Canterbury House were invited to participate in the residential survey, and 137 residents participated in the 3-day survey period. This represents approximately 56% of the residents. Participants ranged in age from 62 to 90+ years old, with nearly half of the residents falling within the 70 – 79-year age range. Three-quarters of the participants (104 respondents) were female, while the other quarter (33) were male. Nearly four (4) out of five (5) participants were Caucasian, with African American, Hispanic, multi-race and Asian making up the remainder. Ninety-five percent of the participants noted that they live alone (130), while only seven (7) indicated they lived with someone else.

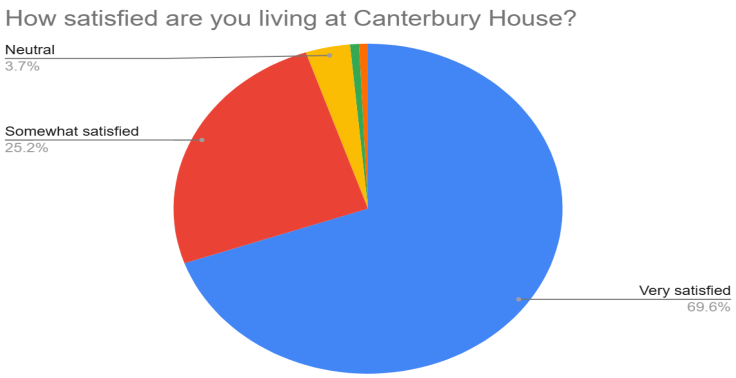
Highlights of the results are outlined below:



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A detailed listing of responses from “open-ended” survey questions provided a lengthy feedback enumeration. These responses were broken down into “need” versus “wants.” Within 30-days, the staff had addressed the majority of requested needs, those within the operating budget, and even some on the “wants” list. The most notable callout was the need/want for social activities and involvement, a request the staff has become focused for numerous health reasons.

When asked about their overall satisfaction with living at Canterbury House, more than two-thirds of those surveyed indicated very satisfied, with nearly 95% indicating they were either very satisfied or somewhat satisfied. Only one resident indicated they were very unsatisfied.

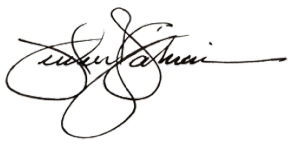


JOURNEY ON THE COMPLEX ROAD

Objectives
No displacement of any current resident
Affordable
No campus relocation
Remain true to the Canterbury’s mission statement

Because of the multifaceted elements in the project, we are seeking professionals; those to whom possess the skill set in various financial, tax matters, legal, construction, and project management to make the project a success.

Respectfully submitted,



Frederick T. Fabian
Chairman & President

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Annual Report to the 236th Convention of the Diocese of South Carolina

The Rev. Michael R. Sullivan, President & CEO, Kanuga Conferences

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, who hath made heaven and earth."
— Psalm 121:1–2 (KJV)

Dear Friends in Christ,

There is something fitting about beginning with these familiar words as the Diocese of South Carolina gathers at St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center. For generations, both Kanuga and St. Christopher have offered places apart where people can rest, deepen their faith, encounter the beauty of creation, and discover anew the presence of God. We are grateful for our shared heritage and our common calling within The Episcopal Church.

At Kanuga, 2026 has been a year of stabilization and faithful stewardship. We completed the state-mandated repairs to our dam, an investment of $1.7 million, and replaced the Inn's HVAC system at a cost of $1.5 million. We also completed renovations to Guest House A and Cottages 11 and 16, renewing these beloved spaces for the guests who will make new memories there. Work on the exterior of the Chapel of the Transfiguration is now beginning, with completion anticipated by year's end. These essential investments protect the place entrusted to our care and strengthen the foundation for our future ministry.

This work has not been without challenges. The lake had to be lowered during part of our summer season, and delays in the HVAC project affected room revenue. Yet the generosity of our friends and supporters has been extraordinary. We raised more than $250,000 in additional Annual Fund support to help offset these unanticipated costs, including an inspiring $200,000 challenge gift from Elizabeth Chance. We are on pace for our strongest Annual Fund year outside the extraordinary circumstances of the COVID period, with meaningful payments toward our capital campaign anticipated before year's end.

Even as we care for our physical campus, we remain focused on Kanuga's deeper vocation: forming people in faith and creating space for transformation. Through strengthened outdoor programming, the Kanuga Fellows Program, our partnership with Trinity Church Wall Street, and our engagement with the wider Church, we continue to invest in Christian formation, leadership, and the renewal of congregational life.

I am reminded that faithful stewardship is about more than maintaining buildings or balancing budgets. It is about preserving a ministry that has touched generations of lives and ensuring that its gifts remain available to generations yet to come. I am deeply grateful to our staff, trustees, donors, clergy, and friends whose commitment makes this possible.

As the Psalmist reminds us, our help comes from the Lord, who watches over us in our going out and our coming in. May that assurance sustain Kanuga, St. Christopher, your Diocese, and the wider Church as we continue this shared work of hospitality, formation, and hope.

With gratitude and every blessing,

The Rev. Michael R. Sullivan
President & CEO, Kanuga Conferences

KANUGA

The Gathering Place

Stewarding a Legacy, Welcoming a Future

2025 Annual Report



A MESSAGE FROM MICHAEL

Dear Friends,

The past two years have asked much of this place and the people who love it.

In 2024, Hurricane Helene changed the landscape of Western North Carolina. This impact continued to test the land, our infrastructure, and our endurance, into 2025. Yet, rather than rushing forward, we chose to slow down and return to our roots—to strengthen what had been strained, to listen carefully, and to tend this place with faithfulness and care.



That work continues to shape who we are. Renewal, we have learned, is not about reinvention. It is about making room again—repairing what matters, restoring stability, and preparing this gathering place to welcome all who seek rest, reflection, and connection.

Because of your generosity, presence, and belief in Kanuga's mission, we stand renewed and ready. This report reflects a year of stewardship, gratitude, and quiet progress—work that grounds us today and prepares us for what comes next.

With grace and peace,

The Rev. Michael R. Sullivan
President & CEO

MISSION & VISION

Kanuga is a gathering place inviting all people to connect with each other, nature, and the Creator.

WHERE FAITH MAKES ROOM

Because of you, Kanuga's mission lives and breathes each day. Your support sustains this gathering place, where faith is deepened, community is formed, and lives are quietly transformed.



STEWARDS OF THIS PLACE

Rooted in place. Renewed by community.

GIVE

GROW

GATHER

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RENEWAL IN ALL SEASONS



At Kanuga, renewal is not only something we offer—it is something we must faithfully practice. Each year, guests arrive seeking rest, clarity, and spiritual renewal. They come to walk the trails, sit beside the lake, worship in sacred spaces, and reconnect with what matters most. For nearly a century, this land has held those moments of transformation. To continue offering that gift to others, we must also tend to the place itself with intention and care.



This past year marked an important season of physical renewal across Kanuga's campus. We began a thoughtful process of restoring our cottages—honoring their history while updating them to better serve today's guests. These improvements reflect what we heard from families, retreat leaders, and longtime visitors: spaces that feel welcoming, comfortable, and worthy of the experiences that happen within them. Renovations began with Cottage 26 and are continuing with a long-term vision for renewing each space with both stewardship and hospitality in mind.



At the same time, we addressed critical infrastructure needs that quietly support every stay, every program, and every gathering. Essential work on the lake and dam ensures the safety, sustainability, and longevity of one of Kanuga's most beloved places. These investments may not always be visible, but they are foundational—protecting both our guests and the land entrusted to our care.

This kind of work is not glamorous, but it is sacred.

Because renewal is not only about what is new—it is about what is faithfully sustained.
As we invite others into rest, reflection, and transformation, we remain committed to renewing the physical spaces that make those experiences possible. With gratitude for the community who makes this stewardship possible, Kanuga continues to care for this holy ground—so that it may continue caring for generations to come.

CAMP KANUGA
LOOKING BACK, LEADING FORWARD

To all my fellow Camp Kanugans, what a year we've had together. This month marks the one year anniversary of my move to Kanuga. And while we still have important work ahead, this feels like a fitting moment to pause and remember a few of the moments that shaped my first year as Director.

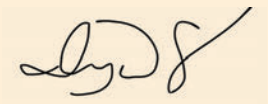
When I arrived last spring, the effects of Hurricane Helene were still fresh across the property. Early on, Elise and I often took long walks around camp. On the surface, these walks had a practical purpose: helping me learn the land, understand the facilities, and begin to grasp the many moving pieces that make Camp Kanuga what it is. But there was another reason for those walks as well.

Elise has spent eighteen summers at Camp Kanuga. To say she knows this land well is an understatement. As we walked, she would lead me to places affected by the storm—fallen trees, slopes that had given way, beloved spaces altered overnight. Often she arrived with the urgency of someone who had just remembered something she needed me to see. And then, when we reached the spot, she would pause in a kind of quiet disbelief.

To me, however, these places simply looked like the woods as I had first encountered them. The fallen trees and altered paths were part of my introduction to camp. What felt to Elise like sudden loss was, for me, the landscape as it had always been.

In that space between her memory and my first impression, I began to understand something essential about leadership. To step into a place is to see it as it is; to care for it well is to learn to see it as it has been, and as it is remembered by others. My first year has been an exercise in that kind of seeing—listening closely to the stories, traditions, and attachments that give Camp Kanuga its life. I am deeply grateful for the many guides who have shared that vision, and I look forward to welcoming many of them back this summer.

Signed,



Ingrid VanZanten
Director, Camp Kanuga



A LEGACY THAT LIGHTS THE WAY



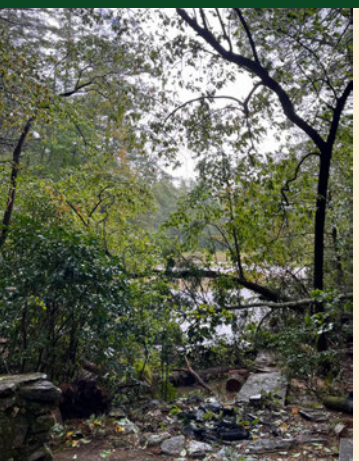
The pier at Camp Kanuga's outdoor chapel plays a central role in one of camp's most meaningful traditions. At the start of each session, a canoe carries a lit torch across Lake McCready to the pier, where it is brought ashore to light the opening campfire as campers sing "Light the Fire."

Following Hurricane Helene, that tradition was at risk. High winds brought trees down onto the pier, destroying much of the structure. At the same time, heavy rains caused significant erosion, depositing sediment near the shoreline and making the water too shallow for a canoe to reach the landing. With summer approaching, restoring the pier became a priority.

Elise Croak, Program Director and a lifelong member of the Kanuga community, reached out to Andrea Jackson, a family friend she had grown up with during Guest Period, to begin imagining what restoration might look like. Andrea's connection to Camp Kanuga also runs deep. Her parents, Jack and Anne Larson, spent many summers at Kanuga alongside Elise's grandparents, Walter and Mabel Brice. In 2009, Anne Larson gifted the cross that now stands in the chapel in memory of her husband, Jack, and their dear friend Mabel.

Moved by both the history and the importance of the tradition, Andrea generously funded the reconstruction of the pier in honor of Anne Larson, her mother, and Elise's Grandfather, Walter Brice–both of whom have since passed on. What emerged was not simply a replacement, but a thoughtful reimagining — preserving the arching sourwood branch above and creating space for campers to gather.

Because of Andrea's generosity, her parents, and Elise's Grandparents are memorialized in a beautiful and meaningful way at Kanuga, the opening ceremony torch once again reaches the shore, and a cherished tradition continues for generations to come.









A PLACE TO LEAD AND BELONG

Each year, Kanuga serves a wide and growing community on this campus, welcoming individuals and groups into experiences that form and shape leaders at every stage of life. From youth programs to adult retreats, outdoor education to faith-based formation, this work cultivates confidence, deepens purpose, and equips people to lead with clarity, compassion, and conviction in the communities they call home.










MOUNTAIN TRAIL OUTDOOR SCHOOL



This year, Mountain Trail Outdoor School welcomed more than 2,500 participants to the Bob Campbell Youth Campus, where hands-on learning and immersive experiences in the natural world sparked growth and discovery. Through time spent in creation, students and leaders built confidence, strengthened teamwork, and began to see themselves as active participants in the world around them.

What starts here does not end with a single visit. It becomes part of a lifelong journey of outdoor education—one that shapes perspective, deepens curiosity, and fosters a lasting sense of responsibility and stewardship for creation.

KEY CONFERENCES

The Kanuga Empowered Youth Conference Program hosted two successful conferences this year, creating space for young people to build authentic community, ask honest questions about faith, and show up as their full and true selves.



In December, Winterlight celebrated its 50th year with a joyful reunion that reminded us how each personal experience at Kanuga is part of a much larger story—one shaped by generations of youth who have found belonging, growth, and transformation here.



THE KANUGA FELLOWS
Leadership Renewed



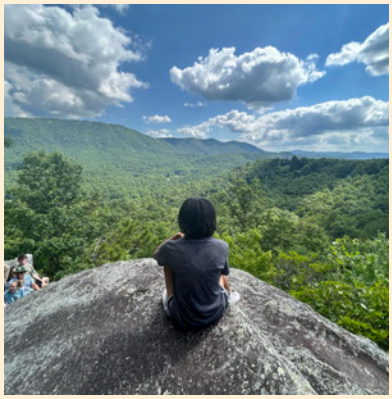
In 2025, Kanuga launched the Kanuga Fellows Program, a new leadership formation initiative designed to nurture clergy and lay leaders seeking deeper spiritual grounding and renewed clarity in their call to lead. Rooted in the Episcopal tradition and shaped by Kanuga's mountain setting, the program combines immersive residential retreats with sustained virtual engagement throughout the year.

The inaugural cohort gathered at Kanuga for its first residency, engaging in theological reflection, leadership development, and community building. Since then, Fellows have continued meeting online, maintaining a rhythm of conversation and peer support as they apply insights within their ministries.

Early feedback reflects meaningful renewal, with participants describing the cohort as a supportive community of leaders learning from one another across diverse ministry contexts. Made possible through the generous support of Trinity Church NYC, the Kanuga Fellows Program represents a strategic investment in forming courageous, thoughtful leaders for the future of the Church. To learn more visit kanuga.org/fellows.

LOCAL TO ALL

This year, Kanuga's local events brought people together in fresh and joyful ways, inviting the wider community to gather and experience the land we share. Poetry readings overlooking the lake, full moon hikes, and outdoor concerts created moments of wonder, creativity, and connection. Together, these events affirmed Kanuga's role as a welcoming gathering place—rooted in nature and open to all.



Gather in the Forest

Throughout the year, guided hikes and forest bathing experiences invited participants to slow down and reconnect with the natural world. Led by knowledgeable guides, these gatherings encouraged reflection, curiosity, and a deeper appreciation for the rhythms of the forest surrounding this sacred place.



Gather in Harmony

Music In the Pines became a beloved way for neighbors and guests to gather. Outdoor concerts brought families, friends, and visitors together for evenings of shared joy—where melodies carried across the landscape and community formed naturally.



Gather for Conversation

From weeklong conferences that explored faith, leadership, and spirituality to intimate afternoon poetry readings, Kanuga hosted a wide range of thoughtful programs. Each gathering created space for learning, creativity, and meaningful conversation within a setting that invites reflection.



Grounded in Our Story, Growing Forward

NEXTGEN GATHERINGS

This summer, Kanuga's NextGen gatherings at the Lakefront Pavilion became a natural hub for connection, creativity, and shared purpose. Set against the water and mountains, these events brought together young adults and emerging leaders who care deeply about Kanuga and its future.

At the heart of each gathering was a shared commitment to imagining and shaping Kanuga's future for generations to come. Conversations centered on stewardship, leadership, and how the next generation can care for this sacred place while helping it grow and adapt. Participants shared dreams for expanded programs, deeper engagement, and new ways Kanuga can continue to be a place of renewal, formation, and belonging. Together, these NextGen events did more than bring people together—they sparked a sense of responsibility and hope, empowering future leaders to carry Kanuga forward with intention and love.



THE 1928 SOCIETY

This year, Kanuga proudly launched The 1928 Society, a new community recognizing those whose generosity is helping carry Kanuga's mission forward. Donors who gave $2,500 or more to the Annual Fund in 2025, were warmly welcomed into the Society as a sign of our deep gratitude for their commitment to this place and its future. Their support reflects a shared belief in Kanuga's enduring role as a gathering place for renewal, formation, and hospitality.

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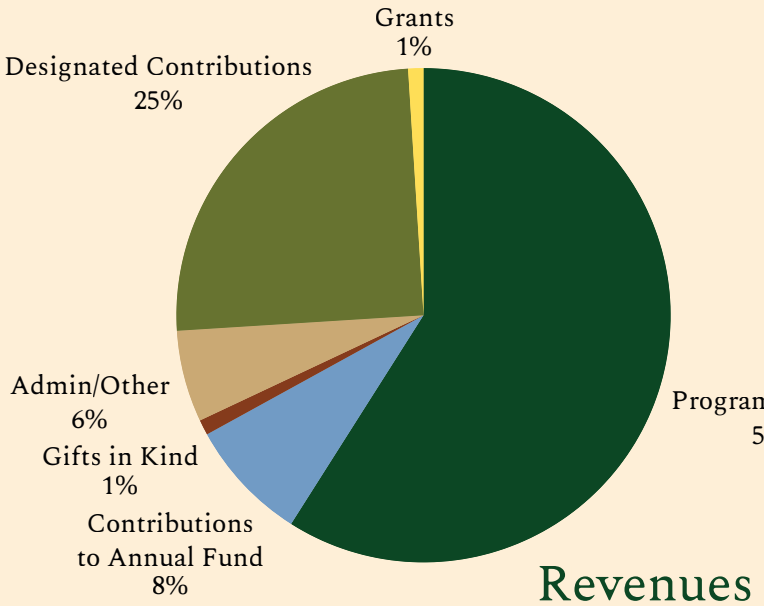
This year, our financial work has focused on strengthening the foundation that allows Kanuga's mission to flourish for years to come. Through careful stewardship, disciplined planning, and honest assessment, we have worked to align our resources with the programs and experiences that most directly support Kanuga's calling as a place of hospitality, formation, and renewal.

We also made important investments in the physical campus, including critical infrastructure needs, cottage improvements, and work related to the lake and dam. While much of this work happens behind the scenes, it is essential to ensuring the safety, sustainability, and long-term vitality of this special place.

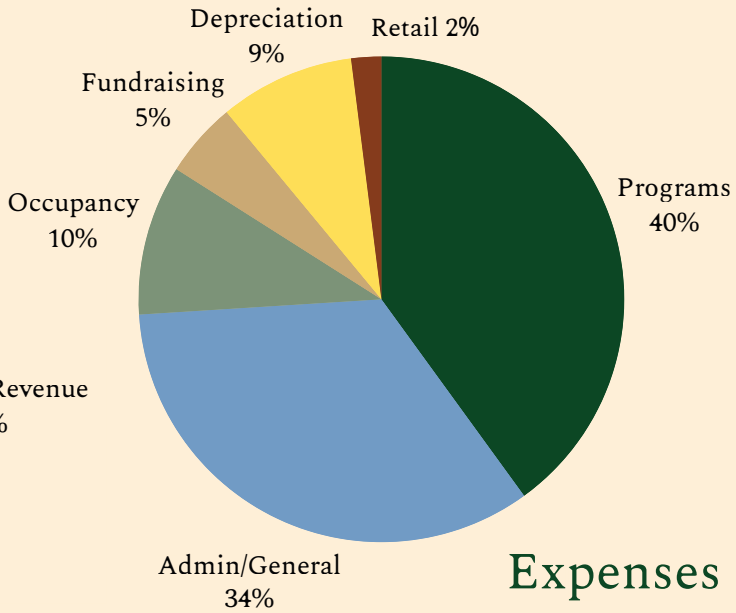
Financial stewardship is ultimately an act of trust—honoring the generosity of those who give and the responsibility we share to care well for what has been entrusted to us. Because of your continued support, Kanuga moves forward with greater stability, transparency, and confidence in the future.

With gratitude,

Bill Norris, Executive Vice President, Advancement



Revenues



Expenses

2025 Revenues, gains, and other support:

Program Revenue	$7,640,913	59%
Designated Contributions and Pledges, net	$3,209,086	25%
Contributions Annual Fund	$988,737	8%
Admin/Other	$834,994	6%
Grants	$114,067	1%
Gifts in Kind	$98,431	1%
Total revenues, gains, and other support	$12,886,228	100%

2025 Expenses:

Programs	$4,503,620	40%
Admin/general	$3,881,426	34%
Occupancy	$1,093,197	10%
Depreciation	$1,013,134	9%
Fundraising	$513,150	5%
Retail	$263,289	2%
Total Expenses	$11,267,816	100%
Gain (Loss)	$1,618,412	

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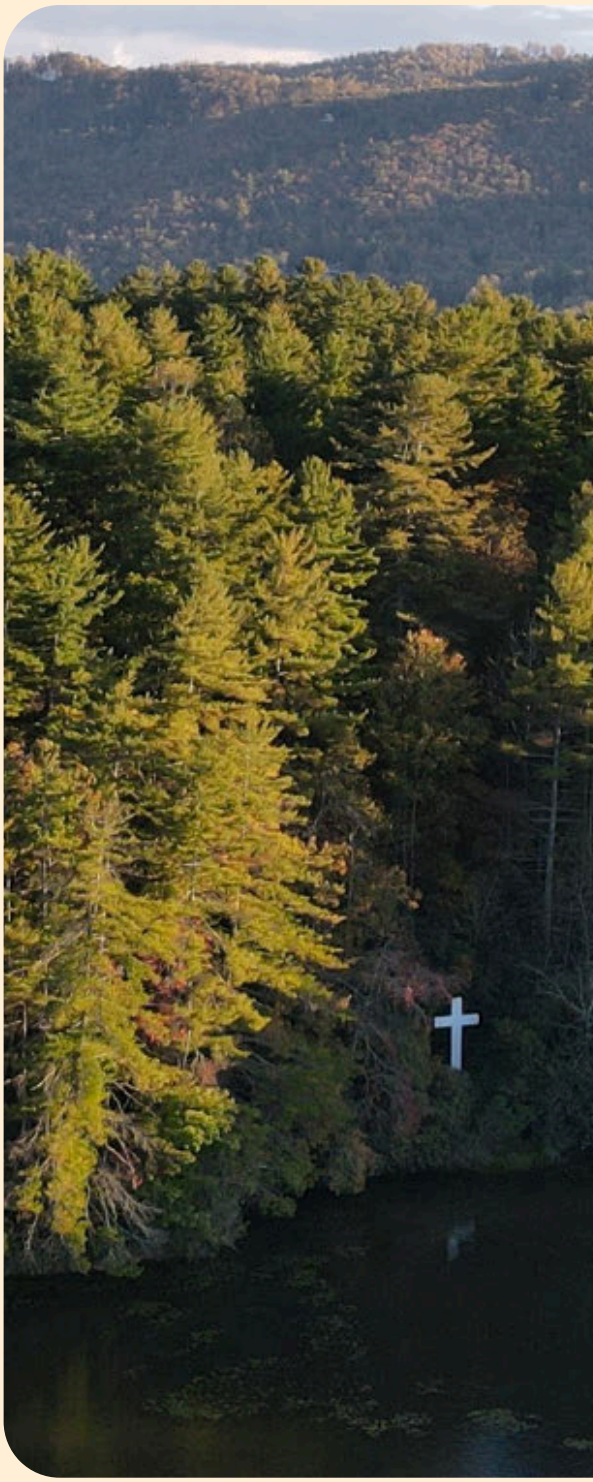
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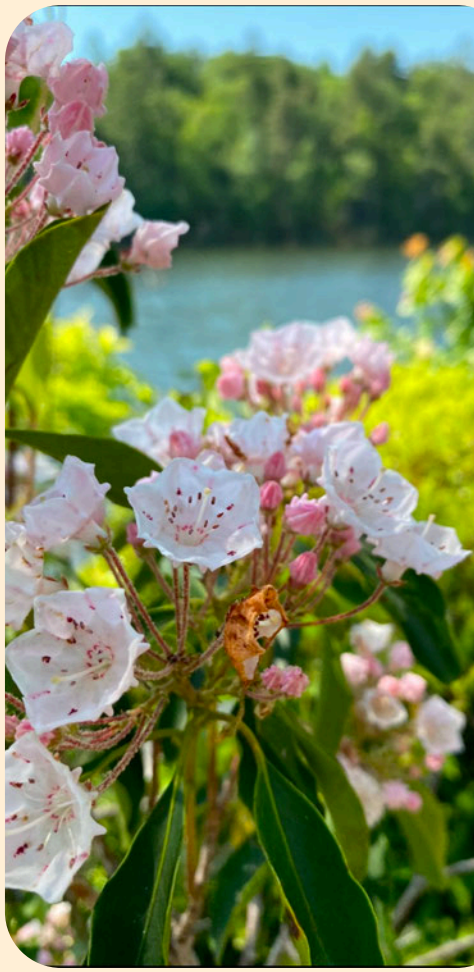


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Every repaired path, renewed space, gathered conversation, and shared vision reflects a deeper truth: this place endures because people care for it with faith, generosity, and love. Together, we did more than recover—we recommitted to what Kanuga has always been called to be.



After resilience comes renewal, and renewal calls us forward. Grounded in our history and strengthened by all who walked alongside us this year, Kanuga is prepared for the seasons ahead—ready to welcome, to gather, and to make room for all who seek rest, connection, and transformation here. Thank you for being part of Kanuga's story and for helping carry this place—and its promise—forward.

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OCTOBER 23 - 25, 2026



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Annual Report

Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina

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Porter-Gaud Mission Statement

To inspire lives of purpose, learning, and service through cultivating each student's God-given potential.

Episcopal Identity at Porter-Gaud

As an Episcopal School, Porter-Gaud is a Christian community that is upheld by the basic principles of the Baptismal Covenant.[1] This Covenant, as expressed in the Book of Common Prayer, is founded upon the belief that God has revealed himself in the person of Jesus Christ as a triune community of love - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - and that human beings, made in the divine image, are created for communion with this love. From this foundation, the Baptismal Covenant calls individuals and institutions to be incarnate instruments of God's love and grace. True to its Episcopal identity, Porter-Gaud thus seeks to be a community that celebrates and worships God as the center of life and loves our neighbors as ourselves, serving Christ in all persons, striving for justice and peace among all people, and respecting the dignity of every human being.

Worship

Worship is one of the most universal and effective expressions of Episcopal identity and community life. Services for all divisions are held weekly for faculty and students, and prayer is offered regularly, both at internal gatherings and public events. When we gather for worship, we immerse ourselves in the traditions, stories, and values that serve as the anchors of our community, seeking to center our hearts and minds around the love of God revealed to us in the person of Jesus Christ. These gatherings are sensitive to the diversity of religious identities represented within our school while remaining faithful to the Anglican tradition, particularly as articulated in the Book of Common Prayer.

Leadership

Directive of Episcopal identity comes from the Board of Trustees via the school's mission statement and bylaws and is implemented by the Head of School and the Office of the Chaplaincy. The school's governance structure calls for regular review and examination of the school's Episcopal identity by the Board of Trustees. This identity is also to be clearly articulated regularly to all members of the community, particularly at the beginning of each academic year, during the interview and/or orientation process for new board members, faculty, staff, and students, as well as throughout the admissions process for prospective families.

Office of the Chaplaincy

The Rev'd Palmer B. Kennedy - Head Chaplain
Mrs. Abbie Martin - Upper School Chaplain
The Rev'd Phil Cunningham - Middle School Chaplain
The Rev'd David Rowe - Lower School Chaplain
Mrs. Hannah Smith - Assistant Chaplain for O'Quinn

[1] See Appendix A for the entirety of the Baptismal Covenant as expressed in the Book of Common Prayer.

Community Engagement and Wellness

As an embodiment of the Christian faith, Porter-Gaud seeks to celebrate and worship God as the center of life and to honor the dignity of every human being as beloved persons made in the image of God. We affirm the sovereignty of God and seek to be a community where the immeasurable and irreplaceable worth of each person is recognized and unconditional love - a love that doesn't have to be earned - is offered to all. Our traditions and community life flow from this identity and aim to create an environment that welcomes and nurtures the unique capacity of every member of our community to reflect God's love, goodness, beauty, and creativity and to pursue lives of meaning, purpose, and service. In addition to the presence of our chaplains, one of the clearest expressions of this commitment is the Office of Community Engagement and Wellness, which is anchored by and is an extension of our Episcopal identity.[2]

Religious Diversity

Porter-Gaud stands on the foundation of orthodox Anglican theology rooted in the Christian scriptures and expressed in the Book of Common Prayer. This foundation has an integrity that enables us to be an inclusive community that loves and honors each of our members. The religious diversity of the school community does not create silos or ignore differences. Rather, it provides a magnificent opportunity to foster thoughtful dialogue, humility, empathy, understanding, and respect for the spiritual formation of individuals and families from a variety of faiths and backgrounds. Together, we seek to cultivate a community that embodies the love of God, a love that is unconditional and indiscriminate.

Academics

As an Episcopal school, Porter-Gaud participates in a tradition with a long and rich history of academic excellence, integrating faith and reason in a graceful and inclusive manner which has been the hallmark of Anglican education for centuries. Our academic curriculum is constructed and implemented in alignment with our Episcopal identity and combines rigorous and free intellectual inquiry with an unapologetic proclamation of faith in a sovereign and loving God. Consistent with our commitment to academic excellence and intellectual development, Porter-Gaud offers the study of religion in a manner that is meaningful, age-appropriate, and as fully rigorous as our other academic offerings. Though the content may overlap, a clear distinction is maintained between gatherings for worship, prayer, and discipleship and the study of religion in the classroom.

The WATCH Prayer

The WATCH Prayer is a natural outgrowth of the mission of the school, particularly with respect to our Episcopal identity. It is an articulation of (and prayerful supplication for) the principles and moral qualities we - as an Episcopal school - seek to develop in our students.

May our WORDS be full of truth and kindness,
our ACTIONS gracious and honorable,
our THOUGHTS unselfish and charitable,
our CHARACTER noble and upright,
and our HABITS virtuous,
that our school family may grow in faith, honor, and knowledge,
as we WATCH together in all things.
Amen.

[2] See Appendix B for an example of our Episcopal identity serving as the foundation for our Office of Community Engagement and Wellness.

The Baptismal Covenant (Book of Common Prayer, 304-305)

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?
People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People I will, with God's help.

APPENDIX B

Community Engagement and Belonging Terminology

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:
Community engagement is the process of identifying and addressing issues affecting the well-being of all members of the community, as well as celebrating the joy of coming together as one. (Romans 12:3-5)

BELONGING:
Belonging is an outcome. It means different things to different people and implies the feeling of security, appreciation, support, fair treatment, and acceptance as a beloved member of the community. (Ephesians 2:13-22)

DIVERSITY:
The intentional development of school communities where people of different backgrounds, identities, and points of view come together as a body. Diversity is both a source of strength and a primary means of enhancing the intellectual, social, spiritual, and moral life of the school. (Rev. 7:9-10)

INCLUSION:
Beyond the sheer presence of a diverse group of people, inclusion is the process by which members of the community honor one another's inherent dignity, welcome many voices (especially those from underrepresented and historically marginalized communities), and work toward the ongoing broadening of the community's horizons. (Romans 15: 5-7)

EQUITY:
Equity is the condition where fairness and faithfulness thrive, and all members of the community are respected for their inherent dignity as human beings and capacity to contribute to the building up of the life of the school. Toward that end, we at Porter-Gaud intentionally seek to identify barriers to creating a more equitable community. (Psalm 33:5)

JUSTICE:
The courageous and continual attention to and advocacy on behalf of those most vulnerable in the community (Proverbs 31:8; Isaiah 1:17a)

DIGNITY:
Dignity speaks to the inherent and unconditional worth of all human beings and the primary lens through which we view each community member. (Gal. 3:28)

SOCIAL JUSTICE:
The integration of the ideals and concepts of equity, justice, and a fair society throughout the life of the school; the embracing and honoring of diversity; and the integral inclusion of community service and service-learning. (Isaiah 1:17; I Corinthians 12:26; Philippians 2:3-4)

This document was prepared by Reverend Palmer Kennedy, Porter-Gaud School Head Chaplain, and Dr. Yerko Sepúlveda, Head of Community Engagement and Wellness. The definitions for Community Engagement and Belonging were drafted by the aforementioned Porter-Gaud leaders. The definitions for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Justice, Dignity, and Social Justice were adapted from NAES Statement on Inclusion and Episcopal Identity. The Porter-Gaud Board of Trustees adopted this terminology on January 10, 2023.

ST. CHRISTOPHER
camp & conference center

Report for Diocesan Convention, 2026

A Brief History



St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center is located on 314 acres of coastal wilderness on beautiful Seabrook Island. Our mission is to offer our guests a place for rest, relaxation, and renewal, and to provide a space to encounter the Living Christ. Owned and operated by the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina, we fulfill that mission through our summer camp programming, conference center and retreat hospitality, and a robust environmental education program that serves both parochial and secular schools.

The history of this property precedes colonization, with the first known inhabitants likely being the Stono Native Americans. Our history as an institution began in 1938, when the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina sponsored a summer camp at this site for underprivileged children. This summer camping tradition has continued, with brief interruptions for a polio outbreak and WWII, ever since. The ministry of our Conference Center began in the 1960s, and in 1981, St. Christopher founded the Barrier Island Environmental Education Program. St. Christopher was operated as an Episcopal institution until the 2012 schism, at which point it was operated by the ACNA Diocese. The Supreme Court decision of 2022 returned St. Christopher to the stewardship of Episcopal Diocese, which has resumed operation and oversight since October 2022.

Operations Overview

Summer Camp was the first ministry to operate on our property. Since 1938, campers have joined us here to learn more about the God who loves them and calls them by name, while also having a tremendous amount of fun, making new friends, and growing in faith, resilience, and character.

Our conference center offers space and hospitality for gatherings of all kinds, from churches and religious groups, to environmental and governmental organizations, to family reunions, to quilting guilds. We are especially excited to offer special rates for Episcopal/ACNA groups and would love to host parishes for retreats, beach dates, youth groups, or any other event. It is also our pleasure to offer personal retreats for anyone who wants to find a bit of restoration and renewal for themselves. We even have special respite rates for clergy and lay church employees. Many groups and individuals come back year after year to enjoy the warm hospitality and peaceful surroundings. Our facilities include 44 lodge rooms with two beds in each; the ability to add rollaway beds to rooms to support families staying together; two apartments with full kitchens and seating areas; 16 cabins available for overnight stays; several meeting spaces in a variety of sizes; an outdoor picnic pavilion overlooking the estuary; and three chapels, including a small outdoor chapel.

Last but certainly not least is our Barrier Island Environmental Education Program (often referred to as BI) Depending on the year, BI reaches between 6000 and 8000 participants who join us to learn about coastal ecology and creation care. Our prayer is that each person that has an experience with our programming will come away with a deeper understanding of and love for the natural world that God has made. Classes are taught by a team of naturalists, who are recent college graduates who live on-site in an intentional Christian community. We are pleased to welcome the same schools here year after year for hands-on environmental education, and also delight in how many new schools are coming here each year. We offer regular outreach opportunities to local

schools, and we invite neighbors and community members to join us on campus periodically for special events and programming. Outdoor Encounters, a subset of BI, offers regular kayaking and other nature excursions here on our campus by reservation.

Updates for 2026 in each of the three areas follows. If you have questions about any aspect of our mission and ministry, please contact the Rev. Laura Rezac, Executive Director, at lrezac@stchristopher.org or at 843-768-0429, ext. 3004.









Conference Center

Our Director of the Conference Center is Lauren Harris. She is our primary liaison for groups who come here for retreat, and under her leadership, our attendance and revenue have increased in 2026 relative to other post-Covid years. She is supported in this work by Bailey Lain, our Camp and Conference Center Assistant. We are also pleased to welcome Michelle Lackey, our new Director of Food Service, who has brought a fresh perspective and has made a great impression with our guests.

Our Conference Center has branched out into offering our own programming as well. In 2026, we hosted our first Artist Retreat and public art classes. Our Beach Day, a collaboration between Conference Center and Summer Camp, was a tremendous success. We also offered a Blessing of the Animals for our friends and neighbors on Seabrook Island, including a horse from the local equestrian center! And, we are looking forward to our Franciscan Spirituality Retreat coming up on December 11 - 13, led by the Rev. Canon Phil Linder. We hope to see our friends from the Diocese of South Carolina at these gatherings!

Ways to engage:

- For individuals: join us for the Franciscan Spirituality Retreat or Artist Classes! Or, join us for a personal retreat for your own rest, restoration, and renewal. Or, consider serving as a volunteer weekend host! Email Lauren Harris at lharris@stchristopher.org for more information.
- For clergy and church employees: Ask us about our respite rates for Sabbath time here at St. Christopher. Vestries, encourage your staff to take a retreat for their own restoration.
- For parishes: join us for a retreat of your own at our conference center, either overnight or for the day

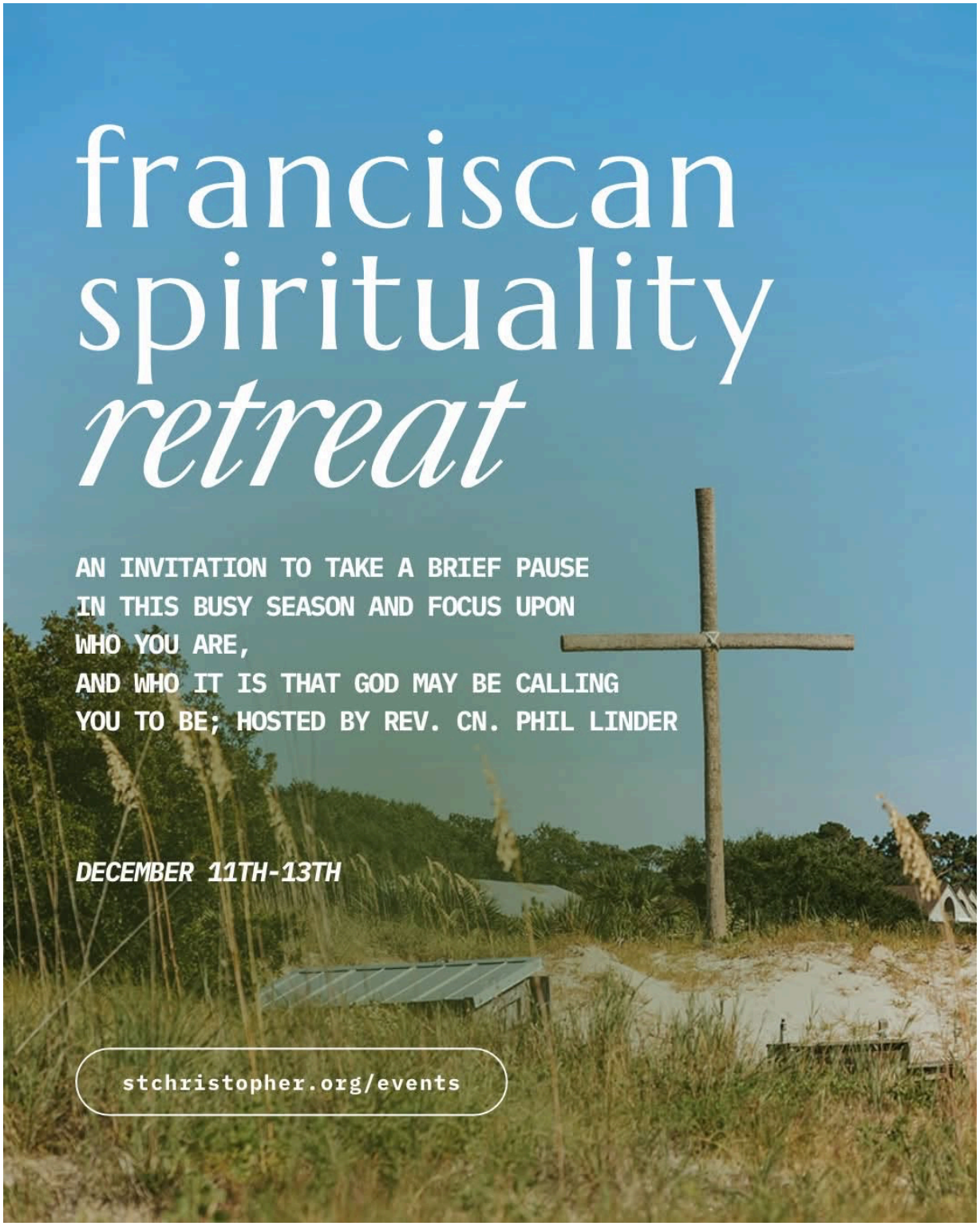
Important dates:

- Listening Session for Conference Center Friends: November 10, 6 - 7 pm, online
- Franciscan Spirituality Retreat: December 11 - 13
- Artist Retreat Classes for the Public: January 24 and 26
- June 12: Beach Day for all!

Contact:

- Director of the Conference Center: **Lauren Harris** (lharris@stchristopher.org, 843-768-0429, option 1) - Group Retreats
- Welcome Center Administrator: **Lisa Marrone** (lmarrone@stchristopher.org, 843-768-0429, option 2) - Personal Retreats


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Summer Camp

Summer Camp 2026 was a great success! Many thanks to Meg Cutshall, our Director of Summer Camp, for diving right in during her first summer with us and leading her team with clarity, compassion, and vision. Katie Sullivan, our Director of Student Ministries, organized registration, staff mentoring, and even helped out in cabins a time or two! We also are grateful to Bennett and Kate Love, our Director of Operations and Communication Specialist, for going above and beyond to support camp; Nora Terrill, our Assistant Director; Robert Hart, All-Staff Chaplain for 2026; and each chaplain who shared the love of God with campers. Many thanks also to all the counselors, interns, counselors-in-training, and volunteers who contributed to this success!

Our theme this year was Crowded Table, and our formation emphasized both God's radical welcome, and ways that we can create beloved community around that crowded table. And it was indeed crowded! 2026 was our largest summer in terms of numbers since the transition from the ACNA in 2022. Thanks be to God!

Early registration for Episcopal and ACNA families opens at 9 am on December 7, with general registration opening on January 11 at 9 am. Please put this in church bulletins and spread the word in your communities! Please also know that we would never want finances to stand in the way of a child coming to camp - financial aid is available.

Ways to engage:

- Encourage the children and youth in your life to come to camp! Clergy, please use discretionary funds to help financially support families with camp fees.
- Encourage high school youth (15 and up) to apply as counselors-in-training
- Encourage emerging adults (18 and up) to apply to be a counselor
- Come to Camp Play Day on November 22! https://www.stchristopher.org/events
- Contribute prayers, cards, snacks, and donations for our summer camp staff.

Important dates:

- Staff Applications Open: November 1 https://www.stchristopher.org/work-volunteer-at-camp
- Fall Camp Play Day: November 22, 2 - 6 pm at St. Christopher
- Listening Session for Camp Families and Alums: December 3, 6 - 7 pm, online
- **Early Summer Camp Registration for Episcopal/ACNA Families:** December 7 at 9 am, online https://www.stchristopher.org/register-for-camp
- **General Summer Camp Registration Opens:** January 11 at 9 am, online

Contact:

- Director of Summer Camp: **Meg Cutshall** (mcutshall@stchristopher.org)
- Director of Student Ministries: **Katie Sullivan** (ksullivan@stchristopher.org)

Camp Saint Christopher

2027 SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE		
SESSION	DATES	AGES
1	June 1st - 3rd (3 Days)	Rising 2nd - 5th
2	June 4th - 6th (3 Days)	Family Camp
3	June 9th - 11th (3 Days)	Rising 3rd - 5th
4	June 14th - 18th (5 Days)	Rising 7th - 9th
5	June 21st - 25th (5 Days)	Rising 3rd - 6th
6	June 28th - July 2nd (5 Days)	Rising 6th - 8th
7	July 7th - 9th (3 Days)	Rising 1st - 3rd
8	July 12th - 16th (5 Days)	Rising 2nd - 5th
9	July 19th - 23rd (5 Days)	Rising 9th - 12th
10	July 26th - 28th (3 Days)	Rising 5th - 8th
11	July 30th - August 1st (3 Days)	Family Camp

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Barrier Island Environmental Education Program

2026 is another fantastic year for our Barrier Island Program! It continues to be ably led by the dynamic duo of Jared Crain, Director, and Tyler Harris, Associate Director. We also are fully staffed with a team of naturalists, who not only teach classes, but assist with local outreach, citizen science projects, invasive species removal, and carrying for the ambassador animals in our herpetarium and aquarium.

We are particularly grateful for the creation of a new outdoor classroom space, funded by a grant from the Town of Seabrook Island and the Seabrook Island Garden Club. Our new pollinator garden is a teaching resource for the schools and Sea Island neighbors who come to St. Christopher to learn about native plants and how they can garden for pollinators in their own communities.

In 2026, we were also proud to partner with Clemson University on two of their citizen science initiatives, as they work to track the Yellow-Legged Hornet (an invasive species) and to preserve and cultivate Tough Bully, a rare native plant that grows on our property. We hope to continue to partner with community organizations to promote scientific research on our campus.

Finally, we are pleased to continue to offer Outdoor Encounters programming, including kayaking and other nature excursions. https://www.stchristopher.org/activities

Ways to engage:

- Spread the word to your children and grandchildren's schools about the amazing field trip opportunities here! https://www.stchristopher.org/about-barrier-island
- Rally friends to join us for the Barrier Island 5K on April 17!

Important dates:

- Listening Session for BI Teachers, Parents, and Alums: December 1, 6 - 7 pm
- Homeschool Week: January 5 - 8 https://www.stchristopher.org/events/barrier-island-homeschool-week
- Scouts Shiveree - January 29 - 31
- Winter Sustainability Talk on Wildlife Monitoring and Ongoing Data Collection at St. Christopher - February 2
- Nature Writers' Workshop: February 3 - 5
- Barrier Island 5K - April 17
- Note: Signups will be on our events page! (https://www.stchristopher.org/events)

Contact:

- Director of the Barrier Island Program: **Jared Crain** (jcrain@stchristopher.org)

You're Invited!

This fall and winter, we will be holding listening sessions as we discern how God is calling us in the years ahead. We hope that everyone with a heart for St. Christopher, youth and children formation, or creation care will attend one of these gatherings!

https://www.stchristopher.org/events/the-future-of-st-christopher-listening-discernment-gatherings




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SAT
NOV 21
PRIVATE HOME
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CHAPEL OF THE PALMS
SUN
JAN 10
ST. CHRISTOPHER
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- Total aid awarded to College students from Governing Dioceses: **$48M**
- Total number of College students from all 27 Governing Dioceses: **1312**

School of Theology:

- Enrollment in the seminary: **139**
- Total aid awarded to seminarians from Governing Dioceses: **$800k+**
- **22** seminarians represented **15/27** of the Governing Dioceses.
- **4225** participants enrolled in Education for Ministry.

HOW YOUR DIOCESE SUPPORTS SEWANEE FINANCIALLY

(Includes Sewanee Fund and capital project gifts for the fiscal year 7/1/2025 - 6/30/2026)

- Diocesan support in FY26: **$0**
- Support from parishes in the diocese: **$3,900**
- Number of parishes in the diocese that made a gift to Sewanee: **3**

HOW YOUR DIOCESE ENGAGES WITH SEWANEE

- College students from the diocesan area: **56**
- Seminarians from the diocese: **1**
- School of Theology alumni currently serving in the diocese: **13**

YOUR TRUSTEES

- The Rt. Rev. Ruth M. Woodliff-Stanley
- Jean McDowell Martin (2027)
- The Rev. Cn. Ryan Currie (2028)
- Helen Davis Britton (2029)

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Voorhees University: An Episcopal HBCU
Fall 2026 Impact Report

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Dean of the Chapel & Spiritual Engagement

Dr. Ronnie Hopkins, 10th President & CEO

I. Enrollment

Fall 2026 Enrollment = 527; Fall 2024 = 570. [Note: Decrease of 43 students attributed to largest graduation of students in the last decade in May 2027.]

Projected Enrollment Goal for Fall 2027 = 800.

II. **Retention Rate** = 58%; 2% improvement from previous year. Persistence Rate = 88%.

III. **US News and World Report HBCU Ranking**

Voorhees University ranked #26 in the nation for Best HBCU by US News and World Report. Ranking second best HBCU in the State of South Carolina.

South Carolina HBCU Ranking by US News and World Report		
Claflin University (#10)	**Voorhees University (#29)**	South Carolina State Univ. (#38)
Benedict College (#56)	Morris College (#66)	Allen University (#69)

IV. Historic Endowment: Achieved Historic Endowment High of **$23,607,480.30**

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V. Safety and Security remain a priority.

VU Office of Campus Safety & Security has systemic affiliations/partnerships with: City of Denmark Police, Bam-berg County Sheriff's Office, SC Law Enforcement Division, Homeland Security and FBI (Special HBCU Support).

V. Celebrating Grant Awards

2026 Grant Awards			
Grant	**Award**	**Awardee**	**Principal Investigator**
SC Institute on Prevention of Sexual Violence on College Campuses	$4000		Nurse Suzane Williams
Work-Inegrated Learning (WIL)	$50,000	UNCF Institute for Capacity Building	Dr. Edward Hill, Jr. Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs
Strengthening HBCU Endowments	$1 million	James & Judith Foundation via UNCF	Dr. Prince Brown, Vice President for University Advancement Dr. Ronnie Hopkins, President & CEO
AI Engagement at Voorhees University	$1,188,800	Department of Labor	Dr. Cathy Scarborough. Director of Rural Development Community Institute Dr. Corey Amaker, Special Assistant to the President

NSF EPSCoR Collaborates for Optimizing Research Ecosystems	$305,000	National Science Foundation	Dr. Zhabiz Golkar, Founding Director of CERPI
Improvement Science Propels Achievement & Critical Teaching for Unfinished Learning	$10 million	Department of Education	Dr. Damara Hightower Mitchell, Founder/CEO Dr. Tondaleya Jackson, Project Director Center of Excellence for Educator Preparation & Innovation
Strengthening Voorhees University Charter Institute of Learning (VCI)	$300,000	UNCF K-12 Partnerships	Dr. Ronnie Hopkins, President & CEO

VI. Episcopal Engagement

- **Campus Chapel:** Conducted weekly Chapel Services for spiritual engagement of students, faculty, staff, administrators, and community members.
- **Campus Movie Night:** Hosted viewing of film *Ruth and Boaz* on October 18, 2026. The film, a biblical-based romantic drama, premiered on Netflix on September 26, 2025.
- **Consecration Service:** Attended the Ordination and Consecration of the Reverend Dr. Adam Shoemaker as the Ninth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island.
- **Hosted VU Learning Day with Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina, October 3, 2026.** As component of the Diocese's Racial Reconciliation, Voorhees University for a meaningful day of faith, history, reflection and community. Diocesan Learning Day brought together alumni, faculty, staff, students and guests for meaningful conversations

centered on the history, mission and legacy of Voorhees University. Alumni shared stories about their experiences and journeys at Voorhees, while faculty and staff reflected on the University's mission and its continued commitment to education, service and community.

- **CUAC (Colleges and Universities of the Anglican Union) Triennial Conference:** A delegation attended the 12th International Triennial Conference of the Colleges and Universities of the Anglican Communion, hosted by Trinity University of Asia. 10th President and CEO Dr. Ronnie Hopkins, along with members of the Voorhees delegation, joined leaders and educators from Anglican-affiliated institutions around the world for meaningful dialogue surrounding faith, education, artificial intelligence, ethics, technology, and the future of human flourishing.

VII. Students First—Student Engagement

- **Mr. and Miss Voorhees University:** Antoine Coleman, Jr. was crowned the 13th Mister Voorhees University and Jayda Stackhouse was crowned the 59th Miss Voorhees University.
- **NABJ Annual Conference:** During the 2026 National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) Convention & Career Fair in Atlanta, several Voorhees University Mass Communication students joined the University's Director of Marketing and Communications for an opportunity to experience the media industry beyond the classroom attending the 2026 NABJ Convention & Career Fair in Atlanta, GA.
- **Living and Learning Communities Upgrade:** All Living and Learning Communities received campus renovations to include HVAC replacement, remodel of bathrooms, and Lobby Entrance Upgrade.

VIII. **University Pool and University VISTRO Opening:** Voorhees University proudly celebrated two exciting student and community milestones the reopening of the University Swimming Pool and the grand opening of The Voorhees

University VISTRO. The return of the University's Olympic-size swimming pool, following more than two decades of closure, marks an exciting new chapter for student wellness, recreation and future community programming. The opening of the VISTRO introduces another vibrant space for students to gather, connect and enjoy an enhanced campus dining experience.