ANNUAL REPORT

BUILDING LEADERS TO “RESTORE THE STREETS TO LIVE IN” IN GRAYS HARBOR.
Dear supporters of Chaplains on the Harbor,

This has been a year of tremendous growth, as we seek to rebuild this community and, in the words of the prophet Isaiah, "restore the streets to live in." What we have discovered more than anything is that love conquers hate and fear.

We began this ministry believing that our unwavering support and commitment to the poor in our community would bear fruit. So many young people in our community get caught up in addiction, homelessness, and gang involvement. As we walk alongside them in a community that often rejects them, we believe that love really can change things. One young man, who is now in recovery and working full time, told us; “you kept my eyes open to who I really was.” Reminding people of their dignity and worth is a powerful thing. We can choose to see only the worst someone has done or we can choose to see who they really are, beloved of God with tremendous gifts to give the world. Another young woman wrote; “I hope you are aware that the love you have in your hearts penetrates through the thickest walls society puts around those suffering from loss of hope.”

One of our apprentices calls our work “hope dealing.” After growing up in an economy with few job options, where so many young people end up dealing or running drugs, and from there end up in prison or dead, we see our work of offering dignity and love to our people as bringing hope beyond hope.

This year brought national attention to our work. We participated in the Poor People’s Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival and our apprentices spoke before a congressional hearing and on a national stage about poverty, addiction, and homelessness in Grays Harbor. Bishop Dr. William Barber visited Aberdeen, preaching about hope in the middle of so much suffering and despair, and The Most Rev. Michael Curry joined us for a rally through the streets of Aberdeen for affordable housing and treatment facilities. When the city of Aberdeen denied me permission to visit our largest homeless camp, where I often serve as pastor, we filed a federal lawsuit, claiming that such actions violated our first amendment rights. This also garnered us regional and national attention. While some in the local community responded with hate, many also joined us in a call to love and care for our neighbors in a town where 1 in 16 of us are homeless and so many struggle with addiction.

One of the greatest joys of this year has been watching our apprentices grow and use their gifts. Each of the people we have hired for Harbor Roots Farm have had their share of struggle and I have been honored to be their pastor through jail or prison, through heartache and homelessness, and through their struggle for a better future for themselves and their community. I am so honored to serve with them and so proud of what they are building.

Love does conquer hate and fear in our community and I believe our work will continue to do that, as we love each other and build a better world together. This coming year will be an exciting time for us, as we deal hope, as we continue to grow our apprenticeship program, and as we keep reminding people who they really are. I started this ministry over five years ago with a small grant and a dream. We now have 12 people employed in our various ministries, most of whom have come out of homelessness and struggle and are committed to rebuilding our community. Thank you all for making this great work of love possible.

Love and respect,
Rev. Sarah
Our Anchor
At the center of our ministry is our faith and liturgy. We hold weekly services in the sanctuary our apprentices recently remodeled in Westport. We read the story of Jesus together and talk about how he built a movement of poor people in small towns on the edge of empire. We mourn our losses and celebrate our joys as we learn to better love each other and protect each other. We declare ourselves sanctuary space, a space where people with bench warrants (a common reality in poor communities everywhere) and other legal issues can have their basic needs met without fear of police or arrest. Every winter, we open as a cold weather shelter, offering literal sanctuary to people who are homeless or have no running water or electricity.

Our Fight
Our organizing work really hit some new peaks this year, thanks in large part to our involvement in the Poor People’s Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival. Mashyla Buckmaster, our Westport Program Manager, traveled to DC to speak at the campaign’s national launch in February 2018. A month later, Bishop Barber came out to Aberdeen to meet with residents of the largest homeless encampment in Grays Harbor County. We had a regular presence at the capitol in Olympia during the PPC’s Forty Days of Action and Chris Olive, Harbor Roots Farm apprentice, even flew to DC to testify alongside Barber at a Senate hearing. During the Forty Days, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and our Diocesan Bishop Greg Rickel both came out to our first ever public demonstration in Aberdeen—we marched through downtown to the river encampment to listen to testimony from residents there, then back up to City Hall where Bishop Curry preached his spontaneous (and now famous) “Sermon on the Steps.” What a year!

Our Vision
Several years ago, when asked by an interviewer what he would tell the city if he had a chance, a young homeless kid from Aberdeen said; "Give us a chance." In the middle of a crumbling economy, our young people told us over and over that they needed jobs and a way out. Two years ago, we began our apprenticeship program, hiring Mashyla, who now serves as our Westport manager and peer support on senior staff. This past year, we launched Harbor Roots Farm, hiring five apprentices, three of whom have successfully completed their first season. The farm season starts again in February and we hope to launch a farm-to-table cafe in 2020 to continue to expand our social enterprise.
Our Outreach
Outreach, on the streets and in jail, continues to form a cornerstone of our work. A central part of our work is reminding people that they are loved and valued. Besides our church and community center in Westport, we do outreach to major homeless encampments, we have feeding programs, and we visit both municipal and county jails regularly. We affirm the dignity of each person and we meet people where they are at. While we are a mission station of the Episcopal Diocese of Olympia, we support people on whatever their own spiritual path may be.

Harbor Roots Farm
A rural logging and fishing community, with industry in decline, Grays Harbor County can feel isolated and forgotten by the rest of the world. When the timber economy collapsed, the region was left with very few jobs and little hope. But many of the people didn’t leave. We stayed. In a place where 46% of us are on public assistance and 1 out of 16 are homeless, we have weathered every storm since, and have taken care of each other when no one else would.

No one knows better how to revive this county than the people who have struggled most in Grays Harbor. We are people living on the streets, people who gave our lives to the timber industry, people who are dealing with addiction, people who have seen time in jail. We are the lifeblood of this community.

We are building a new story for Grays Harbor County. We are reclaiming our right to fresh food, to sustainable use of the land, and to an economy that benefits all of us, not just the few at the top. Learn more at harborroots.com

Our Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) share is a baseline of $550 for approximately 5 months of produce delivered weekly to designated pick-up spots in Olympia and Aberdeen. That is approximately 20 boxes of produce for the season.
Meet our Apprentices

James: I'm a father of two beautiful sons married to my wife for four years now. I met the Chaplains through The Father Sarah. She fed my friends and I under the bridge for years and has earned so much of my respect. Sarah brought me into this work n saved my life. I have a home again, I am a better father and man than I ever have been. I'm sober again the first time in almost a decade. I have helped bring a farm to the community. I hope this next year we continue to bring hope joy and fresh food to a community that lacks all this. I love being in this work where I can literally mean it when I say I'm saving the world one day at a time. We are heroes, we are saviours of our streets. With that, thank you.

Levi: I'm 26 years old. I currently reside in Aberdeen, WA. I connected with Rev. Sarah while I was homeless on the streets and she would come to Tent City and bring items needed for cold weather and survival. When I left Grays Harbor to get clean she invited me to go to LA to go to Homeboy Industries and my life took off from there. What I hope for this year is to grow our CSA farm bigger and better than the previous year. This is my first year with Chaplains and I'm blessed to be able to give back to my community, a community I once stole and robbed from.

Chris: I'm 34 years old and was raised in Westport WA. I am a veteran of the US Air Force and a recovering opiate/heroin addict. I found COH through staying at the church in Westport while homeless. I reconnected with COH after graduating inpatient treatment and volunteered to help out with what they were doing because I think it’s very important work and not enough people are doing it. I work with COH now and I feel that it is helping our community and the world in general. If we can change even one person's mind about homelessness and addiction issues, then it's all worth the effort. I am looking forward to the coming season and working on our CSA farm to provide our community with locally grown organic vegetables and also provide food to feeding programs in the area. Thank you for your donations and support.
Financials

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Revenue: $350,047

Expenses: $330,505

Outreach: $152,373

Social Enterprise/Apprenticeship Program: $157,671

Administrative: $20,461

Our budget grew substantially this year with our social enterprise launch. The farm's first year brought in some small income, which we expect to increase substantially this coming year.

We have kept administrative costs to a minimum and most of our senior staff split their time between outreach and providing support to the apprenticeship program.

Advisory Board

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25,000-50,000
The Episcopal Diocese of Olympia
Congregational Grant
DFMS Episcopal Church New Ministry Grant
The Episcopal Diocese of Olympia Multicultural Grant

10,000-25,000
The Community Foundation of South Puget Sound
Tides Foundation
Frank & Judy Pollard
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Christ Episcopal Church (Anacortes)

5,000-10,000
St Marks Episcopal Church (Montesano)
The Rev. Edith Weller
St Luke Episcopal Church (Seattle)

1,000-5,000
St Barnabas Episcopal Church
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New Economy Foundation
Episcopal Jubilee Grant
The Rev. Mark Miller
Social Justice Fund NW
Episcopal Community Action
St Johns Episcopal Church (Olympia)
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Christ Episcopal Church (Blaine)
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The Rev. Sarah Monroe
Morris Buchanan
Greg Rhodes
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The Rev. Jennifer Daugherty
Richard & Carolyne Myers
St Stephen Episcopal Church (Oak Harbor)

$500-$1,000
St John Episcopal Church (Snohomish)
Montesano Presbyterian Church
St. Andrew Episcopal Church (Port Angeles)
The Rev. Sara Fischer
Joanne Rittmueller
St Paul Episcopal Church (Port Townsend)
David Baylor
St Mary Episcopal Church (Lakewood)
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Mariana Everson
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Loren Peters
The Rev. Gretchen Gunderson
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Nancy Bent
Amanda Craft
Mara Hilberman
St Alban’s Episcopal Church
St Luke Episcopal Church (Vancouver)
St Luke Episcopal Church (Elma)
St Stephens Episcopal Church (Seattle)
Jeanne Stephen

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The Rev Robert Rhodes
Discovery Bay Brewing LLC
John Proebstel
Richard & Janet Wright
Joan Mann
St Hugh Episcopal Church
The Rev. Deanna VanderHurst
Sarah Yergin
Collum & Martha Liska
Gary & Barbara Beson
Sonya Emerick
St Luke Memorial Episcopal Church (Tacoma)
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Elizabeth Voelker
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Wendy Hendrickson
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Christ Episcopal Church (Seattle)
Ann Holtz
Coby & Jamie-Roberts Jones
Judith Ogden

Donors

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we have continued to grow substantially, particularly into our social enterprise program, supporting young people off the street and out of jail. We had a scare in the last quarter when our cash flow stopped, but many of you answered our call and we received more money than we asked for, leaving us with a small surplus to start the new year.

Thank you all for making this possible!

The bishop joined our staff on Maundy Thursday to bless our new farm.

Sean O’Neill
The Rev Patricia Taylor
Julia Vanderweit
The Rev. Richard Weyls
Missy Couch
Day Pritchard
Mary Lou Hatcher
Posey Krakowsky
Joe Paparone
DP Andrews
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The Rev. Dr. James Elliott
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Alice Kohl
Margaret Kyle
Emily McNeill
The Rt Rev Greg Rickel
Gail Rolfe
Karen Schneider
The Rev P Y Shigaki
Lee Wilson
Isaac Cowhey
The Rev. Arienne Davison
Sarah Petrich
Katherine Cleland
A & B Alexanders
Adam Barnes
Thomas & Susan Bowers
Community for Interfaith Celebration
Deanna English
The Ven Gen & Gary Grewell
Paula Zinicala
Paul & Johanna Quam
St Andrews Episcopal Church (Seattle)
Mike Evans
Chris Foster
The Rev. Jed Fox
Carolyn Koehler
Laura Silverton
Douglas & The Rev Gail Wheatley
Nancy Zabel
Becky Acevedo
Meet More Staff!

My name is Mashyla Buckmaster. I'm 30 years old. I'm a single mother of a beautiful two year old. I've been sober for three years. I met Sarah and Aaron when I was still in active addiction. They both saved me and my daughter's life by helping me stay sober and giving me a job so I can support my daughter. The highlight of my year has been being able to connect with people whose story is similar to mine and supporting them on their path.

My name is Janet Belles. I am 55. I am from Westport WA. I met Sarah five years ago, when she opened the church in Westport. I thought I would love to help out because I am a very helpful person. I cook at the church in Westport, I oversee the donations, and I make sure people have clothes, laundry done, and get a shower. My hope for this year is to make sure we get plenty of clothes and food to help our community, and for our church to stay open.

One of our largest funerals in 2018, for a mother who died unexpectedly. We worked hard to get three of her sons out of jail and prison for her funeral.