



# The Episcopal Diocese of Georgia

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## Columba House Begins Third Year

With two missionaries and three fellows, Columba House is getting underway for its third year of ministry. Columba House is an Episcopal intentional community where young people reside together, binding their spiritual journeys together for a summer or for up to two years.



Columba House offers two residential programs for young adults who want to live intentionally and serve passionately. The first is a full-time residential internship and the second is a part-time residential fellowship. Interns and Fellows will live together intentionally in community through sharing a house, breaking bread, praying, and learning together. Interns and Fellows will support Columba House's mission to build spiritual community among young adults.

There will be leadership opportunities

and avenues to explore one's gifts. Columba House's residential programs are 10 months from August to June with an option to extend for a second year.

Living in the house as a part of the community are our missionaries Guillermo Arboleda and Kelly Steele. Married in May 2014, these diocesan staff members bring experience living in a similar community while attending Duke Divinity School which will assist them in leading this ministry.

This year, the program has three fellows: Gabriella Caballero, Emmy Baird, and Mark Mizelle. The three will work or study full-time, live

in intentional community at Columba House, and engage the young adult community in Savannah.

Missioner Kelly Steele said "Because we are committed to living like Jesus, we pray and worship God a lot: daily and weekly. Because we're trying to dig deep, some of us live together as housemates and commit to a Rule of Life." She then added, "Because we believe in hospitality, we welcome folks of all stripes to join us in prayer and in our common life."

### Expanding to Augusta



A house on Central Avenue in Augusta will now be home to the Diocese of Georgia's second Columba House. The Diocese can open this second intentional community and center for young adult ministry thanks to a generous gift to the Campaign for Congregational Development by an

Augusta Episcopalian. Columba House Augusta is located on a busy corridor between Georgia Regents University (GRU) and the GRU Medical School. This work is overseen by the Columba House Augusta Advisory Board.

Columba House is named for the 6th century Irish abbot and missionary who founded a monastery in present day Scotland. That community shared the love of God with the Picts who lived around them, leading to the evangelization of Scotland.

### The Campaign for Congregational Development

Columba House is one of the strategies put forward in the Campaign for Congregational Development to foster young adult leadership. The priorities of the Campaign fall into three areas-Congregational Development; Clergy and Lay Leadership Development, and Formation of Youth and Young Adult Leadership. Within each of those three areas, there are three specific campaign priorities. Find more at [campaign.georgiaepiscopal.org](http://campaign.georgiaepiscopal.org)