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**REV. HEATHER MELTON VISITS
FROM 815, EPISCOPAL
HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK**



In April we had a wonderful visit from 815 who is very excited about the Anglican Center and has already provided a UTO grant to jumpstart things. Here is Rev. Heather from the Presiding Bishop's Office with Kayla Massey, UTO intern, and Sandra Squires, President of the United Thank Offering Board.

PROGRESS!

*Dear Friends,
I write you with gratitude in the style of the letters in the Bible. Upon returning to my post here in Madrid, from a whirlwind trip in the States for the month of April, as the Bishop's national secretary, I was pleased with all the progress we made. The purpose of this newsletter is to share stories about the progress for the building of the*



Anglican Center in Santiago, something my Bishop feels passionate about. Don Carlos, whom many of you had the pleasure of meeting in

April at Trinity Wall Street, returned brimming with hope for this global project that will cost 5 million dollars. We are grateful to Reverend Bill Lupfer, Lisa Freedman and Reverend Phil Jackson for their support.

What we did: We convened on the 4th of April at Trinity, twenty five members strong, to have our initial meeting to explore the viability of building an Anglican Center in Santiago. The message seemed clear. We need one! Why? At times, there are more Protestants on the Camino than Catholics. However, Spain, being one of the most Catholic countries on earth, there has never been a place for non-Roman Catholic pilgrims to receive Eucharist when they finish the Camino. Furthermore, there are Anglican centers in Jerusalem and Rome, but none in third most holy site on earth: Santiago.

*Sincerely,
Rvdo. Spencer Reece, National Secretary for the
Bishop of Spain, Don Carlos Lopez-Lozano*

THE VISION STATEMENT: THE ANGLICAN CENTER IN SANTIAGO WILL BE AN ECUMENICAL PLACE THAT OFFERS HOSPITALITY, LEARNING, HEALING HOPE AND LOVE AND REJUVENATES THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE IN SPAIN.

We formed three groups: one for a vision statement, one for a business plan and fundraising, and a third establishing the 501 (c) (3). The proposed name of the new entity is "American Friends of the Anglican Center for Santiago de Compostela. Braden McCurrah, Esquire, an attorney on Wall Street, volunteered immediately to set up the legal end of things pro bono, establishing our tax exempt status with the Internal Revenue Code. He is a special counsel at Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft.

The Business and Fundraising Committee is headed by Willem Brans, Director of Development at Trinity Wall Street, along with Reverend Scott Walters, priest in charge at Christ Church Little Rock, Arkansas, and Reverend Marek Zabriskie, priest in charge at St. Thomas Church Whitmarsh, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Reverend Sean Mullen, priest in charge at St.

Mark's Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Reverend Dr. Jim Cooper, former rector at Trinity Wall Street will convene to discuss possible partners to aid us. And finally a committee was formed to draft vision. Reverend Craig Townsend, director of the Hays Rockwell Center for Clergy Development at St. James, Church, New York and Reverend Daniel Simons, priest for liturgy and pilgrimage and hospitality at Trinity Wall Street have begun in earnest.



Rev. Scott Walters,
new board member
from Little Rock, Arkansas

VISIT FROM REV. SEAN MULLEN, A SIMILAR VISIT FOR SEMINARIANS?

Upon my return I was greeted by **Rev. Sean Mullen** who has come to Spain as part of his sabbatical. He is passionate about the Camino and has walked it two previous times. He is here to improve his Spanish. Rev. Sean took to the liturgy immediately and helped us on Sunday and for our food distribution service on



Saturday that serves 150 people. He was speaking with a Madrileño accent in no time (which is equivalent to a foreigner speaking like someone from Manhattan). He left us and headed on to the Student Center in Salamanca, staying as our guest, for more language. He celebrated the liturgy with our distinct Mozarabic rite. While in States, I had the chance to celebrate this rite with the Berkeley seminarians in St. Luke's chapel and with

the growing need for clergy to be more comfortable with celebrating service in Spanish we discussed the idea of having Berkeley seminarians begin to spend time with us here in the summer on grants, so upon graduation they can add celebrating in Spanish to their resumes. Dean Andrew McGowan and Dean Cathy George at Yale and I discussed the possibility of them visiting us come fall to meet with Don Carlos and begin to strategize a future. Father Sean bid us good-bye and will now walk the Camino a third time. In parting we also considered the idea of making the Cathedral here in a Madrid a place of welcome for pilgrims. We are grateful for his visit and that of Rev. Heather Melton and 815 staff. Trinity staff plan a trip in the fall. You have all richly blessed us on your camino, more than you will know.

