

YOU CAN HELP

Grounded Hope Monterey ESC is looking for teammates. We are reaching out to diocesan and deanery parish partners to set up an **advisory board** to assist with expertise and support of the program development.

We seek help in the following areas as well:

- spiritual guides
- mental health services
- agency connections
- contractor contacts & services
- work day participants
- donations of furnishings
- donations for passes and gift cards
- funding for building renovation



SAINT JAMES, MONTEREY

We are a small, inclusive Episcopal Church that hosts a broad-based Spiritual Center for the community. We seek new ways to relate with and serve God in this place and celebrate the fullness of life in each individual. We are excited to shepherd an ESC in service to God and the world.

CONNECT WITH US

*To donate or get involved,
please contact us:*

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an
Episcopal Service Corps
in the
Diocese of El Camino Real
at
St. James, Monterey*



GROUNDING HOPE
ESC MONTEREY

EPISCOPAL SERVICE CORPS



- The Episcopal Service Corps empowers adults 21-32 to transform unjust structures through community building, local collaboration, prayer, and action.
- ESC is guided in every aspect of their work by a commitment to four core values: Formation, Discernment, Community, and Justice.



Grounded Hope Monterey ESC is a program designed to engage members in discerning hopeful lives in the world for the world. We engage the natural world and resources around us, grounding our program in action, reflection, discernment, and spiritual curiosity. This program recognizes the potential transformation of all who fully participate in the life-giving work of service to others.



LIVING IN COMMUNITY

ESC Corps members will live together for 10 months in intentional community in McGowan House Spiritual Center, part of the St. James campus in Monterey. They will be guided by the Rev. Jen Crompton as they spend their time in service to community and in discernment of their lives.

Corps members work in service related internships in the community, in agencies, non-profits, schools or related areas. They also spend time in prayer and spiritual activities like retreats, church experiences, and counseling.

The beautiful natural world in Monterey is a key part of the program, offering transformative opportunities.

OUR PLAN

The first step of our plan is complete: St. James hired Rev. Jen Crompton as director of our ESC and as priest of our church in Monterey.

We will welcome our first cohort of 5 or 6 corps members in the fall of 2027. In order to obtain this goal, we plan to:

- build community partnerships
- fundraise for renovation
- plan the logistics of the program
- develop relationships with cohorts of other ESC sites
- create an advisory board
- renovate McGowan House
- market the program and review member applications
- create a funding base for sustaining the program