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Over the years these courses have demonstrated that in spite of cultural, social, and theological differences, participants experience a sense of commitment and solidarity with each other. The alumni of the Scholars Program are leading their churches across the globe with greater understanding and purpose as they face the challenges of today's world.

Please help us with your generous gift in support of this invaluable ministry at Canterbury Cathedral.

With gratitude,

The Rev. Canon Samuel Van Culin
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