

CoLP Assembly Report 9/17/2016

The CoLP currently includes: Rev. Patty Wolff (Co-Chair), RE Deb Fleming, Rev. Sharan Knoell Rosso, and RE Linda Breffle

Rev. Bob Heinle resigned as Co-Chair of the CoLP, citing his work schedule and other issues as the reason. The CoLP thanks Bob for his dedication and wisdom in teaching ALPs to lead worship and preach over the years and we are glad he will continue to share his knowledge, leading classes as he is able.

At our meetings on 7/8/2016 and 8/26/2016, the CoLP welcomed three beginning Lay Preachers:

- Becky Smith – RE from Stamford
- Herman Broening - RE from Immanuel
- Sarah Poss – Attending Masonville
- The CoLP interviewed the three applicants regarding their sense of call to Lay Preaching.

Two CoLP events are planned for the Fall

- Retreat at Sky Lake – for all Lay Preachers – Friday Evening 12/2/2016 through Saturday Afternoon, 12/3/2016.
 - Cost \$25 – which includes one night's lodging and 3 meals
 - Friday Evening – Dinner & Ice Breakers
 - Saturday Morning - We will break into small groups and preach for each other – a recent sermon not longer than 10 minutes in duration. The group will offer critique and suggestions.
 - Saturday Afternoon – Small group Exegesis on passages to be determined later.
- Pastoral Care Class – Beginning 10/19/2016
 - Five Sessions on Wednesday evenings from 10/19/2016 through 11/16/2016
 - Cost - \$50
 - The class will be held at the Red Door Church in Oneonta
 - Instructor: Rev. Betsy Jay, Chaplain – Bassett Healthcare

RE JoAnn Aymar successfully preach her neutral pulpit at East Guilford on 9/4/2016, and was interviewed regarding her statement of faith by the CoLP at its meeting on 8/26/2016. The CoLP recommends her for commissioning at this Assembly.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patty Wolff, Chair