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COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

2017 Report

October 14, 2017

Members of the Commission on Ministry in 2017 were the Right Rev. Jay Lambert, Bishop; the Ven. Jo Glasser, chair; the Rev. Kathleen Charles; the Rev. Charles Farrell; Dr. Paul Chase; Ms. Mary Ellen Filkins; Ms. Nancy Firth; Ms. Debbie Conover; Ms. Evelyn Usher; and the Very Rev. Michael Greene (ex officio). The Rev. Charles Farrell resigned his position in April, 2017, because of moving to the Chicago area.

The Reverend Michael Newago was ordained to the priesthood on May 1, 2017 at St. Andrew’s Church, Ashland. He subsequently accepted a call to the Diocese of Springfield.

Russell Tate and Barbara Manzo of Christ Church Cathedral completed their second year of study in the ELCA’s Lay School for Ministry, and studied Anglican church history and liturgics with Dean Greene. They were recommended for ordination in September, 2017. Ordination to the permanent diaconate is planned for October 28, 2017 at 12:00 noon at Christ Church Cathedral.

Andrew Cruz Lillegard is continuing studies for the priesthood at Nashotah House, and was recommended for ordination to the transitional diaconate in September, 2017. He is scheduled to be ordained on November 30, 2017 at 7:00 PM at Christ Church Cathedral.

Charles Carter was ordained to the transitional diaconate August 12, 2017, at Christ Church Cathedral. He has been assigned to St. Mary’s Church, Tomah, as Deacon in Charge.

Michael Gumulauskas of Christ Church Cathedral was approved to advance to postulancy for the diaconate in September, 2017. William Power of Christ Church La Crosse was accepted as nominee to the diaconate in October, 2017. He will read for orders under the direction of the Rev. Peter Augustine and the Ven. Jo Glasser.

The Rev. Tanya Scheff has been named priest-in-charge of St. Andrews’ Church, Ashland, and Christ Church, Bayfield. The Ven. Jo Glasser was assigned to St. John’s Church, Sparta, effective May 1, 2017.

The lay discernment program, Discerning our Christian Call, was pilot-tested at St. Paul’s Church Hudson during Lent. It is now ready to use for congregations that wish to offer it. It may be offered in a series of weekly studies, for example during Advent or Lent, as an Adult Education class, or as a weekend retreat. A more detailed program description accompanies this report. Any congregation interested in offering the program is asked to contact the Ven. Jo Glasser.

The Commission developed and recommended a new diocesan policy for stipend and mileage for supply clergy, to take effect in April 2017.

Safeguarding God’s Children training for sexual abuse prevention was offered “on-ground” at St. Paul’s Church, Hudson, in January 2017. An online version is also available through the diocesan office. Lay Ministry Training for Eucharistic Ministers, Eucharistic Visitors, and Worship Leaders was offered in Chippewa Falls in July, 2017, and is also scheduled to be held in Hudson in October, 2017. The October training will be co-led by the Rev. Catherine Kuschel and the Ven. Jo Glasser, and will also include training for reading scripture and leading Prayers of the People.

The second annual diocesan family retreat was held at Camp Manitou, New Auburn, from September 29 through October 1. The program titled “Where Jesus Leads: Becoming Disciples in Community” was led by teams of clergy and lay leaders from the congregations of the diocese, using the book *Where Jesus Leads* by Jim Gettel as a resource. The clergy of the diocese also used the book with Mr. Gettel leading their retreat at St. Paul’s Church Hudson in September 2017.

The Commission on Ministry conveys its thanks to everyone in the diocese for your prayers and support of its work.

Respectfully submitted,

The Ven. Jo K. Glasser, Chair