

# Internship Lay Committee Report 2015

The Lay Intern Committee supports and provides feedback for a pastoral intern (title: Vicar) in their one year posting to a host congregation. At Uni Lu, the committee meets monthly to ensure the intern is being incorporated into the community and receiving the support they need to grow in ministry.

University Lutheran was blessed to have Vicar Jeniffer Tillman with us for the first half of 2015. The intern committee consisted of Marion Pauck, Bill Walker, Erica McDowell, and Nate Olson.

During her six months at UniLu, Vicar Jeniffer immersed herself in the life of our parish. She directed a powerful dramatization of the passion story during Good Friday service. She led thought-provoking Bible study sessions. She taught us all a hymn in American Sign Language. She brought her passion for Shakespeare and poetry into her preaching. It was a joy to have her walk with us on our spiritual journey.

In the beginning of September we welcomed Vicar Stu Richardson into our community, along with his wife MaiLinh Truong. Vicar Stu will be with us for 12 months until shortly before our next annual meeting. He is an avid beekeeper and is interested in what he calls "bountiful churchyards," a program of growing food on church properties.

In our last two annual meetings, we discussed the importance of having staff assistance for Pastor Greg. Pastor interns are one good way to achieve that goal. We have been very lucky that, for unique reasons, we were not obliged to pay for Vicar Jeniffer's or Vicar Stu's housing. It would be irresponsible to assume this will be true in the 2016-2017 budget.

## **Internship Lay Committee**

Bill Walker, chair

Marion Pauck

Esther Cole

[... plus a draft pick to be named by Vicar Stu]