

The Spiritual Enrichment Leadership Team (SELT)'s mission is to create continuing spiritual enrichment opportunities for the KC community and to offer enriching educational events to the larger Columbia and Howard County population, thus broadening our spiritual impact to and relationship with the larger community.

The SELT includes our Sunday School, Youth Education and Adult educational programs/retreats. Historically a member of the Spiritual Enrichment Leadership Team is represented on Council so that its voice is included in Council's deliberations. This year we have not had a representative from SELT and there was no formal team this year.

The SELT's Responsibilities include:

1. Oversee, support and maintain information on all current SELT FOCUS groups including educational classes, workshops and retreats and youth education which includes both our Sunday School and Youth Group.
2. Oversee any financial needs and requests from FOCUS groups.
3. Receive applications for retreats held throughout the year either at KC or off-site, including Rolling Ridge, and keep Council informed of retreat plans and dates.
4. Develop ideas for future spiritual enrichment offerings.

This year's accomplishments include:

Our mid-year retreat brought together 22 KC members and friends for a workshop called "Preparing and Tending Your Inner Garden." The first half of the workshop focused on learning inner spiritual practices and then each participant built a Zen Garden that would serve as a reminder to the insights gained and the practices committed to for tending their Inner Garden.

Our Sunday School is thriving – there are anywhere between 2-12 students each Sunday, ages 2-10 years old. We are following the Revised Common Lectionary with Lessons derived from an online Episcopal resource called "Lessons that Work." We are thrilled to have Jennifer Fairbarns who works with me as our co-teacher and crafts coordinator as well as our Sunday School Assistant, Hadda Morsi. Thanks to Jordan Beard and Christen Downie who worked with the Sunday School children from September 2016 to May 2017.

The Youth Program lead by Ann Bailey, Rebecca Dietz and Pastor Heather (before she left) meets two Sundays a month in the evening. Meetings include food, fun, focus and fire – we eat together, play games, focus on a teaching, and finish with sharing concerns around a fire of candles. This year's class includes 6 high school students, 4 of whom will graduate in the Spring, 2018. A youth retreat is planned for 2018. We hope that a new Enabling Minister will join us and reinvigorate this program.

The Vitality, Diversity and Inclusion Focus Group, while not under the SELT umbrella, has provided several education and enriching programs for not just KC members but the community at large. The Focus Group has held relational interviews with KC members, held a Difficult Conversations class in the Spring and is currently offering a community class on the book, Waking Up White.

Upcoming Events:

The Annual Retreat will be held on Saturday, November 4th. The October Worship Task Group comprised of Don and Jean Link, Bonnie Personett, Riley MacDonald and Amy Sens will focus on one Discipline per week to prepare us for the Retreat in November.

The Christmas Play, featuring the Youth Group and Sunday School children, will be held on Sunday, December 10. Sandy Queen is working with the Youth Group to write the play and Mary Jane Sasser will help with the play production.

Thank you to all who work with our youth and bring God's love to them.

As you consider your involvement in KC, we ask that you consider the Spiritual Enrichment Leadership Team. Ongoing education and spiritual enrichment nourishes our souls and strengthens us along our spiritual journey.