

Christian Community of Chapel Hill – Durham Report:

given by Diana Haynes

Overview: We are a small Affiliate of the DC Congregation and have 5 visits per year from our priest, Carol Kelly. However, there has been a group of people in this area for over 20 years working towards the vision of one day having our own church home. Our core membership is about 50 people with a wider circle of 70 friends.

The Carrying Group of 6-7 people manages the responsibility of renting space, setting up the altar and all things required for a priest visit. Anyone with some ability to help is invited to join the Carrying Group.

Incorporation: In 2014, there was the hope that we might receive a bequest of some land and in response to this, the Carrying group worked for a year to achieve Non-Profit Incorporation status and institute bylaws. On March 20th 2015 we elected 3 officers from the board members - who also serve on the Carrying group.

Margit Gratzl, Pres, Robin Haynes, treasurer and Diana Haynes, secretary
Buddy Smiley, Lisa Stauffer and Martha Kelder serve as our directors

Fiscal Report: Because we are a small group of mostly retired people, donations have not kept pace with the increasing costs of facility rental and the costs associated with having priest visits. The new Board is discussing fund raising events and taking measures to increase participation.

These measures have included:

- holding a regular study group
- a monthly Lay Service held at the home of Buddy & Sarah Smiley.
- a new website created by Diana & Robin Haynes
- more regular communication with the membership via newsletters, updates on the website of talks and articles from our priests, events from the larger community, Invitations to services or events and Seasonal Reflections. If you'd like to receive these updates, please check out our website at: christiancommunitync.org

Carol Kelly comes to this community not only to perform the Act of Consecration of Man, but also to give inspired talks, teach our youth perform the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, marriage, individual consultation, last rites and funerals. Carol, as many of you know, is musically gifted and recently we've formed a choir that sings exquisitely beautiful songs at every service. She gives to us unstintingly and there is deep gratitude to all her help in supporting and nurturing this community of Christians.