

## **LLWL LEARNING UNIT 1: Better Get Ready!**

**Friday October 21, 5:30 p.m. – Sunday October 23, 2:30 p.m.**

### **Description:**

Let's begin at the beginning! This Learning Unit is provided for United Church lay leaders who want to increase their knowledge, develop skills for worship leadership and deepen their personal faith. Participants will explore seasonal themes and worship resources related to Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. We will take a closer look at The Order of Worship in United Church congregations and consider the theological themes of incarnation and Christology. Time for personal reflection -- 'Who am I in relationship with God?' -- and group discussion will be included in this program.

Please note: **This is the first of four Learning Units offered in the Licensed Lay Worship Leaders Program (Atlantic).** Those who are currently licensed by their presbyteries as Licensed Lay Worship Leaders are welcome and encouraged to participate. Those who have been recommended by their Presbytery for LLWL training and those who have completed an LLWL(Atlantic) Orientation event are encouraged to participate. Those who complete the Orientation and 4 Learning Units will receive a certificate of completion from Tatamagouche Centre and LLWL Atlantic. For more information: [llwlatlantic@gmail.com](mailto:llwlatlantic@gmail.com).

### **Instructors:**

#### **Rev. Dr. Ross Bartlett:**

Rev Dr. Ross Bartlett serves in ministry with Knox United Church, Lower Sackville, NS. He is an Adjunct Faculty member at Atlantic School of Theology, teaching in a variety of areas including Preaching and United Church Worship. His doctorates are in History (Toronto) and Congregational Communication (Princeton). He has served on the United Church's Theology and Faith Committee, as co-convenor for the national Worship and Music Working Group and is the author of some thirty articles and books including "Lamentations for Lent" (UCRD 2204). He is the preaching columnist for "Gathering" magazine and has instructed in Lay Preaching courses in other conferences. Ross has served more than 30 years in congregational ministry in Ontario, Australia and Nova Scotia.

#### **Rev. Mary J White:**

Rev. Mary J White is an Ordained Minister serving Coldstream Pastoral Charge. She is Convener of Truro Presbytery's Education and Students Committee and she serves on the Maritime Conference Proposals Committee. She has degrees in philosophy, psychology and divinity. She has served for many years with Associations For Community Living in Ontario, and B.C. Some of her responsibilities included managing staff and teaching life skills. Being a life long learner, she has taken courses in supervision, theatre, interviewing skills and having a desire to learn music, is presently taking cello lessons.

**Rev. Robyn Brown-Hewitt:** Robyn is the United Church Chaplain at the Multifaith Centre of Dalhousie University and Director of the Youth Ministry Diploma Program at Atlantic School of Theology. She recently concluded a term as the Faith & Spirituality Program Coordinator for Tatamagouche Education & Retreat Centre. Her background includes degrees in theatre and theology. She has served on the General Council Office staff, on the Editorial Committee of 'Celebrate God's Presence: A Book of Services', as Convener of the General Council Worship Committee (2003), on the Maritime Conference Annual Meeting Worship Committee, and in pastoral ministry for 25 years.