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The Rev. Dr. Stephen Smith  
Director,  
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“Bishops speak to our tradition and how it impacts our present and future. Priests speak to the life of the whole congregation. Deacons call us into the world to care for those in need. Lay preachers speak of living the Gospel in everyday life.”



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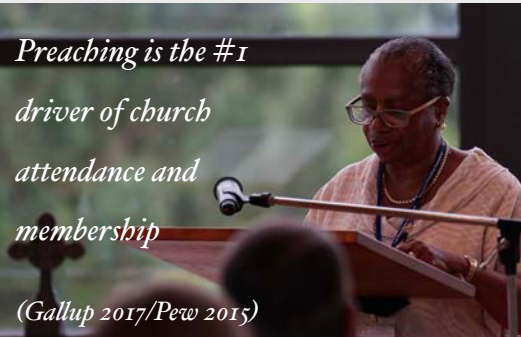
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The mission of the Episcopal Preaching Foundation is to inspire, form, and equip preachers to propel people on journeys of faith through dynamic preaching in the Episcopal Church.

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*We are all called to share the Good News  
of Jesus Christ...*

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The Lay Preacher Training Initiative has partnered with 6 pilot dioceses for a two year curriculum designed by EPF.



Class of 2022, Roslyn Center, Richmond, VA

The Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast  
The Diocese of East Tennessee  
The Diocese of Lexington  
The Episcopal Church in Minnesota  
The Diocese of Nebraska  
The Diocese of North Carolina



# LAY PREACHER

## TRAINING INITIATIVE

The Lay Preacher Training Initiative is a two-year local formation experience designed to prepare effective, confident, and passionate preachers in the lay order of our Church. The changing contexts of many of our congregations have encouraged the discovery of gifts for preaching among laity in our Church.

Under the direction of the Rev. Dr. Stephen Smith and funded by generous grant from Trinity Church Wall Street, this program partners with dioceses to identify and raise up lay people to live into their baptismal covenant through the ministry of preaching. The next cohort offering begins in January of 2024. For more information, please scan the QR code to the left, or reach out to [information@preachingfoundation.org](mailto:information@preachingfoundation.org).

### Program:

Each Diocese trains leaders, recruits up to six lay preacher candidates, and enters a two-year curriculum designed by EPF. The entire cohort meets by Zoom quarterly and in person annually. The preachers will graduate in November 2023 at a service in Washington National Cathedral.



### Year One:

Year one of the curriculum covers the theory and theology of preaching and trains candidates in Biblical interpretation.



### Year Two:

Year two moves the participants into the practice of preaching. They preach and receive feedback within their diocesan group. In addition, they preach in their home congregations to feedback from parishioners.

