

**3. In the second section, we have been listening closely and intentionally to sermons by noted preachers to appreciate their style and form as we begin to find our own voice and style for preaching. How did this exercise strike you and what would you hope to gain from it? In the third section, each class member will preach to peer evaluation.**

**Marcy:** I love being able to hear different preaching styles from noted preachers in our tradition. We don't often get to hear preaching from outside of our own parishes and this is a way to experience different powerful preachers that can help us find and develop our own preaching style and voice.

**4. Our class is led by priests from the Diocese who are committed to the aims of the course. They teach and guide us in tandem with the twelve month course for lay preachers developed by the Episcopal Preaching Foundation (EPF). There is a lot of weekly homework as part of the EPF curriculum. What are some things you have appreciated from being registered in the EPF course?**

**Marcy:** Oh my! What a rich experience it has been. It is a LOT of homework, but it really is a great curriculum with not just preaching and technique, but the theology and liturgy of the church infused in the lessons. It really is teaching me how to approach scripture in a deeper way, to listen for the Holy Spirit in that text, and to ask questions of the text that may lead me to a message I may not have expected from that scripture.

**5. Is there anything else you would like to share with us about your involvement in the LLM lay preaching course?**

**Marcy:** I thank Canon Douglas for bringing this course offering to the Diocese. It is very enriching and timely, given that we have parishes that don't currently have clergy, and laity is standing in the gap. Empowering laity to be strong and effective preachers is good for our Diocese and TEC.