

Pastoral Associates

Report to the 1U Annual Congregational Meeting – May 19, 2019
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The Lay Pastoral Care Associates (LPCA) is a group of trained church members who offer a ministry of presence through compassionate listening to members of the congregation experiencing difficult situations or transitions. The group currently has eight (8) active members who meet monthly.

In addition to providing ongoing support to care receivers, LPCA members participate in the Joys and Concerns presentation during the Sunday services.

In September 2018, the LPCA group presented a two-day workshop titled Caring for Our Community. The focus was to help 1U become a more welcoming and caring community and to help attendees become better partners, friends, parents or congregants through the practice of Compassionate Listening.

In December of 2018, the group facilitated the annual Blue Holiday service. This reflective service provides a contemplative space for folks experiencing grief, depression or loss during the holiday season.

The January 6, 2018 Sunday church service was presented by the LPCA group and focused on the importance of being able to ask for help during challenging times.