

Hope for Self

Rev. Jan Kwiatkowski





Hope for Congregations

Rev. Heather Barta

Jan Kwiatkowski, LMFT, is a marriage and family therapist with a private practice. Her focus is on family issues including parent/child relationships, family life cycle transitions, grief, anxiety and depression.

Before becoming a therapist, Jan worked as the Director of Pastoral Care at St. John's on the Lake with a specialty in grief and bereavement, family conflict and end of life decision making. Her area of specialty in her therapy practice include trauma, domestic violence, infant, child and adolescent mental health and mindfulness practice for all ages.

The Rev. Heather Barta has been a priest for almost 13 years. She is serving at a parish in Michigan, on the Diocesan Church Development Institute training team in Michigan, and she is the Coordinator of Province V. She enjoys helping leaders find ways of proclaiming God's Good News in the wider community. She has served a variety of congregations and worked with many of them though times of transition.

She lives with her husband, Henry on a farmette that includes 1 horse, 2 cats, and 3 dogs. She enjoys games with friends, traveling, watching movies, and knitting.



Keynote Presenter

Hope for the Community and the World

Angela Smith - Director of Mission Engagement,

St. Francis Community Services, Salina, Kansas

Our keynote presenter is Angela Smith who holds a Master's Degree In Peace Studies and served as a delegate to the UN Committee on the Status of Women last year from the Diocese of Western Kansas.

In early 2012, in cooperation with San Andrés Apóstol Episcopal Church, San Salvador, Angela partnered with a small group of women determined to address the poverty and violence that contributes to insecurity in their community in and the country. Over the past five years, Angela has helped the women, their families and the church promote peace and social and economic justice under very difficult circumstances. Angela and her family were members at St. Paul's, LaSalle, IL

when she began this project. In 2013, she was awarded the Bishop's Associates Award (Chicago) for her work in El Salvador. "She delivers much more than a message," wrote Joanne Kammerer, a fellow LaSalle County Episcopal Ministry board member. "She creates a memory, an indelible impression you can't possibly forget. Not just of the conditions in El Salvador but a passion for God and all His people."

Saint Francis Community Services is a national, child welfare organization with a mission to be an instrument of healing for children, youth, and families in spirit, mind, and body, so they live responsibly and productively with purpose and hope.