

Reformation Day, October 31, 2014

Dear Friends of the Confessing Christ Project in the UCC,

Grace and Peace to you!

As some of you know, this past year the Church in many parts of the world observed the 450th anniversary of the publication of...

“The Heidelberg Catechism”

In acknowledgement and celebration of that historic moment, the Confessing Christ Steering Committee invited seminarians of the United Church of Christ to reflect on the “continuing relevance of this catechism for the Church and the world today.” Papers on this theme were submitted for review and three of them were selected as being particularly “insightful and provocative contributions to the ongoing conversation about the riches of our theological heritage” in the UCC.

The authors of the three papers selected each received a stipend of \$1,000 in support of their continuing theological education. The Confessing Christ Steering Committee is pleased to post these papers on this site for your study and review. The authors are:

Scott Siciliano, a second year Master of Divinity student at Lancaster Theological Seminary, currently serving as Director of Music and Worship at Colonial Park UCC in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Scott also assists the Worship Team in preparing chapel services at the seminary.

Linda Kozlowski, a graduate of Lancaster Seminary (Master of Divinity). Linda was recently ordained and is presently serving as pastor of Calvary UCC in Barto, Pennsylvania.

Christina Fianza is in her senior year at Lancaster Seminary. She came to theological studies from a professional background in the sciences and has been engaged while a seminary student in pastoral care with the elderly.

An announcement of these awards and the availability of the papers will soon be announced in “The Christian Century” magazine.

On behalf of the Steering Committee, with warm greetings to you all, and with gratitude for your commitments to “joyful and sincere theological work” for the sake of the life and mission of the Church, we share these papers with you.

Prof. Lee Barrett

Dr. Rich Christensen

Pastor Frederick Trost