

Justice Ministries Coordinating Team Meeting

Tuesday, October 4, 2016

Leffler Living Room

JMCT Members Present: Betsy Bell, Tom Campbell, Louise Gringel-Caswell, Karen Knudson, Jacquelyn Miller, Marjorie Ringness, Carolyn White

Absent: Chris Breunig, Rick Hodsdon

Carolyn opened with prayer at 7:00 p.m.

2017 Reporting and Budgeting Process

We revised the justice ministries annual review and budget forms and decided the following:

- to include the Justice Ministries Mission Statement in the planning form and ask how the ministries' goals and objectives relate to it;
- to ask the ministries to provide a list of their external partners;
- regarding the budget form, to be less directive in terms of budget categories and to ask ministries to specifically note if they receive funds from other sources and how their funds will be directed; and
- in order to facilitate the reporting process, we will contact each ministry leader, even of those who don't plan to request funds for 2017, to encourage them to fill out the forms and to see if they have questions about the process.

The report and budget forms are due to Marjorie on October 28th.

One of our future action steps will be to work with the Communication Committee to determine how best to advertise the needs of different justice ministries.

JMCT Budget

Began a discussion on the budget items that come under the JMCT purview and reviewed what has been paid out to other organizations and what check requests still need to be made.

Also reviewed the 2016 budget requests in general and determined which would roll over to the 2017 budget. Planned to finalize our requests at the November meeting.

Announcements

Carolyn provided an update about ongoing actions to do with environmental and sustainability issues:

- The next three Cathedral Commons sessions will focus on the sacred relationship we have with water, both theologically and environmentally: *Watershed Stewardship*.

- She mentioned that members of the Sustainability group were grateful that the Justice recommendations made to the planning process included the goal that St. Mark's meet the Net Zero Energy Building certification, which means that 100% of its energy needs would derive from renewable energy sources. They recognize that meeting this goal requires taking a long view as well as needing funding for a feasibility study to determine the possibility of a geothermal heating source.
- News from the Carbon Offset Partnership is that the EDSP will be installing its next Bishop; the successor to Bishop Dan who visited St. Mark's in April 2015. Our friends in the Philippines are hopeful that a Diocese of Olympia delegation can attend. In the meantime, we will need to ascertain if they have resources to continue the nursery manager's position. Our contribution to his salary was one step in offsetting the Cathedral's carbon footprint. The program will be represented at the Diocesan Convention this month.

Marjorie informed us that the "Weaving Your Strengths" conference, hosted by the Church Council of Greater Seattle, is coming up on October 22nd and noted that only a few people from St. Mark's have signed up at this point.

Louise offered a closing prayer at 8:40.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Our next meeting will be held on November 1, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the Leffler Living Room.

Minutes submitted by Jacquelyn Miller