

## **Justice Ministries Coordinating Team Meeting**

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

Leffler House

**Present:** Betsy Bell, Barbara Erickson, Rick Hodsdon, Julia Logan, Lynne Markova, Jacquelyn Miller, Justin Mills, Sue Ratner, Marjorie Ringness, Nancy Ross, Tom Sunderland, David Wagner

**Members Absent:** Chris Breunig, Karen Knudsen, Carolyn White

Sue opened with prayer at 6:28 p.m.

### **New Ministry Proposal Process**

Rick presented a draft of a new process to initiate new justice ministries at St. Marks for discussion and elicited feedback from the committee members. Rick will revise the document in light of this feedback and will then forward it to Justin, who will put it into a form format for our further consideration.

The goal of the new process is to learn how the goals of a new ministry meshes with JMCT's mission and to provide implementation guidelines that ensures the new ministry's success. We also discussed various methods of informing parishioners about the new process. Suggestions included utilizing our website and in *Sundays and Beyond* and facilitating a Sunday morning forum.

### **Justice Ministries Retreat**

David updated us on the planning process for the upcoming justice ministries retreat on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Fourteen individuals have registered. David is still recruiting participants from additional justice ministries that touch individuals who are homeless in Seattle.

David also encouraged us to read a chapter in the book *Pastoral Bearings: Lived Religion and Pastoral Theology* by Sharon G. Thornton that discusses how St. Marks has been involved in justice work regarding homelessness.

### **Community Supper at All Pilgrims' United Church of Christ**

Justine informed us of a request from Clark Willis, an ex-priest at All Pilgrims' United Church of Christ, to recruit St. Marks parishioners as volunteers at an ongoing Thursday evening community event to feed homeless individuals. Barbara is going to contact Ron Thompson, a current St. Marks member who has volunteered at this event, to learn about the extent of the need for additional volunteers. If we find the need to be great, we plan to inform the congregation of this opportunity in *Sundays and Beyond*.

### **Diocesan Direct-Assistance Fund**

David reported that discussion is continuing as to whether the Diocese of Olympia will create a direct-assistance fund to help people move out of homelessness by paying their first and last month's rent. If so, this fund would be modelled on the Hunthausen Fund, which is housed at St. James Catholic Church.

### **Annual Reports**

We reviewed the annual reports for Oikocredit Northwest and Habitat for Humanity and Rick and Jacquelyn, respectively, provided updates on what these two ministries are currently doing.

### **Give Big Campaign**

Rick encouraged us to give to Cathedral Foundation of the Diocese of Olympia through the Give Big Campaign before May 9th.

### **Upcoming Changes in the JMCT Membership**

Jacquelyn Miller and Tom Campbell are stepping off the JMCT after several years of service.

### **Annual Mary's Place Luncheon**

This year's Mary's Place Luncheon will take place on May 9<sup>th</sup> from 11:45-1:00 at the Seattle Center Exhibition Hall.

Julia offered a closing prayer at 8:00.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on June 5, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. in **Leffler House**.

Minutes submitted by Jacquelyn Miller