

JCC Steering Committee April 17, 2008

Attending: Gary Smith (chair), Geri Bowen, Steve Halsted, Ron Howell, Sam Johnson, Marty Lamb, Grady McCallie, Jane Smith, Skip Stoddard

Excused: Paul Kiel, Edith Sylla

Absent: John Little, Jim Smith

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, May 15, 7pm

Project: Multi-congregation Tea

Coordinator: JCC

Date: May 4, 3:00-5:00pm

JOBS AT TEA:

Set up after worship: Geri, Sam, Marty, Skip, Gary

Geri's food crew: Cooks: Grady and Ron Wait staff: Edith

Greeters (arrive at least 15 minutes early): Gary and Sam

MC/Facilitator: Steve

Timekeeper: Marty

Scribe for large sessions: Jane

Scribes for 5 breakout sessions: Marty, Skip, Gary, Edith, Paul (*will you do this, Paul?*)

NOTES:

Metaphor: the event is like a first date. End by asking – Do you like us? Can we call you for another date?

Inviting more CUCC members: This is an event designed for people who are planning/organizing/leading. CUCC members who are interested in those roles are welcome. Gary will determine the current balance of CUCCer's and invitees to see if we can invite more CUCCer's. Don't want more than 3 CUCCer's for every table of 8.

Congregations who have said they are coming: Covenant Community, Highland Methodist, Holy Trinity, Moravian, St. Francis, Unity, NC IP&L

Still considering attending: Umstead Park UCC, Church of the Nativity E

No response from: Beth Meyer Synagogue, Pullen

Agenda notes:

As much as possible, we want to draw the connection between justice and climate change and find out what other congregations are doing in that area.

Steve will lead us in singing "This Land is Your Land."

Small group scribes: Listen for answers to these questions

- 1) What is preventing your congregation/you from moving forward? /What is the biggest thing with which you are struggling? (capacity building)
- 2) What could we do together?
- 3) What next steps (if any) has the group decided on?

Menu: Fair Trade tea and coffee, finger foods (esp. cucumber sandwiches and ambrosia)
– locally grown ingredients as possible

TO DO:

ALL will confirm with Gary they are attending so he can determine whether to invite more from CUCC.

GARY will extend invitation to CUCC.

GARY will forward invitation to JCC.

ALL will invite additional congregations.

GARY will follow up with accepting congregations, sending session 1 questions and agenda.

GARY will contact Unity to ask them to go first and CUCC will go last.

GARY will prepare CUCC's session 1 comment focusing on the JCC initiative itself (congregational approval, all ministries represented, justice focus).

JANE will ask youth for Images of God show.

? will bring UCC statement on the environment.

PROJECT: CUCC Water Fountain

Coordinator: Ron Howell

Dates: June 8, Fellowship Time

NOTES: Lead test came back – water is safe! Power usage to refrigerate is minimal.
Time to celebrate!

TO DO:

ALL will RSVP to Gary if you can assist with set up, clean up, food for Fellowship Time.

? will make a celebratory sign and put on water fountain asap.

GARY will arrange for Ron's reimbursement.

GARY will ask Carol to start a facilities environmental reports folder and put lead test results in that. cc: Property Ministry

PROJECT: Epiphany House

Coordinator: Ron Howell

Dates: TBD

NOTES: Ron and Paul's report (emailed previously) noted small energy saving activities (ex. CFL's, hot heater water jacket, filter changing, outlet gaskets, coil cleaning), large energy saving activities (ex. window replacement, duct sealing, coal shuttle, attic insulation) and structural activities (ex. standing water in basement + attendant hazards, wall leak at door/flashing/plaster damage, kitchen odor/water damage). With the exception of the window replacement, the large energy saving activities will necessitate dealing with serious health hazards (molds, vermin, electrical wires).

JCC SC has three possible paths:

- 1) Do small activities, perhaps with the assistance of residents so they learn how to do these things for themselves.

- 2) Leverage other resources to tackle much more difficult, expensive, and long term large activities.
- 3) Do nothing.

Because the structural issues are key and have ramifications for the transitional program, we need the go-ahead from the Women's Center of Wake County; Jane will consult with the Director. We are agreed that we would report anything we found which seriously endangers the residents. If we get the go-ahead from WCWC, Skip will contact his friend who is a contractor/inspector about examining the building for structural soundness to ensure that it makes sense to invest more money/time in the building. Meanwhile, Jane will request a report from the recent plumber's visit, HVAC maintenance contract, and the recent electrical/gas bills so we can prioritize next steps.

TO DO:

JANE will discuss our options with Jean Williams, Director of the WCWC and report by next JCC meeting.

JANE will request a report from the recent plumber's visit, HVAC maintenance contract, and the recent electrical/gas bills.

PROJECT: Take Action Tour on Climate Change

Coordinator: Grady with JCC

Dates: June 14, 2-4 pm, NC Museum of Natural Sciences Auditorium

NOTES:

Grady reports there are two **national** level campaigns which might interest us: Environmental Defense Fund's Operation Climate Vote (www.edf.org) and 1 Sky (<http://www.1sky.org/>). On the **state** level, a coordinated effort is *evolving* around the following issues (*tentative* list): an NC carbon reduction goal, adoption of an NC clean car standard (analogous to CA's), and provisions for adaptation to the effects of climate change.

The JCC is planning to make its first big congregation-wide advocacy push the support of the state level initiative. The big rally for this push is the Take Action Tour on Climate Change. <http://www.nconconservationnetwork.org/>

As of this time, there is nothing on the CUCC calendar for June 14.

TO DO:

GRADY will report at the May meeting on final list of initiatives in the Take Action Tour.

GRADY will bring a large Take Action Tour poster (if one exists) for the bulletin board.

GARY will write a "save the date" note for the next newsletter.

JANE will put a "save the date" item on the bulletin board.

ALL will think about ways to get CUCCer's involved for June 14. [Make a group sign, make matching hats from recycled stuff, plan to ride the bus together, ask children/youth to make something we can carry/wear, all dress in green, put up sign on CUCC corner and ask all members to sign it the week before (our celebration fellowship time), have a potluck dinner at the Smith's afterwards for all attending with nearby stream and park for an evening stroll - some Jane ideas]