

Justice in a Changing Climate
Steering Committee Meeting – Output and Action items to date
26 August 2007

Steering committee:

Gerri Bowen (Community Outreach Ministry), Sue Rogge (Welcoming and Fellowship), Paul Keil (Property), Marty Lamb (Christian Ed), Sam Johnson, Jim Smith, Edith Sylla (Deacons), Grady McCallie (Social Justice), Skip Stoddard (Stewardship), Steve Halsted (Pastor), John Little (Moderator), Gary Smith (Chair)

from 7-17-07 meeting

- Main focus – Carbon (CO₂) production, reduction and impact- Personal, CUCC and public policy
- Establish a Bulletin board for the hall between kitchen and fellowship hall to attract and display ideas from congregation and activities the steering committee have initiated
- Invite NC IPL (North Carolina Interfaith Power and Light) to steering committee meeting (invite whole congregation)
- Begin Carbon inventory
- Collecting education ideas
- Begin asking what is/are the important issues where a church congregation can have an impact
- Next meeting – August 26 after church
- Be in Email communication until then ideas and actions

from 8-7-07 meeting with NC IPL

- Connecting with other churches:
 - United Church in Chapel Hill has an active program.
John Haebig line and Andrea Dizoso contacts
The name of United Church's initiative is the “Sustainable Family Challenge”
- Concrete ways to impact poor during global warming
 - jobs – opportunities in and starting new businesses
 - projects as weather stripping and hot water heater insulation installation
 - check out Progress Energy, Lowes, and Home Depot’s Programs to aid the poor. Also school systems
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- NCIPL’s lobbying effort to keep Larry Shirley as Director of the State Energy Office.
- General discussion:
 - Biggest impact on global warming is utilities and transportation.
 - Public policy change is critical.
- Summary
 - recommended the following
 - CUCC take advantage of NCIPL “Hope Work Shop”
 - CUCC obtain and show videos that Alice has in her office
 - CUCC have NCIPL do their energy audit program
 - CUCC engage in a weather stripping program

from 8-26-07 meeting

1. We are on target with the initial time line

2. Set up steering committee meeting with pastor Steve Halsted now that he is back from Sabbatical to share our progress with him and hear his thoughts on what he has learned and where we should go (tentatively set for Sept 16, after church)
3. NCIPL energy audit is being scheduled
4. CUCC fall education initiatives –
 - Hold “Hope Work Shop” possibly as worship service
 - Speak with NC IPL to determine what they have
5. How do we get started with the “Becoming a Greener Congregation” meeting? Begin by discussing with pastor.
6. Next meeting(s) – Meetings to be held after church. Time schedule not set as yet.