

JCC Steering Committee June 5, 2008

Attending: Gary Smith (chair), Geri Bowen, Chris Burkhardt, Steve Halsted, Ron Howell, Paul Kiel, Marty Lamb, Grady McCallie, Jane Smith, Skip Stoddard,  
Excused: Edith Sylla  
Absent: Sam Johnson, John Little, Jim Smith

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, July 3, 7pm**

**Project: God's Green Earth Intergenerational Weekend Adventure**

**Coordinator: Heather Burkhardt, Children's Church School, JCC**

**Date: Aug. 1-3, 2008**

NOTES: JCC commends the following changes for Heather's consideration.

- Catering quote is too expensive. Change Friday pm meal + bag painting to homemade ice cream sundaes with event beginning at 7pm. Proceed with walk + movie as planned.
- Building recycling bins for kitchen is a priority activity for the "audit" segment.
- Bag painting will occur on Saturday at one of the "open" segments.

**STILL NEEDED:** Someone to do the Ministry Moment July 20 (Smith's will be "sleeping off" ASP trip.) Someone to staff narthex reservation table & carpool maps July 20, 27.

TO DO:

**HEATHER** will send an email to the JCC letting us know the status of planning and specific ways she still needs help.

**GARY** will email JCC for vote approving funds to cover Tent for Darfur project.

**ALL** will respond to email with yes/no as soon as it arrives.

**PAUL** will review audit projects to see which might be suitable for that date.

**Project: Multi-congregation Tea**

**Coordinator: JCC**

**Date: COMPLETED**

NOTES: Action steps are now reported as separate projects.

**PROJECT: Transit Conference Sponsorship**

Coordinator: Gary Smith

Dates: June 26, 7-9:30 (registration 6:30), NCSU McKimmon Center, Admission is free.

NOTES: TRANSIT: Is Wake County Ready for It? We will be a "Community Sponsor" for \$250.00 with the listing: Community United Church of Christ Justice in a Changing Climate.

TO DO:

**GARY** will request a check for \$250.00 from the bequest to cover a sponsorship and will send it to contacts Jennifer Lewis, 280 – 7607, [Jcl5p@hotmail.com](mailto:Jcl5p@hotmail.com) or Karen Rindge, WakeUP Wake County, 828-3833, [krindge@earthlink.net](mailto:krindge@earthlink.net) .

**GARY** will notify the Green Tea group that we are sponsoring.

**GARY** will write PR for CUCC including bulletin for 2 Sundays, bulletin board, June 22 brief announcement before worship (not Min Mo), blog, link from web site.

**JANE** will develop and bring CUCC nametags for members to wear at the conference.

**ALL** who are available will attend. **You can preregister at [www.wakeupwakecounty.com](http://www.wakeupwakecounty.com)** ; preregistering is not required.

### **PROJECT: Eat Carolina Food Challenge**

Coordinator: JCC

Dates: July 7-13, 2008. Challenge participants must sign up by June 30!

NOTES: We will publicize the food challenge to the congregation by inviting them to submit places to buy locally-grown food (fresh, cooked, restaurant, etc.). At some point later in the year we will distribute the list.

Info on the challenge, contest forms, and lists of places to find locally grown food can be found at Carolina Farm Stewards <http://www.carolinafarmstewards.org/> .

TO DO:

**GARY** will write PR for CUCC including bulletin, bulletin board, blog, and info to Marty's email list.

**MARTY** will post to "Midwinter" list.

**MARTY** will bring ideas regarding distribution of a wallet card to July JCC meeting.

### **PROJECT: CSA Farm Invitation**

Coordinator:

Dates: idea for fall

NOTES: To encourage people to consider buying a Community Supported Agriculture share we might invite some farmers who are starting a CSA (and therefore not fully subscribed) to an info session in late fall. Subscribing to a new CSA is a riskier venture, but it is also an investment in changing the system.

### **PROJECT: Community Garden Experiment**

Coordinator:

Dates: fall 2008

NOTES: Current idea is to solicit interest and form a group of CUCCers to work on a small experimental plot on the CUCC grounds this fall. This would be an opportunity to test a model for a larger community garden (dispersed throughout the city, at RICH Park?); other congregations would be invited to participate at phase 2 but are welcome to observe the experiment.

Geri and Grady will present research on options at our July meeting. After this discussion JCC will invite CUCCers to serve on the organizing group both with general invitation and targeted invitations to resource people (?Bob Hazel, Bill Lamb, Binks Mew, Mac Hulslander?). Also at July we will decide at what point Paul should approach Property Ministry.

Ideas to consider

- Rental for plot is 10% produce to food bank.
- CUCC experimental plot would come with an agreement to either ask to renew for 2009 or till under and replant with grass.
- RICH Park site might allow us to easily invite folks with fewer resources to grow food and provide an easy opportunity for interaction with residents. Might mean we would need to install rain barrels to collect water for irrigation.
- Chris Burkhardt has ideas for designing the garden so it is beautiful.

TO DO:

GERI AND GRADY will do research on options for community gardens to help us design the experiment.

**PROJECT: Earth Day 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parade**

Coordinator:

Dates: idea stage

NOTES: Geri has contacts among Wake schools band directors.

TO DO:

**GARY** will follow up with Tea participants to see if there is any interest.

**PROJECT: Poverty and Climate Change**

Coordinator:

Dates: ongoing

NOTES: Geri has been looking into websites which connect energy saving and low income people. Disaster relief volunteers are generally trained to respond to local disasters. Lynice Williams might be a resource. Geri thinks the way forward might be to connect to local congregations which serve in low-income areas who have ways they would like to assist their members/neighbors but lack adequate people, \$, or know-how experience.

TO DO:

GERI will contact Šánti after In Our Own Back Yard to see if we might build on relationships with local congregations who might have been part of IOOBY.

**PROJECT: Adopt a Bus**

Coordinator:

Dates: idea stage

NOTES:

TO DO:

**GRADY** will contact Steve Waters to see where the idea of organizations adopting a bus stop currently rests in City Hall.

**GARY and RON** will publish short briefs of Ron and Gary's Excellent Adventures on public transit throughout the summer.

**JANE** will write a note for the bulletin when the first blog entry comes out.

**MARTY** will let people in the Midwinter list know when the first blog entry comes out.

**?** will ask Lavon to film an interview with Ron about his odyssey finding out about the bus perks at UNC-CH and will post it on YouTube.

**PROJECT: Energy Audit**

Coordinator: Paul Kiel

Dates: ongoing

NOTES: We can do the attic vent-to-sanctuary project now (see to do list). The general insulation project is still under debate in Property Ministry and might be better tackled in the fall.

TO DO:

**PAUL** will set a date to do the attic small vent covering and will publicize that workday.

**SKIP AND GARY** are willing to help.

**PAUL** will discuss insulation with Property at their next meeting.

**PAUL and JANE** will look over Paul's most recent list of projects to see what might be suitable for GGE work.

**PROJECT: CUCC Water Fountain Celebration**

Coordinator: JCC

Dates: July 27, Fellowship Time

TO DO:

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

**JANE** will supply squirt bottles of water.

**GARY** will sign up on fellowship prep list.

**PROJECT: Womens Center of Wake County Transitional House Upfit**

Coordinator: Ron Howell

Dates: TBD

NOTES: Chris has a contact who might be able to assist the Womens Center of Wake County if they choose to rehab Epiphany House with regard to structural/energy issues.

TO DO:

**RON** will contact Lillie to set up a date to audit the other property.

**GARY, SKIP, PAUL and CHRIS** are interested in participating on the team.  
Remember, Chris has his IR detector.  
**JANE** will contact WCWC about Chris' offer of help.

**PROJECT: Take Action Tour on Climate Change**

Coordinator: Grady with JCC

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

NOTES:

TO DO:

**GRADY** will give information to Carol for the bulletin and newsletter.

**JANE** will make nametags for CUCC folks attending.

**ALL** who are available will attend and get a nametag from the Smiths.

**PROJECT: JCC 18 Month Report & Worship Service**

Coordinator: Gary with JCC

Dates: September 21

NOTES: This worship service comes the day after the Lake Wheeler Park picnic (confirmed through most recent church newsletter, Marty!) and on the first day of autumn. Because of a succession of congregational food events, we won't do a potluck after worship.

Ideas to consider:

- Planting seeds for greens that morning
- Worship service focused around autumn harvest (CROP Walk in 3 Sundays so their Min Mo would fit right in)
- Use skits to communicate what has been accomplished in lieu of a formal sermon
- Report on proposal for next year's goals

TO DO:

**STEVE** will clear Sept. 21 worship focus with Deacons.

**GARY** will write the annual report.

**GERI** will research what seeds we could plant.