

Faithful Action Council

NOTES

January 2017 and February 2017

JANUARY

Present: Joan, Joy, Cindy, Justin, Meg, Ben, Sharon, Marjorie, Taylor, Geoff, Matt, Karen

Guest: Jack Gaede, MUUSJA

Opening – Justin read Meg Reid’s letter to the editor that was in the Star Tribune and a poem by Marge Piercy

MUUSJA Presentation

Statewide network of UU social justice work

It’s congregations working together to:

- share resources,
- connect congregations,
- build capacity to do social justice work,
- build spiritual resiliency

MUUSJA has 26 member congregations and has 14 congregational liaisons in place, 800 person database

MUUSJA provides trainings, convening calls, covenant groups

MUUSJA is looking for liaisons for all congregations – would like to get another liaison from First U in addition to Taylor. Want one on FAC, one in the congregation generally

Great opportunity to learn and connect

MUUSJA is a leaders laboratory for liaisons and other social justice leaders

Meetings are one hour monthly

MUUSJA Summit is May 20

Still working on getting youth involved in MUUSJA

Including youth track at social justice summit

Ben will help with youth engagement in MUUSJA

Partnerships

Reviewed initial draft of different partner groups

Community partners, incubator partners, affiliated UU groups, advocacy actions, service group

Partnerships group will take feedback and come back with next draft to the FAC

We are not soliciting new partnerships in 2017-18

Hal is working on survey of congregants regarding volunteer skills and interests

Partner team lead meeting set for March 20

Reviewed initial draft of criteria for Faithful Action (attached)

Process for screening requests for endorsement – can go directly to FAC or to church staff who will bring to FAC

Budget

Encourage each team to share their budget needs; what the partner needs; what the team needs

Money from the plates goes to the partner needs, not necessarily directly a check to the partner organization (depends on the need)

Creating a team for Holiday Giving

Advocacy

Advocacy training – Using your moral power: Speaking with elected officials scheduled for 2/12/17

FEBRUARY

Had a short meeting after the service

Approved the revised and updated PRINCIPLES

No other agenda items were discussed