

Faithful Action Council

NOTES March 2017

Present: Joan, Joy, Justin, Meg, Sharon, Marjorie, Taylor, Geoff, Matt, Karen, Peg, Charmagne

Holiday Giving

Peg presented draft of revised RFP process for holiday giving (handout)

There was a long discussion on whether holiday giving should be connected with the capital campaign
After the discussion, the consensus was that the holiday giving is different from regular giving – the message is to give rather than spend on ourselves

There was general consensus of support for the new process

We will revisit whether the top three contenders will be presented to the congregation for a vote or will be chosen directly by the FAC

Peg will carry the work forward

RJLT and FAC

RJLT and the church board are in a discernment process about RJLT's role in holding the Board accountable about the racial justice vision (expect that to be completed by September/October)

The plan is to allow that process to proceed and then have a conversation between RJLT and FAC
A small group from FAC – Meg, Sharon, Karen – will meet to frame the conversation with RJLT

Addressing issues raised in Denise's letter still needs to happen, but many of the issues are already being addressed by the FAC. So, the FAC needs to continue its work to frame and communicate to the congregation how to be involved in faithful action

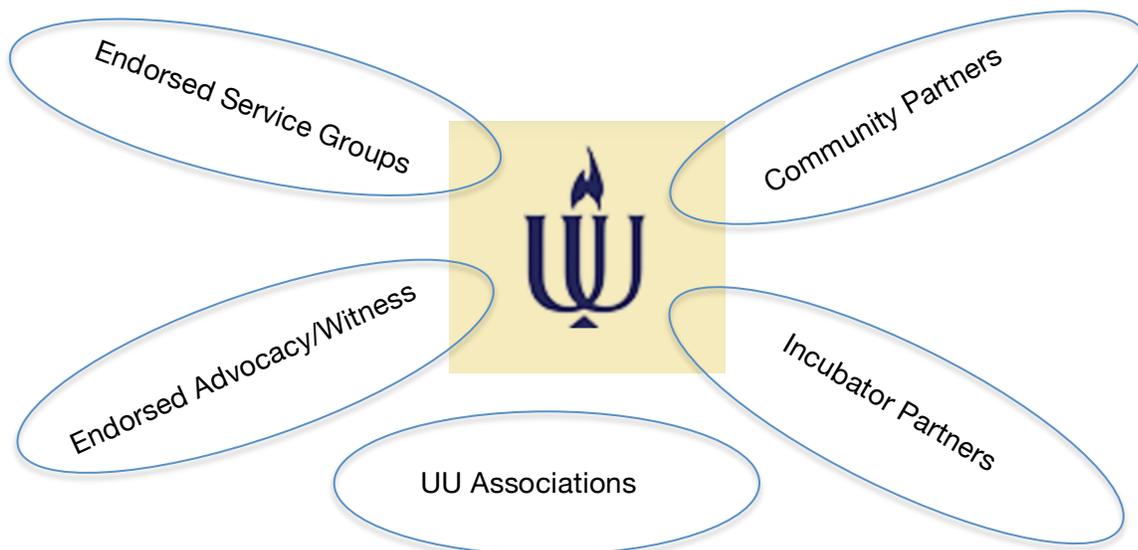
Partnerships Update

Marjorie reported on a successful team lead meeting on March 20, including feedback that was provided to Hal about the congregation volunteer database

Joan reviewed the Types of Faithful Action Partners (handout) and Actions and Community Partner Framework (matrix handout)

Includes 5 categories

- Community Partners
- Incubator Partners
- Endorsed Service Groups
- Endorsed Advocacy/Witness Groups
- UU Associations



Partnership categories were approved. Allows for clearer communication with the congregation about faithful action.

Feedback was provided on the partner matrix. It will be revised and brought back in April.

End of Year Celebration

Justin will work with Geoff and recruit a small group to plan an end of year celebration for partnership volunteers (probably June)

Evaluation of spotlight Sundays – Matt reporting

Generally very successful. Some lessons:

Maybe not do seven Sundays in a row; don't do MEA weekend

Spread over the calendar year

Need a small group to coordinate if we do it again

Make it voluntary for the partners – optional not required

Maybe do the spotlight every other year

Spiritual Reflection workgroup

Ashley Horan developed a template that we can use

Combines Educating – Relationships – Spiritual Deepening

More to share in April

Continue to clarify how budget decisions are made

Hold evaluation conversation for April

Advocacy

February advocacy training was popular – more than 100 people in the Cummins Room

Thinking about Advocacy 2.0 training