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