

Minutes
Bi-Annual Statewide Gathering Team
June 14, 2010

In attendance: Rev. Dr. Doug Cripe, Rev. Ted Hartley, Mr. Joseph Hubbard, Mr. William Kreeb, Very Rev. Robert Flannery, Rev. Terry Clark, and Pamela Tackett

A thank you goes to Rev. Dr. Doug for hosting the event and providing lunch. We are sincerely appreciative.

A recap of the previous minutes began the discussion. Discussion then focused around potential additions and relationships for the team to build.

Father Bob is the current President of the Carbondale Interfaith Council and believes it would be a good partner for attendance. He also suggested contacting the Board of Good Samaritans to promote the event.

Rev. Dr. Doug said he could contact the Metro East Ministerial Alliance and the Interfaith Partnership of St. Louis to promote the event.

It was suggested that Rev. Don Mason's widow be invited to the award banquet.

Discussion about interfaith participation in this event was held. This event is open to individuals of all faiths but will continue to focus on Christian beliefs, inclusive of worship service. If we do have individuals participating from interfaith groups, it would be a good idea to introduce and welcome them and invite them to worship with us in whatever capacity they are comfortable.

Rev. Bob Freeman from Trinity United Methodist church was suggested as a potential committee member.

It was also suggested that we invite those in attendance to bring materials of general interest to place on a table and share with others.

A tentative agenda was discussed for the event. The following is a first draft suggestion of program flow:

Friday (change program times from 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm)

12:00 noon – 1:00 pm REGISTRATION

1:00 – 1:30 pm – Worship Service. (Rev. Ted Hartley and Sister Catherine Wellinghoff to perform the service)

1:30 – 2:00 pm – Rev. Peg Chamberlin, National Council of Churches to speak

2:00 – 2:15 pm – break

2:15 – 2:25 pm – DVD viewing of *Servant or Sucker? The Dilemma* (runs approx. 10 min)

2:25 – 3:00 pm – Guided discussion about the film

3:00 – 3:30 pm – Amy Terpstra, Heartland Alliance – the picture of poverty in Illinois Conference of Churches

3:30 – 4:00 pm – Guided discussion at individual tables

4:00 – 4:30 pm – Sharing of discussion with entire group

4:30 – 5:00 pm - 2 or 3 presentations from agencies/groups sharing their services/resources

6:00 pm – Dinner banquet, presentation of ecumenical award

It was suggested to contact Mike Rayson to be dinner entertainment

Saturday (9:00 am – 12:00 noon)

9:00 – 10:00 am – Bible Study with guided questions developed by Rev. Dr. Doug focusing around "Is God Really on the Side of the Poor?"

10:00 – 10:30 am – 2 or 3 presentations from agencies/groups sharing their services/resources

10:30 – 11:00 am – TBD

11:00 – 11:30 am – Break – bus experience

11:30 am – 12:00 noon – Closing worship – Rev Peg Chamberlin (liturgy directed by Rev. Ted/Sister Catherine)

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, August 9 from 12:00 noon – 2:00 pm at the Crossroads Christian Church. Please bring a sack lunch with you or eat before the gathering.