

Lutheran Church of the Incarnation Council Meeting Minutes

9 May 2017

We are seeking to be an inclusive, multi-generational congregation living in the grace of God and providing a sanctuary that equips us for service in the community while bringing the good news to all.

Council roster: Damian Genetos (2017), Marilyn Moyle (2017), Roslyn Schlenker (2017), Marvie Paulson (2018), Debbie Kennedy (2018), Tony Tanke (2018), Jo Ann Anderson (2019); Emily Rustad (2019), Mick Finn (2019), Pr. Dan Smith

Absent: Tony Tanke

Devotions and Prayer:

Approval of March minutes

Financial Report:

- Remain in the black: +\$15,357.65
- Day Camp currently facing deficit, but that was because of necessary pre-payment, and will be resolved once registration fees are collected from participants.

Pastor's Report

- Final preparations for Sabbatical: leave in 3 weeks to Jerusalem
- Worship attendance is cyclical over past 20 years; Pr. D. suggests reaching out to those we know who are members but have not attended recently.
 - Approx 250 LCI members of varying status
 - What can we learn from other churches in Davis?
- Possible mission initiatives for fall- *Catechumenate*- adult classes for those interested in membership
- Strategic Planning group: leaders of four Ministry Pillars and Elaine Sawyer to schedule plans.

Committee, Task Force, and President's Reports

Discussion Items

- LCI web site: changes coming (50th Anniversary celebration); suggested further additions may require re-organizing the web site in order to reduce clutter and clarify information organization
- Report of the Sanctuary group:
 - Faith traditions are on the side of the immigrant.
 - Bonhoeffer: "Silence in the face of evil is itself evil: God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act." (But not actually by Bonhoeffer)
 - Does our congregation wish to get involved helping immigrants? If so, how? (Council informally agreed that yes, they are interested in helping immigrants by at least praying for them. No vote taken. More information requested.)
 - Help with groceries or cooked meal; simple financial assistance?
 - St John's is already working with PICO. (PICO is Pacific Institute for Community Organization.) PICO vets individuals prior to placement.Some Options for Action:
 1. Contact St. John's: are you going ahead with having a sanctuary location and what can we do to help (groceries, meals; simple financial assistance; lawyer advice; medical advice; translation assistance?) [Pr. Dan followed up and sent Council members an email with details.]
 2. Work with AMMPARO (<https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Publicly-Engaged-Church/AMMPARO>) an established ELCA ministry which includes the Sierra Pacific Synod:
 - Pray for the safety of migrant children and families
 - Become an AMMPARO Welcoming Congregation
 - Advocate
 - Accompany through Guardian Angel Program [Guardian Angels closest chapters are in West Sacramento and Sacramento. The concept is to accompany migrant children and families as a physical presence of the church in courtroom appointments.]
 - Give

3. Buy food cards for UC Davis AB 540 Center undocumented students. [UC Davis AB 540 Center is serving approx. 300 to 350 undocumented students. They also forward grocery cards to Woodland Community College, serving approx. 150 to 200 students. The process of donating is forwarding donations to YIIN. YIIN forwards cards to AB 540 Center and WCC.]
4. Organize with local Davis churches interested in sanctuary and helping undocumented immigrants. Pr. Dan stated he was in a continuing dialogue with local Davis churches on this topic.
5. Roslyn asked if the Migrant Center had needs we might meet. [YIIN is working on the only current need of the Davis Migrant Center, the fall backpack and school supplies drive. Madison and Dixon Migrant Centers have needs—money and volunteers through YIIN.]

Action Items

Closer for May 2017: Roslyn Schlenker
Devotions for May 2017: