Coordinating Team (CT) Minutes

March 22, 2017

Present: Rev. David Miller, Rev. Laura Horton-Ludwig, Pete Krone, Rich Sider

Absent: Kathy Smerke Hochberg, Ministerial Intern McKinley Sims

Guest: Mary Lareau, for the rapid response network discussion

The minutes from the 3/15/17 meeting were tabled pending review.

Unfinished Tasks (New tasks highlighted below.)

* No unfinished tasks.

Ministers’ Reports

* Rev. David Miller
  + No report due to abbreviated meeting time.
* Rev. Laura Horton-Ludwig
  + No report due to abbreviated meeting time.

Old Business

Annual Giving Campaign – About 120 pledges were received at the two services on Sunday and feedback from congregants was generally very positive about the pledge “communion” ceremony.

* Additions to the strategic goals – The CT reviewed and affirmed new strategies and action plans drafted by Rich and Laura to incorporate response to the current environment into the plan. **Rich will send the additions to the Board and Lay Ministers for feedback. He will also update a cover memo to go to the congregation with the full goal, strategy and action plan document.**

New Business

* Public witness policy – The CT discussed how the CT Pubic Witness policy might be updated to add the new Board procedure for timely action responses. **Rich will prepare a draft to incorporate the new procedure alongside the existing procedures for congregational resolutions and actions by the Social Justice Council.**
* Bequest – The CT reviewed a member bequest and agreed on next steps.
* Amazon – A congregant has expressed concern about UUCF benefiting from the Amazon link on the UUCF website in light of media reports of Amazon’s lack of a clear stance against hate speech. This issue will be discussed further at the next meeting.
* Rapid response network proposal – Mary Lareau presented a draft proposal to establish a UUCF rapid response network to be used to communicate quickly with congregants about situations requiring urgent action. UUCF would need to pay to use software set up for this kind of communication and congregants would have to opt in to participate. The CT discussed a number of possible key issues for which networks might be established and how decisions about use of the networks might be made. **Mary and Kin will review the proposal with the Social Justice Council.**
* Internal response team – In light of incidents of vandalism and other possible attacks against UU congregations, the CT agreed it would be wise to recruit and train a team of congregants ready to respond if an incident occurred at UUCF. The current Emergency Response Team is one resource but there may be a need for a group with a slightly different focus. This issue was tabled for a future meeting.

Miscellaneous

The next meeting will be on Mar. 29 at 1:30 pm.

Prepared by Rich Sider