

Agenda for Social Justice Coordinating Council Meeting, March 24, 2013

1. Coordinating Council -
 - a. Place for open discussions (most closely resembling old Social Justice Committee) will be in the Visioning Committee
 2. Reports from the task forces on ongoing and planned activities. Other planned activities that fall outside our task force areas.
 - a. Racial & Immigrant Justice
 - i. Need for a chair and for getting the group started.
 - ii. Possible chair – Susan Poole
 1. Change name to “Human Rights Task Force” – would include women’s rights and lgbt rights
 - iii. Other regional opportunities happening
 1. Webinar – Renee has taped
 2. Michelle Alexander -
 3. Andy/Bonny Esparza
 - b. Hunger & Poverty -
 - i. Next Sunday Special Collections – Akron Canton Foodbank
 - ii. April Showers – Campus Committee
 1. Hygiene kits made at University, distributed
 2. 2 weeks to get items in
 - iii. Cooking a meal quarterly – Melissa/Renee suggestion
 - c. Environmental Justice
 - i. Standing Meetings will be scheduled
 1. Scheduling a kick off meeting
 - ii. Garlic Mustard Pull
 1. \$50 is approved for the Who’s Your Mama festival
 - iii. Earth Day Special Collection?
 1. Anti-Fracking – Concerned Citizens of Ohio, Portage County Chapter
 - iv. Follow-up with
 - d. The social justice visioning committee.
 - i. Need for a chair and for getting the group started.
 - ii. Possible Co-Chairs – Ted Voneida, Sally Burnell
 - iii. Scheduling a meeting soon
 1. Open to everyone
 3. Communication between the task forces, coordinating committee, and the congregation.
 - a. How to recruit people to work on task forces
 - i. Standing meetings
 1. Transition to new structure – need to be open to new people
 2. Caution on too many meetings
 - ii. Involving young people
 - b. Chalice Flame – including a social justice report
 - i. May – Elaine
 - ii. June – Andrew
 - c. Website publicity
 - i. Post meeting notes online
 - ii. Post meeting schedules
 4. Memberships
 - a. UUSC representation from our church.
 - i. Involves getting lots of emails, maintaining a list, and recruiting people to
 - ii. Open position for the visioning committee to organize
 1. Viv will send and
 - b. UU Justice Ohio membership.

- c. Our participation in District Assembly and General Assembly.
 - i. Niagra Falls – Melissa, Ted, Swanny, attending
 - d. UU Ministry for the Earth – cost to rejoin - \$100
 - i. Had initiated Green Sanctuary – Nancy King Smith
 - ii. Tom Lilly, Mary Lou Holly, Patty Miller, Ted/Swanny Voneida
- 5. Recipients of special offerings for the next 3 months.
 - a. March – Akron/Canton special collection
 - b. April – (Earth Day?)
 - c. May – Brady Center Against Gun Violence
 - d. June – Love light – summer lunch program for poverty
 - e. July – decide with June meeting
- 6. Other business.
- 7. Next meeting.
 - a. 1:30pm Sunday, June 2nd