

## **Outreach and Service Commission**

**Monday, September 14, 2020 ZOOM meeting**

Present: Bill Dornbush, Jennifer Dornbush, Pastor Lori Sawdon, Diane Jackson, Andrea Davis, John Creager, Jennie Hartman, Carmen Rapp

Opening Devotion: Bill read the action suggestions for the week of September 14 from “30 Days of Antiracism” on our church website.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes were approved.

**Correspondence:** A thank you letter was received from The Living Room for all the backpacks and school supplies donated by our congregation. Individual notes were also received.

### **CURRENT BUSINESS:**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **Addressing Systemic Racism: - Pastor Lori**

What should our church be doing to make a statement?

John suggested displaying a banner in front of the church, possibly “Black Lives Matter to Us!”

Jennie spoke about the book studies on antiracism, including one study with participation of about 50 members, clergy, and leaders from FUMC, Christ Church United Methodist, Shomrei Torah, the Center for Spiritual Living, and the Church of the Incarnation, among others.

It was decided to formulate an antiracism statement and draft action plan to present to Church Council at their next meeting in November. John Creager will spearhead a work group to write the statement and plan with Jennie Hartman, Jennifer Dornbush and Pastor Lori. Members of the book study groups will also be invited to participate.

#### **Current Business:**

**Fair Trade Update:** Bill reported that the August sales average in 2020 was \$539 and in 2019 was \$503. This is due to people who have placed large orders. An average of three orders a week are received.

#### **Food and Coin Bank Collection – Diane**

Diane and Andrea took in about 500 pounds of food for FISH and several small baggies of coins for the “Just for the Principle of It” banks.

Jennifer and Carmen will collect FISH food and coins on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Rain or shine!

#### **Homeless Ministries Taskforce/Safe Parking Update – John**

The same three men are using the Safe Parking program at Stony Point. The YMCA is still allowing the use of their showers.

#### **Hope City Update – Diane**

A proposal to have Hope City officially named as a mission of the church was presented to Church Council. There were many questions, so final decision not made.

#### **FISH Update – Andrea**

FISH is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. 2,500 people were served last month. The Redwood Empire Food Bank still needs volunteers.

### **Special Offerings**

Thanksgiving, November 22 for FISH

Christmas, December 20, for The Living Room and Family Support Center

Andrea suggested having a drop box at the church for special offerings. We will check with the Trustees to see if we can install a mail slot in the pastor's office back door.

### **What's Happening!**

Reminder of FISH food and coin bank collection on the first Saturday of each month, rain or shine!

### **Roseleaf Article: October issue**

First Saturday Food collection for FISH – Carmen

Fair Trade Chocolate Minis for Halloween - Bill

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

**The next meeting is Monday, October 12, 4:00 p.m., via ZOOM.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Carmen Rapp