

Martha & Mary  
CHURCH AND COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE  
Tuesday, October 30, 2018, 3:00-4:00 p.m.  
Tollefson

Present: Diane Wasson, Laurie Stumme-Diers, Jennifer Bailey, Lynette Ladenburg, Laura

1. Opening Prayer - Kent
2. Communication to pastors and delegates – update see #4 below
3. Debrief meeting for delegates etc. – Oct. 6, 9:30-11:00 a.m.
  - a. Technical probs
  - b. 6 member cong represented
  - c. Good questions
  - d. Good food
  - e. Folks from the community were looking to use the program
  - f. Didn't get any takers to be care-givers
  - g. How can we get all of our congregations to publicize more?
  - h. Maybe get cong delegates to talk a little during announcements in worship?
  - i. To get workers for At Home, can we get a Board Member to visit congs and try to get them?
  - j. Logistics: have those who can't hear well anyway, sit closer
  - k. Good possible future ideas: aging in place; support for caregivers, dementia care;
  - l. Marty Richards – caring for caregivers – helen and Laurie know her
  - m. Visiting kids programs; and for delegates to see the various places – load up the van
4. Annual letter of appreciation and reminder to elect delegates– Helen
  - a. Next time get Laurie's name on there in bold and highlighted!!
5. Broadening the Circle of Support from faith communities
  - a. We want to be clear about what we want to accomplish by inviting more congregations.
  - b. It connects us to the faith community in Kitsap
  - c. Diversity

- d. Perspective
- e. What would congs see to be the plus for them: the ones joining up?
- f. Do we need to replace the two congs that closed?
- g. More places to look for people for the board.
- h. I just don't want us to feel like we are desperate – KS
- i. Lutherans are a bridge denomination – ecumenical agreements
- j. Define the benefits: place to serve, place to learn more about caring across generations; service and knowledge base; and our outreach and footprint in the community would be larger
- k. It might make some sense to look at pulpit/altar fellowship partners that the ELCA has already
- l. Unintended result could be that current member congs might leave if we open it up.
- m. We could start with other Lutheran congs first
- n. Engage the delegates about it.
- o. We don't want to be limited by one or even a few congs that are more theologically [conservative].
- p. But our residents are from all kinds of denominations
- q. Go with the Lutheran connection first
- r. How many do we want and why?
- s. What difference does it make? It's not financial.
- t. We need to define the benefits.
- u. People don't come here because they are Lutheran
- v. Marketing aspect: have we marketed to our own churches?
- w. What do we want to tell them that we have to offer?
- x. The children of the seniors who are making the decisions don't care as much about faith based places?
- y. Being a member or not does not prevent us from marketing to other denominations. LL
- z. We can go and talk about our services at any church that will have us.
- aa. What's our impetus for wanting more member congs: Volunteers, awareness, deeper relations with other congs
- bb. If we enliven other congs and promote M&M, does it promote a sense of prioritization? Well, we can't do that.

## 6. Review name and tasking

## 7. Calendar

- a. October 6, 9:30-11:00 a.m., chapel; At Home presentation

- b. November (early) – letter of appreciation and reminder to elect delegates at their cong. annual meeting
  - c. November 8 - Donor Appreciation night; speaker – making your home senior friendly
  - d. delegate/trustee orientation – (March 17 in 2018)
  - e. April 25 – annual meeting
  - f. April 27 – Gala fundraiser
8. Next steps
- a. Report calendar dates to Jennifer for master calendar – duties, events, month
  - b. Brochures for pastors to use as resources - Helen
9. Next meeting – Tuesday, Dec. 4 @ 3:00