

Martha & Mary
CHURCH AND COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE
Tuesday, December 4, 2018, 3:00-4:00 p.m.
Liberty Conference Room

Strengthening communication and relationships with member congregations,
pastors, delegates and the communities where we are located.

Present: Kent, Helen, Laurie, Diane, Paula, Laura, Bobbi

1. Opening Prayer
2. Broadening the Circle of Support from faith communities
 - a. Governing documents and latitude – as they are currently written we do not have the latitude to invite non-Lutheran congregations
 - b. In order to change them we would need to have a broader conversation at the board level and voted on by the delegates.
 - c. No need to move ahead with this now; we already partner in ecumenical ways at M&M
 - d. Laurie has been reaching out to Lutheran congregations to do chapel services
 - e. She could also reach out to other denoms for chapel participation and leadership later
 - f. So for now, let's get partners and see how it goes.
 - g. Has the Board made a decision on whether or not to replace the two exited member congs? We haven't asked that Q of the board
 - h. Emmanuel Luth became a member cong within the last 10 years
 - i. Significant number of Families and residents consider our faith based-ness to be important
 - j. So, slow now seeking participation and partnership; see how/if it develops.
 - k. Done with this for now.
 - l. **Paula** will email us the values, mission, vision
3. Review name and tasking – ongoing conversation
 - a. Get it as a heading↑ - Keep us on task
 - b. Do we expand to the language of the broader community – the hungry, homeless, downtrodden, etc.. and if so, how?
 - c. Social accountability with participation in the Fishline gala etc.

4. Brochures for pastors to use as resources

- a. Paula – we have new ones already
- b. Even the new one is for people who know about us
- c. Might be beneficial to have a more basic and yet comprehensive explanation of M&M
- d. Can we distribute these more broadly to congregations?
- e. Can we specifically connect with the pastors so that when they have parishioners who need services, they would have something to give them?
- f. Also have brochures for employment
- g. Just wondering what the most useful way is to get the info out there to connect
- h. Would it be helpful to have someone tasked to visit with all the pastors?
- i. Refreshing the covenant, too? On a Sunday morning or....
- j. Who would be on the team that visited churches?
- k. Could share various aspects of what M&M does
- l. Do all the pastors even know that they are in a covenant relationship with us?
- m. We have to contextualize ourselves for the pastors
- n. In a brochure, what are the definitions of each area?
- o. What about a FAQ page? To hand to someone and on the web – what does this mean? What is long-term care? Etc.
- p. Is there a place for the chaplain to share on the web, annual report?
- q. Someone who just wants to know, “what the heck do you guys do?” Context for what we do, “Who lives in assisted living?” What is home support?
- r. What if we had a “speakers bureau” kind of thing for congregations to choose from?
- s. “How to stay/age at home and what if you can’t?”
- t. **Diane** has ideas for a resource sheet, and a scheduled presentation for Bethany in January!
- u. Have teams from M&M go? Two people go? – Bobbi, Helen
- v. Great investment of time however we get that done.
- w. **Kent** will set up meetings with the pastors and get another person to come along.
- x. **Meeting with pastors** – give brochures; ask how we can be of service; mention the “speakers bureau” of ideas; ask what their needs are, perceptions of M&M, how they view our covenant, etc.?

5. Set date for next delegate/trustee orientation – March 9;
 - a. Bobbi will organize this
 - b. has always been with governance; we should formalize it in the future – Helen
 - c. This is an example of an area where two different committees' work overlaps.
6. Calendar
 - a. March 9 – delegate/trustee orientation
 - b. March 23 – Delegate/member presentation: caregivers (Jennifer)
 - c. April 25 – annual meeting
 - d. April 27 – Gala fundraiser
 - e. Oct delegate/community gathering
 - f. November - letter of appreciation and reminder to elect delegates at their cong. annual meeting
7. Next steps
 - a. Report calendar dates to Jennifer for master calendar – duties, events, month (Jennifer, see above, please ☺)
 - b. presentation on aging for youth groups – Helen – next year
 - c. chaplain space on the website – Laurie will figure out what she wants on there.
 - d. FAQ page to hand out – 4.o; 4.q – above
8. Next meeting: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 room tbd - Diane