

Martha & Mary
CHURCH AND COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE
Tuesday, February 5, 2019, 3:00-4:00 p.m. Tollefson

“[in support of Martha and Mary’s mission] Strengthening communication and relationships with member congregations, pastors, delegates and the communities where we are located.”

Present: Paula, Diane, Lynette, Bobbi, Laurie, Kent Shane

1. Prayer
2. Broadening the Circle of Support from faith communities
 - a. M&M Values, Mission, Vision – document from Paula
 - b. “Member” congregations – expectations, partners, promises, resources
3. Review name and tasking – ongoing conversation
 - a. Do we add an element of social accountability
 - b. M&M and member Congs join in service in our various communities?
 - i. It may be out of our realm to join congregations in their social outreach, but internally we do things.
 - ii. We don’t have financial resources to give them, but we encourage them to be active in what they do.
 - iii. M&M departments collect and support Fishline etc in their own ways – food drives, fund giving
 - iv. The health center has provided rooms for homeless coming out of the hospital.
 - v. This committee could be aware of the social accountability piece of M&M – leading age had us count things that we do for the public: food baskets, Fishline, Chamber of Commerce
 - vi. And we will publicize in the annual reports beginning this year
 - vii. Also social accountability separates us from for-profit institutions.
 - viii. Kent – I see part of our task to help congregations support M&M’s programs, vision, values etc.
 - ix. Paula – I feel more focused and engaged with the congregations now than I have before
 - x. There are many ways that we could get out into the congregations for visiting, thank you, and info sharing

xi. Coffee hours

4. Brochures for pastors to use as resources

- a. Resource sheet from Diane's presentation at Bethany in January
 - i. 50 people at the presentation – Home Care and aging in place and how we prepare ourselves for that.
- b. FAQ page to hand out to pastors
 - i. Working on an FAQ
 - ii. Give out the new brochures
 - iii. Jennifer took some out to the churches and asked them if they would display them.
 - iv. Need to go back to refill and refresh
 - v. Board concern that we have more “touches” with the delegates etc.
 - vi. **IDEA** - Proactive approach would be to have a “one-pager” ready for churches to put in their annual report or distribute at annual meeting. – Paula
 - vii. Could do a special mailing of our annual report to our congregations. For planning purposes for their new year.
 - viii. Sent in July?
 - ix. To include info on what the money is used for: out of \$1
- c. **Kent** getting together with pastors
 - i. Still working on this
- d. Teams of 2 from M&M to go to churches?
 - i. Easier to do in summertime
 - ii. More breathing room, easier to travel
 - iii. **KS** – can we ask the delegates about how/when to come
 - iv. **LL** – ask the delegates how they would like us to be involved and how THEY would like to be involved
 - v. Staff and board member?
 - vi. Board and staff involved in visiting congregations with contacts with the delegates
 - vii. “**Needs list**” of things that cong members could donate: bingo prizes, fingernail polish, volunteer for gift shop, children's books; knitted blankets; knit stocking hats; art supplies - - these truly are needs – **Leadership team** – Diane and Paula will take this
 - viii. Get “needs list” out at annual meeting to delegates. And then on a regular basis.

- ix. So the visits – Paula can help with some visits; Lynette can go to some

5. Other

- a. Chaplain space on the website (Laurie) – now Newsletter
 - i. Jennifer and Laurie have talked some on this
 - ii. Maybe share some stories of residents and families
 - iii. Or have a chaplain's corner in the M&M newsletter
 - iv. Have an archive of these stories/columns
 - v. Add a tab in the “about” tab on the website
- b. Aging presentation for youth groups (Helen)
- c. Ideas?
 - i. **LL** - Could we have a corner in the congs' monthly newsletter for various things?

6. Orientation

- a. Jennifer is working on it - very similar to last year.
- b. **IDEA**: Could we also ask about how to do visits in their congregation
- c. And introduce the idea of a needs list.
- d. Ways for the delegates to participate in M&M.
- e. Focus group set up on how to share M&M info? Have some delegates agree to come together to talk about this.
- f. Have the fall meeting be a focus group conversation after we have made some visits to congregations.

7. Calendar

- a. March 9 - delegate/trustee orientation
- b. March 23 – Delegate/member presentation: dementia 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

8. Next meeting: May 7, 3:00-4:00 Tollefson