

# Community Ministry Advisory Committee

For the Ministry of Rev. Barbara Meyers

March 2006

## AGENDA

### *Committee Input Requested*

- **Status of ministry since last meeting**
  - **Education**
    - *Caring Congregation*
      - Trainers are planning on leading the curriculum at their congregations. I am the guest worship leader at Monterey on March 12 to help kick off their program.
      - Made initial plan and budget for managing the grant of \$3200 from The Fund for Unitarian Universalism. It is to cover training expenses for spreading my curriculum to other congregations in other districts. +
        - Complete curriculum update
        - Contact other districts about the training
        - Use my presentation at GA in June to recruit other districts
      - Began teaching “The Hebrew Bible” as a Bible study class at MPUUC with 18 people in the class. Last class: March 26. I’m loving this!
      - Attended MPUUC retreat on Feb 5 and presented a session on Covenant of Right Relations. Subsequently was asked to draft a Covenant of Right Relations and a Disruptive Behavior policy for MPUUC, which I did on Feb 27. +
      - Attended Urban Ministry conference Feb 2-3. Made contacts with other districts interested in my curriculum
      - Attend Interplay workshop for on “Dancing with Depression” Feb 18. Decided to offer a similar workshop at MPUUC in the Fall
      - Attended excellent Center Days class on disaster preparedness for ministers, Feb 23-24 +
  - **Pastoral**
    - Led Pastoral Associates monthly meetings
    - Continue to work with Reaching Across about 10 hours per week
    - Interfaith Depression and Sadness Support Group at Reaching Across continues. Attendance has been 3-7. Have meeting scheduled for March 6 with Centerville Presbyterian minister to discuss this with him as a possible referral.
    - Officiated at wedding ceremony for a couple on Feb 11.
  - **Social Justice**
    - MPUUC has designated mental health to be one of 3 focus areas for social justice work in the church.
    - MPUUC Mental Health Task Force continues: We chose 2 projects for other parishioners to get involved with the effort: NAMI Walk and Assembling Gift Packets for people in mental hospitals
    - Worked with *Not In Our Town - Fremont* mental health sub-group to push for more training for police officers in how to handle psychiatric emergencies. CIT (Critical Incident Training)
      - Community leaders being contacted for support
      - Have meeting scheduled with head of Alameda County Behavioral Health.
      - Met with NAMI Alameda County social justice sub committee, resulting in this project becoming one of their projects.
      - San Jose CIT department agreed to help us get CIT started in Fremont.
    - UU World interviewed me for an article in an upcoming issue. Proofread the article. +

- **Priestly**
  - Worked on preaching style with Rev. Kurt Kuhwald, with good results. Purchased a video camera so I can practice and improve my style.
  - Lead worship service on February 19 on “The Care of Difficult People”
  - Was guest minister at the Aptos Fellowship on Feb 26.
  - Attended monthly Committee on Ministry meeting
  - Attended monthly Board of Trustees meeting
  - Attended Worship Associates Meeting
- **Community Ministry / UUA Business**
  - As decided at our last meeting, I created a list of ministry activities for which I do not receive payment. I want to discuss this at this meeting. +
  - Set up a spread-sheet to keep track of expenses and income from my ministry. .
  - Becky Gunn is donated half of the offering at her Jan 22 ordination to my ministry.
- **Collegial / Personal**
  - Books Read / reviewed
    - *Clifford W. Beers – Advocate for the Insane*, by Norman Dain, University of Pittsburgh Press, 1980.
  - My Mt. Lassen weaving is still on my loom.
- **Upcoming activities**
  - **Education**
    - Plan General Assembly presentation
    - Finish teaching “The Hebrew Bible” Bible study class at MPUUC
    - Plan for Community Ministry workshop at Starr King School for the Ministry
    - Propose to offer my workshop “The Care of Difficult People” as a weekend seminar at the GTU in the next academic year. Proposal to be made by May 2006.
  - **Pastoral**
    - Continue being chair of Pastoral Associates
    - Continue work at Reaching Across
    - Work with Scotty to strengthen Reaching Across policies on facilitation and confidentiality
    - Begin being a Spiritual Director for a person who spontaneously requested it
  - **Social Justice**
    - Will meet with head of Behavioral Healthcare Services, police and community members to push for CIT training.
  - **Priestly**
    - Will be guest minister at the Monterey church on March 12.
  - **Collegial / Personal**
    - Keep learning to manage stress level, weight and exercise
  - **Development Plan**
    - Continuing education:
      - Reading books and journal articles and take one or two classes a year.
      - Mental health seminars / conventions: Concentrate on state and local events
    - Long term:
      - Possible training as a Spiritual Director: Shalem Institute or Mercy Center
      - Possible D. Min. at Pacific School of Religion

## Development Plan

Area	Plans	Time line	Measurement	Status
<b>Continuing education:</b>				
Take one or two classes a year	Investigate classes to take in the next year	Identify class by March 1	Take class by December 2006	Center Days Feb 23-24
Attend GA and district assemblies.	DA in April and GA in June	April 2006 June 2006	Events attended	DA Apr 28-30 GA June 19-25
Attend Mental health seminars / conventions	Attend at least one local / state mental health convention in next year	Choose by March 1	Chosen conference attended by Dec. 2006	Client Forum Jan 13-14 Social Justice Conf Feb 2-3
<b>Areas for growth in the next 2 years:</b>				
Strengthen the new mental health support groups	Work on advertising, reaching possible local and interfaith audiences	Plan developed by Feb 2006	More people come and stay in groups	To work with Scotty, Patricia Wright
Work on preaching style	Investigate classes, coaches, mentors to help in this area.	Choose a class / mentor by March 15	Class taken by December. Style improved.	Worked with Kurt Kuhwald on preaching style
Increase support and growth of Caring Congregation curriculum	Talk at GA. Conduct more teach-the-teachers. Program self-sustaining	Give talk at GA 2006 Set up self-sustaining funding.	Talk given. Self-sustaining structure set up.	GA talk planned. Talk to OWL about structure.
Strengthen Reaching Across policies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitation and communication</li> <li>• Confidentiality</li> </ul>	Work with Scotty Scott on Reaching Across policies	Developed new policies by June 2006	Documented and implemented new policies	To work with Scotty
<b>Long term development plan possibilities:</b>				
Possibly become a Spiritual Director	Check out programs at Shalem Institute and Mercy Center	At least 2 years away	Get program materials and study them by Dec 2006	Read on-line materials for two programs
Possible D.Min. at Pacific School of Religion	Understand requirements for the program at PSR	At least 2 years away	Get DMin. materials and study them by Dec 2006	Read on-line materials for PSR DMin