Community Ministry Advisory Committee  
For Barbara Meyers’ Ministry  
June 5, 2005

AGENDA

Committee Input Requested

• Opening

• Status of ministry since last meeting

  o Education
    ▪ Caring Congregation
      • First draft of training manual complete *
      • Recruited 6 Bay Area churches
        o 2 people with mental health experience each
      ▪ Presentation at Palo Alto on “Caring for Difficult People” *
      ▪ Took a UUA class for First Year Ministers – on-line portion
      ▪ Took one-day intensive class on Public Ministry
      ▪ Attended a workshop on “People of God and Mental Illness”
      ▪ Gave presentation on mental health to Tri-Cities Ministerial Association *
      ▪ Submitted proposal to teach at seminary again in 2006-07
      ▪ Gave input to a forthcoming book on Community Ministry

  o Pastoral
    ▪ Handling congregation’s pastoral care during parish minister’s sabbatical
      • Fairly large number of incidents so far – but handling it OK
    ▪ Led Pastoral Associates monthly meetings and Training Session May 7
    ▪ Continue to work with Reaching Across
      • Group attendance and participation
      • Meditation sessions 1 per month

  o Social Justice
    ▪ MPUUC Mental Health Task Force constituted – 10 people *
    ▪ Made presentations as Alameda Co. Anti-Stigma Speaker
      • Wrote letter on spending Mental Health Services Act $
      • Helping to plan publicizing Anti-Stigma Speakers
    ▪ My Op-Ed on Mental Health Stigma in May 12 Argus *
    ▪ Joined Not in Fremont – Goal: to build our community into a safer and more welcoming place for all
    ▪ Lobby Day in Sacramento. Learned how to lobby

  o Priestly
    ▪ Gave a well-received worship service on “Lessons Learned on the Streets of the Tenderloin” on May 22 *

  o Collegial / Personal
    ▪ Attended 3-day UU Ministers’ Retreat in San Juan Bautista
      • Named official liaison between Starr King School for the Ministry and the Pacific Central District chapter of UUMA
- Visited my brothers in Utah for 3 days
- Liability insurance has been obtained from American Professional Association
- Got a cable modem (Yea!)
- Sometimes sluff-off on exercise

**Upcoming activities**

- **Education**
  - *Caring Congregation*
    - Ensure that trainers are named by participating churches before mid-June
    - Identify host church and set aside training dates
    - Review the training manual
  - Complete UUA class for First Year Ministers at General Assembly

- **Pastoral**
  - Continue pastoral care in minister’s absence (until Sept)
  - Continue work at Reaching Across
  - Planning to start new evening Mood Disorder group

- **Social Justice**
  - Plan to propose mental health sub-group for *Not in Fremont*, and volunteer to chair it.
  - Continue to speak as Anti-Stigma Speaker and plan for publicity of the speaker’s bureau program

- **Priestly**
  - Lead worship services
    - July 24 (UU Theology)
    - October 9 (Wounded Healers)
  - Assist with worship services on July 3 and Sept 24

- **Collegial / Personal**
  - Attend General Assembly in Dallas/Ft. Worth June 21-27
    - Will “Walk” in the Service of the Living Tradition
  - Attend day-long Zen Retreat at Faithful Fools on June 17
  - Get back to more regular exercise routine

**Closing**