

Community Ministry Advisory Committee

For the Ministry of Rev. Barbara Meyers

2 October, 2005

AGENDA

Committee Input Requested

- **Opening**
- **Status of ministry since last meeting**
 - **Education**
 - *Caring Congregation*
 - Publication of Curriculum
 - Have an ISBN number for *The Caring Congregation Handbook and Training Manual*
 - Working on getting permissions for republication of materials. Currently have 15 more to go out of about 35. Lots of investigation involved.
 - Tentative publishing date: November 2005
 - Learning a lot about publishing!!
 - Train the Trainers planned for Nov 18-20 at Mt. Diablo UU church
 - Submitted grant application to The Fund for Unitarian Universalism to cover training expenses.
 - Applied to make *Caring Congregation* presentation at GA 2006
 - Mental health web pages on: www.mpuuc.org/mentalhealth/mentalintro.html
 - Will lead a day-long workshop at the Pacific Central District assembly on November 5 on "The Care of Difficult People"
 - Declined to offer a free workshop at the Oakland church
 - **Pastoral**
 - Completed formal handling congregation's pastoral care during parish minister's sabbatical
 - Led Pastoral Associates monthly meetings
 - Continue to work with Reaching Across about 10 hours per week
 - New Interfaith Depression and Sadness Support Group at Reaching Across underway. Plan to advertise among local ministers.
 - Investigated pastoral care in times of crisis to Tri-Cities Ministerial Association
 - Helping to get enhanced hearing devices for MPUUC
 - **Social Justice**
 - MPUUC Mental Health Task Force continues
 - Participation in "Not in Fremont" continues
 - Letter to the Editor of Argus printed October 1, 2005
 - Write letters to legislators urging passage of Freedom to Marry bill
 - **Priestly**
 - Assisted with worship service on September 4
 - Attended worship associates meeting to plan services through January 2006
 - Planning to marry a couple in February. Pre-marital counseling initiated.
 - **Collegial / Personal**
 - Participated in Starr King School for the Ministry orientation as the liaison from the UU Minister's Association,
 - Issued invitations and participated in a meeting between SKSM and local ministers
 - Got an alumni library card for the GTU Library

- Meetings with mentor Rev. David Sammons every 4-6 weeks
 - Improvement in regular exercise routine
 - Excellent check-ups on mental and physical health
 - Planned a new weaving of a scene on Mt. Lassen
 - Designed a mandala as a symbol of my ministry – based on Van Gogh’s *Iris*
 - Books perused or read
 - *The Hebrew God: Portrait of an Ancient Deity* by Bernhard Lang
 - *Spiritual Marketplace; Baby Boomers and the Remaking of American Religion* by Wade Clark Roof
 - *We’re All Doing Time – A guide for getting free* by Bo Lozoff
- **Upcoming activities**
 - **Education**
 - Continue to work on publishing curriculum
 - Continue to work on train-the-trainers
 - Considering submitting a proposal to teach *Mental Health and Religion* as a summer school class in 2006 at the GTU
 - **Pastoral**
 - Continue being chair of Pastoral Associates
 - Continue work at Reaching Across
 - **Social Justice**
 - Attend some meetings of publicity committee of Alameda Co. Mental Health Board
 - Will meet with police sergeant Curt Codey about NAMI mental health training.
 - Alameda Co. Anti-Stigma presentation planned for Nov 7 to “Not in Fremont”
 - **Priestly**
 - Will lead worship service on October 9 – on Wounded Healers
 - Will assist at the service on Christmas Eve
 - Will participate in a discussion after the service on January 8 – on The Future of Unitarian Universalism
 - Will lead worship service on February 19 on “The Care of Difficult People”
 - **Collegial / Personal**
 - Complete Ministerial Fellowship Committee evaluation for my first year as minister
 - Keep learning to manage stress level, weight and exercise
 - Attending retreat for PCD UU ministers at St. Dorothy’s Rest in November
 - **Development Plan**
 - Continuing education:
 - Reading books and journal articles
 - Take one or two classes a year. Possibilities:
 - *Advanced Issues in pastoral counseling*
 - *PSR* Lecture Series
 - *SKSM* class on Islam
 - *Managing a Non-Profit*
 - *Grant Writing*
 - 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
- **Closing**