

Jane Worm, Convener
Judy Giesen, Minutes

1. Meeting to plan the Green Team Training February event met from 2-3:00

2. Attendees at 3:00-4:30 meeting

Barb Ressler	Associate Presentations
Paul Uszel	Presbyterian pastor, retired
RRS Stewart	St. Lukes Methodist
Sr. Joan Leikteig	Presentation Sisters
Mike Gratton	First Congregational Church
Sue Hattel	St. Luke's Methodist
Dave Theis	St. John's Lutheran
Jane Worm	First Congregational UCC, convener
Wayne Collins	First Congregational UCC, Green Team
Sarah Paulos	Iowa IPL, programs
Terry Stewart	St. Luke Methodist
Judy Giesen	Resurrection Catholic

3. Signing of Iowa IPL Congregational Covenant (thus far, more in process)

These churches/groups have agreed to membership in Iowa IPL Congregational Covenant

St. Luke's Methodist

Dubuque Area Congregations United

St. John's Lutheran

Church of the Resurrection Catholic

First Congregational UCC

4. Dubuque Chapter Assessment Committee

Judy reported that members Paul S., Carrie, Sr. Joan and Judy have met several times to put together the Assessment Tool and Guide for churches, focusing on the copy/ verbiage. This Assessment was based on past (Dubuque) Green Vision School assessments and the Resurrection Church Assessment form completed there in 2009.

- We focused on making the form easy to understand, concise, check-list form and categorized:

Energy • Waste Minimalization • Building and Grounds • Food • Water • Air • Education and Worship

- The committee will meet this Friday to put final touches on the copy/wording in the tool. Paul Schultz will also have the guide (a “companion piece” with details and explanations of the Assessment Tool) synced to the numbers of the Assessment document.

- We hope to share the entire “package” with all members who have attended the IIPL meetings for review before the next meeting, with possible replies from members before our next meeting in December.

Undecided re Assessment Tool:

- Making paper copies in some sort of a very usable form, such as a booklet.

- final layout, color, logo (IIPL logo/Dubuque Chapter), perhaps hard cover/spiral binding for easy handling, charging churches (one booklet for each church?) for paper copy, credits listed.

- Shall we have a \$5 or \$10 charge for congregations/individuals to purchase?

- For millennials and digital-savvy users, have PDF check list to be used during church assessments on phones/computers. So “online,” was very possible and preferred, but print copy a “must” too.
- Designers: The current Assessment Committee has focused on basic layout and wording/copy. What will the final copy look like?
- Perhaps members who know design, layout, RRS Stewart does desktop design, is at ease with computer programs. Also mentioned was Carrie Lohrmann who might assist with the design of the following product.
- Hope to have all the assessment and guide ready to send online to all members to read soon and final then review at the December meeting 11 meeting.

5. Green Team Training Day Committee

Sarah presented:

a. Goals:

- “successful” event would be 15 churches represented;
- results: 4 new Green Teams begun in Dubuque area.

b. Because of the Feb. 5 date being Super Bowl Sunday, date of the event has been changed to Sat or Sun, Feb. 18-19 OR Sun. Feb. 26. Favoring 19 February. Barb Ressler will check Presentation Sisters if those dates available.

Discussed: Is there any other community event happening on any of those dates which would conflict with this date???

c. Any fees for the event? To be covered: booklets, worksheets, mileage/time for Sarah.
Committee hoping that this event **will be offered free** to church members

d. How to cover fees? Sponsorships for financial donations! Currently contact folks are Judy, Paul U and Sarah

Archdiocese of Dubuque	Judy
Theological seminaries: UD and Wartburg	Paul
Westminster Presbyterian and Holy Trinity Lutheran	Sarah

Comments:

- Sarah willing to come to DBQ to talk to Archbishop Jackels with Judy G
- In the past the Presentation Sisters have provided grant money of \$500 to sponsor and have the IIPL (March 2016) event Food, Climate and Faith
- Re: Pope Francis’ encyclical Laudato Si (Our Common Home) has been shared with Catholics and faith communities throughout the world.

d. Event agenda (tentative!) 1:00-4:00 pm, Presentation Sisters, Feb. _____

First hour: Articulate why we care for creation (Sarah presents)

- Open with Prayer
- Climate change and the religious response
- Examine our various faith traditions’ statements on caring for creation
- Make a personal pledge to care for creation – perhaps choosing something from the Cool Congregations 25 Steps
- Write personal story of why we care for the Earth. Share with a partner

Second hour: Learn from others

- Hear presentations from successful green teams – Church of the Resurrection, Dubuque Rescue Mission, St. Luke’s United Methodist, Green cleaning supplies speaker, perhaps Cory Burbach on City of Dubuque Green measures
- Hear presentation on Assessment tool

Third hour: Make Plans

- Gather with own green team – draft mission statement, goals and work plan with timeline using Guide provided by IIPL. (Sarah present guide, green teams work on it)
- Green teams report to whole group their mission, goals and plans
- Celebrate!
- Announce Follow-up (IIPL Dubuque Chap long term plans and offer of support to green teams to help them continue to build green teams and carry out plans)

6. Outreach to DACU and Catholic parishes

Judy presented a plan and script for Nov. 21 meeting of all-city Catholic Church Social Justice Committees, requesting all 9 churches to send rep(s) to this green Team Training Event. Paul Schultz will present. Will share the script of IIPL history, Dubuque Chapter history, churches to be recruited, quote from Pope Francis. with all members via e-mail soon.

Discussion for next meeting: Titles for this faithful group
 Shall we be a “Branch” or a “Chapter” or a “Unit.”

Next meeting, all are invited!!!

St. John Lutheran, 12th and White (easy parking across the street at Prescott School
 Planners of agenda and green team training event at 1:00-3:00
 Attendees of the overall planning, 3:00-4:30

Host and convener:
 Dave Theis, St. John Lutheran