

**Nashua Area Interfaith Council
Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Nashua
January 9, 2019 Noon**

AGENDA (and Notes)

ARRIVAL – Please sign in; put on a name tag, grab some food and find a seat!!
Flyers for distribution are to be put on the nametag table

NOON: WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

OPENING PRAYER at 12:00 by Sally Newhall

12:05 COMMUNITY CONVERSATION led by Rabbi Jon Spira-Savett at 12:07. Small groups discussed how food is understood/celebrated as a spiritual gift in their members' religious traditions.

12:15 PRESENTATION – Part 1 on the Issue of Food Security in Nashua
by Michael Reinke about the Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter. Rosemarie Dykman of Salvation Army also offered remarks.

12:45 NAIC BUSINESS

UPCOMING NAIC EVENTS & INFORMATION

- **TREASURER'S REPORT** - Only one \$50 member dues payment added to fund since December (General: \$2,378.37; Crop Hunger Walk: \$1,292.96; Choir: \$690)

- **REPORT FROM OUR REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CONTINUUM OF CARE –**

BOBBIE KNICKERBOCKER

Provided general information on CoC: Required by HUD to receive funds for combating homelessness; attended by representatives of all local organizations working with homeless population; open to all; meets at 8 a.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at Nashua City Hall; various committees of CoC present on their areas of focus; employment resources and events for veterans are offered by CoC; Ending Homelessness Committee meets at 9 a.m., after general CoC meeting.

- **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE – Rivier University Chapel**
7 PM Wednesday, February 13th (note new date)

VOTE: Offering to be used annually to support expenses of event?

Sally recommended that all upcoming Services for Christian Unity receive an offering to support future NAIC Services for Christian Unity without requiring an annual vote of the NAIC. Tom Woodward moved to approve the proposal; seconded by Paul Janampa. The motion was unanimously approved by the NAIC.

FUTURE MEETINGS: [Note we still need a meeting place for our April meeting.]

- ❖ **February 6th – Temple Beth Abraham** will provide lunch. All are welcome to bring in their own food, but please bring only Kosher items.
- ❖ **March 6th**- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (AJ)

- ❖ **April 3rd** –
- ❖ **May 1st** – Main St. Methodist Church
- ❖ **June 5th** – Anne Marie House

2018-19 NAIC Representatives to:

- Granite State Organizing Project
 - o Ms. Sarah Jane Knoy
- Integrated Delivery Network
 - o Ms. Rosemarie Dykeman
- Continuum of Care Ending Homelessness
 - o Ms. Bobbie Knickerbocker
- The Mayor's Opioid Task Force-
 - o The Rev. Andy Armstrong
- The Mayor's Cultural Connections Committee
 - o Paul Janampa- Catholic Charities
 - o Nonny Egbuonu -Main St. Methodist
- Bridges Domestic & Sexual Violence Support
 - o The Rev. Kate Harmon Siberine
- Circles Greater Nashua
 - o Laurie Skibba

***NEW IDEAS? GATHER A GROUP TO WORK ON IT AND LET US KNOW –
from our Bylaws:***

NAIC Member Collaborative Events: The NAIC Constitution and Bylaws Article VI – Committees reads in part: "Those congregations which choose to do so as an NAIC committee may collaborate together on issues of common concern and interest to them and/or the general public in accordance with the purposes of NAIC."

1 PM COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS –

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

2020 Census and the role of the faith community by Michael Apfelberg

Michael was unable to be present; will offer announcement at an upcoming meeting of the NAIC

OTHERS: please briefly share announcements from your congregation or organization and have flyers available to pick up. Requests for information to be emailed to NAIC membership may be submitted to the NAIC president at: President@NashuaAreaInterfaith.org.

- Rosemarie Dykman: Christian Unity service at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, February 13, at Rivier University's Resurrection Chapel. Flyer distributed.
- Ken McGarry and Kate Siberine: Caffeinated Christians for young adults (ages 18-40) offered on third Sunday of every month from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. at Terra Sole, 100 Main Street in Nashua. Info posted at [meetup.com](https://www.meetup.com) and Facebook.

- Jim Leonard: MLK Celebration at 6 p.m. on Saturday, January 19, at First Baptist Church. Parking at church and Pennichuck Middle School with shuttle service. Rev. Alicia Johnson of Myrtle Baptist Church in West Newton, MA will be speaking. Interfaith choir to perform. Contact Allison Palm for choir rehearsal schedule.
- Justin Munroe: 2020 Census conversation will be important as federal funds for services are provided based on census results.

CLOSING before 1:00 p.m.

**REMINDER – THE MLK, JR CELEBRATION WILL BE ON SATURDAY,
JANUARY 19TH AT 6 PM AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.**