

Nashua Area Interfaith Council
Unitarian Universalist Church, Nashua
December 5, 2018 Noon

AGENDA with notes

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS at 12:00 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER offered by Sally

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION led by The Rev. Kate Harmon Siberine

How can faith communities be helpful for people facing sexual or domestic violence? How have faith communities been hurtful?

PRESENTATION by Zipporah Elikanah about Bridges Domestic & Sexual Violence Support at 12:13: "Domestic and Sexual Violence in Our Community" including PowerPoint presentation and handout of slides

NAIC BUSINESS

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

UPCOMING NAIC EVENTS & INFORMATION at 12:45

- **TREASURER'S REPORT** General: \$2253; Crop Hunger Walk: \$1292; Choir: \$690
- **REPORT ON CROP WALK** offered by Becky Green. Leadership team update included handout. Grateful for community and police support. \$34,192 to 4 agencies. Lost 3 teams; gained 1 team. Surplus funds to be used to set up next year's event. Saturday's alternative walk did not happen. Next Walk is October 27, 2019.
- *WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE – Rivier University Chapel*

7 PM Wednesday, February 6th

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."

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

Nashua Faith Communities Emergency Planning Exercise

In a combined effort the Nashua Office of Emergency Management, the Department of Homeland Security, US Attorney General's Office and New Hampshire Homeland Security & Emergency Management are planning a tabletop exercise (essentially a large group discussion based on a scenario) for all of the faith communities and houses of worship within Nashua. By Matthew P. Chigas, Nashua Emergency Management Coordinator; Bob Christensen, Operations Section Chief for NH Homeland Security & Emergency Management; and Jason Climer the NH Protective Security Adviser from the US Department of Homeland Security.

Matt Chigas of City of Nashua's Disaster Management was introduced to council along with Bob Christensen and Jason Climer. Offered flyer and invitation to January 22 event: "Government Responses and Resources for Houses of Worship and Faith Communities, Part II: Realistic Scenario-Based Discussions." Only two participants per organization are able to register.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS – please briefly share announcements from your congregation or organization and have flyers ready to hand out. Requests for information to be shared with NAIC membership may be emailed to the NAIC president at: president@nashuaareainterfaith.org.

- Mike Apfelberg of United Way: Al-Anon group moving into United Way office from St. Joe's Hospital
- Aron DiBacco of GSOP: Requested that all faith communities with bell towers ring bells for 5 minutes at 9 a.m. on December 18 to support immigrants
- Jon Spira-Savett of Temple Beth Abraham: Reminder about virtual open house for Chanukkah
- Jim Leonard of First Baptist Church: MLK remembrance service and program on January 19 at 6 p.m.
- Ken McGarry of First Church of Nashua: Organ mini-concerts first three Fridays of December from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. Flyers distributed.
- Michael Reinke of NSKS: Jazz group to perform at library and NSKS. Flyer to be sent via email.
- John Templeton: Reminder of essay program

Future Meetings: [Note we still need meeting places for two of our spring meetings.]

- ❖ **January 9th – Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd [NOTE: date change due to holiday]**
- ❖ February 6th – Temple Beth Abraham
- ❖ March 6th- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (AJ)
- ❖ **April 3rd –**
- ❖ May 1st – Main St. Methodist Church
- ❖ **June 5th –**

CLOSING