

**Nashua Area Interfaith Council
Pilgrim Congregational Church
April 3, 2019 Noon – 1:15 PM**

AGENDA with 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 led by Sally Newhall
OPENING PRAYER offered by Rich Cullen

12:05 COMMUNITY CONVERSATION led by Allison Palm et al “What brings you to the NAIC? What’s your purpose for being here?”

12:15 PRESENTATION – “What Does It Mean to be Interfaith -- Exploring Our Purpose?”
Facilitated by Allison Palm

We will follow up on today’s conversation in May by looking at our Bylaws and discussing possible changes before voting on them in June.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

Because we believe there is a unity and strength in our God-given diversity, we gather as an interfaith fellowship of congregations, organizations, and individuals for the purpose of:

- (1) creating a climate of understanding, respect, education and support for each other's ministries amongst our members,
- (2) worshipping together as a witness to our unity before God, and
- (3) working together utilizing our strengths as an interfaith fellowship in service to our community and world.
- (4) promoting and supporting the collaborative interests of our member faith communities.

Small groups discussed the following questions. Some comments from small groups were presented to a discussion of the whole group.

1. What do I like about this section of our bylaws?
2. What about this section gives me pause?
3. What is missing from it?
4. How are we doing at living out our purpose?

Responses will be used at Executive Board meeting to discuss changes to this and other sections of the bylaws to be presented to the May meeting of the NAIC for discussion.

12:45 NAIC BUSINESS

- It is with regret that we report Rev. Alanna Van Antwerpen’s resignation from our Executive Board in her role as Past President as she prepares to leave her ministry with Good Shepherd Episcopal Church.

It was announced that the Thanksgiving interfaith worship service will be planned as a team of NAIC members from various faith traditions. Currently, only Ken McGarry is representing Christian traditions on this team. Additional Christian members were asked to serve. Several expressed interest, including Kate Harmon Siberine and Adam Jarnagin.

- **TREASURER'S REPORT - JUSTIN MUNROE** was not able to be at the meeting, so no report was offered.

- **NAIC AND THE US CENSUS - MIKE APFELBERG** presented information concerning the US Census to be taken in April 2020. He wants faith communities to work with him to insure fuller participation from all members of our community as the numbers provided through the census determines school funding, grants, etc. There is a fuller discussion at Rivier University on June 6 co-hosted by government census officials. A flyer was offered to the NAIC.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

- ❖ May 1st – Main St. United Methodist Church
- ❖ June 5th – Anne Marie House in Hudson
- ❖ September 4? - Nashua Presbyterian Church

SPRING NAIC OPEN HOUSES OF FAITH

- ☐ Main St. United Methodist Church -- May 19, sometime late in the afternoon (time TBD)
- ☐ Nashua Presbyterian Church -- June date TBD, will be offered at May NAIC meeting
- ☑ Nashua Islamic Society invited community to open house on April 12; more information to be sent to NAIC by email

2018-19 NAIC Representatives to:

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

NEW IDEAS? GATHER A GROUP TO WORK ON IT AND LET US KNOW

1 PM COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS –

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 Dykeman of Salvation Army - SA hours and services are changing; please note changes. Space still available for teens at overnight camp.
- Meg Hamm of First Church of Christ Scientist - Lecture offered at Nashua public library. Flyer was recently sent to NAIC via email.
- Jon Spira-Savett of Temple Beth Abraham - City of Nashua holding a culturally welcoming celebration on September 15, 2019. Also noted April 9 Holocaust remembrance event at Rivier University.
- Zippy Elikanah of Bridges of Nashua - Invited NAIC member communities to "Hope" event to promote understanding of domestic violence issues; flyers to be sent via email.

- Meta Vornehm of Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints' Nashua Ward - Promoted June 1 event at St. Anselm College celebrating women; flyer distributed.
- Tank LaMontagne of Hudson Community Church - has items to donate to United Way for their baby shower; needs help with transport.

1:15 PM CLOSING