

**Nashua Area Interfaith Council  
Pilgrim Congregational Church, UCC  
October 2, 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**  
**OPENING PRAYER Sally Newhall**

**12:05 COMMUNITY CONVERSATION** led by Rosemarie  
What responsibility do we/individuals have to immigrants/refugees? What can we do to help?

**12:15 PRESENTATION** – Immigrant & Refugee Support Group Nancy Pape  
Became involved in a ministry with her church (Madbury UCC) with Indonesian refugees – they offered them space for worship and started working together as equals. After several years, many “disappeared” from worship due to fear of being ‘found’ and deported when their interim stays of deportation were not renewed. Her church started visiting a local detention center for immigrant detainees in Dover to provide “Spiritual Care” and advocacy (can’t give legal advice unless you are a lawyer).

The Immigrant & Refugee Support Group has set up “Host Homes” (with 5 or so core people/groups) to house and provide for a detainee out on bond – allow them to be released from jail to a private home. A host home provides food, shelter, transportation, access to English language classes, medical care, and emotional care. They are looking to start a host home in the Nashua area.

Jim Jensen said this was really important work and the NAIC should all support it. Sally Newhall reminded everyone that the NAIC is an information sharing body not an advocacy group.

Becky Green asked about the type of music Ms. Pape used when playing music within the Indonesian congregation.

Meta Vornehm asked about how many people/families/groups are needed to support one detainee in the Host Home program.

**12:45 NAIC BUSINESS**

- **TREASURER’S REPORT** by Meta

Passed a sheet with renewal info.

Balances: NAIC \$2333.37, Choir \$407.86, Cropwalk \$2048.11

**FUTURE MEETINGS:** 2019-20 Meeting Host Sign Ups -  
*12noon, First Wednesday of the Month unless otherwise indicated.*

- September 4, 2019 – Nashua Presbyterian Church
- October 2, 2019 – Pilgrim Congregational Church, UCC
- November 6, 2019 – Unitarian Universalist Church of Nashua

- December 4, 2019 – Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
- **January 8, 2020** – Anne Marie House
- February 5, 2020 – First Church of Nashua, UCC
- March 4, 2020 – First Baptist Church of Nashua
- April 1, 2020 – Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Nashua
- May 6, 2020 – Main Street United Methodist Church
- June 3, 2020 – Temple Beth Abraham

### **NAIC PROGRAMS & WORKING GROUPS**

- TOURS of HOUSES OF FAITH – we encourage each congregation to consider having a tour of its space and an introduction to its tradition whenever a special event is held there - and, if you let NAIC know, we will send out invitations to our membership. **Sally emphasized adding tours to existing events – fairs, craft shows, yard sales. Jon Rountree mentioned the car show.**
- Thanksgiving Service & Reception- 2019 First Church Congregational on Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM
- Interfaith Worship Team
- Nashua Housing Justice Group
- CROP Walk
- Interfaith Choir
- NAIC Committee on Ecumenism -- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- ***NEW IDEAS? GATHER A GROUP TO WORK ON IT AND LET US KNOW –***

### **FALL NAIC**

#### **2018-19 NAIC Representatives to:**

- Granite State Organizing Project -- Aron DiBacco
- Integrated Delivery Network -- Rosemarie Dykeman
- Continuum of Care & Ending Homelessness -- Mike Apfelberg
- The Mayor's Opioid Task Force --
- The Mayor's Cultural Connections Committee -- Nonny Egbuonu
- Bridges Domestic & Sexual Violence Support --
- Circles Greater Nashua -- Jon Spira-Savett
- **Mayor's Suicide Task Force**

**Speak to Sally if you are interested in being a representative.**

### **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](mailto:President@NashuaAreaInterfaith.org).

- Becky Green – Cropwalk has merged with the Souhegan valley cropwalk. 6 faith communities are joining us. Contact her for pledge envelopes. Raised \$34K in 2018. Explained how the money raised is divided between the global Cropwalk (75%) and local groups (25%) – last year it went to Salvation Army, ST. John Neuman food pantry, NSKS, Share Inc of Milford.
- Jason Wells - NH Council of Churches - Poor People's Campaign Friday, Oct. 11 Concord @ 11:45 am; Greely Park @ 5:30 march from the park to First Baptist. Spirit of Unity dinner Nov. 2, will send email
- Dr. Manseau – pick up a pamphlet on how opioids affect the brain and Week of Christian Unity
- Immigration 101 – Oct 29, 7-8:30pm @ First Church
- Pam Wellman - Anne Marie House is NOT closing, just looking for a new location
- Jon Spira-Savett - Affordable Housing Meetings Oct. 20 @ TBA, Oct. 30 @UU
- John Rowntree -Oct. 13 Car show at Good Shepherd during the farmer's market

**1:15 PM CLOSING**