

**Nashua Area Interfaith Council
Unitarian Universalist Church
November 6, 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 at 12 p.m.
OPENING PRAYER offered by Sally Newhall, NAIC president

12:05 COMMUNITY CONVERSATION led by Meta Sally led the conversation: How important is it in your faith community to have and/or create efficient spaces?

12:15 PRESENTATION – NH Interfaith Power & Light -- Susan Fuller
(next month the program will be on Teen Homelessness in Nashua which is a growing problem.)

Sally provided information and flyer from the New Hampshire Conference of the United Church of Christ about immigrant support

12:45 NAIC BUSINESS

- **TREASURER'S REPORT** by Meta Requested that organizations check to see if dues have been paid and if current information about representatives is accurate. Bank account balances:

General Account: \$2883.37

Crop Hunger Walk: \$2329.34

Interfaith Choir: \$741.20

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

- November 6, 2019 – Unitarian Universalist Church of Nashua
- December 4, 2019 – Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints *will provide lunch.*

Feel free to bring your own caffeinated beverages.

- **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.

- **Thanksgiving Service & Reception- First Church Congregational on Tuesday, November 26th at 7 PM**

Allison Palm of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Nashua reported that the service has been organized by the Interfaith Worship Team. Religious organizations' leaders will be asked to sign up via email for various speaking roles

- Interfaith Worship Team
- Nashua Housing Justice Group 30 people came to an educational event, met with the mayor and city department heads, received commitment for action prior to January. Aron DiBacco of Granite State Organizing Project reported that there are 35 people in Nashua looking to engage in efforts to develop affordable housing.
- CROP Walk Becky Green of Temple Beth Abraham reported that \$45k was raised in 2019 vs. \$34k in 2018. Additional funds came from inclusion of Souhegan Valley organizations and walkers. Around 300 walkers participated. Funds have been distributed. The alternative Saturday walk was successful. Interfaith Choir sang and will do so again at the Thanksgiving service.
- Interfaith Choir
- NAIC Committee on Ecumenism -- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Contact Sally if interested in serving on this committee.
- ***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 of United Way of Greater Nashua reported: 40 agencies meet monthly to discuss homelessness and related issues. Youth homelessness committee has been revitalized. Meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at 9 a.m. Sally reported that the Mayor is coming to the next Executive Board meeting to discuss issues related to homelessness.
- The Mayor's Opioid Task Force -- Still looking for NAIC representative
- The Mayor's Cultural Connections Committee -- Nonny Egbuonu
- Bridges Domestic & Sexual Violence Support -- Still looking for NAIC representative
- Circles Greater Nashua -- Jon Spira-Savett
- Mayor's Suicide Task Force -- Still looking for NAIC 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.

Nonny Egbuonu of Main Street United Methodist Church: Nashua retirees group interested in programs.

Mike Apfelberg: Thanks to those participating in sock drive; over 4k socks distributed! Blizzard Blast at end of January in Mine Falls Park. United Way has a fund for youth homelessness, looking to raise \$100k from May 16 sky diving event.

Jon Spira-Savett of Temple Beth Abraham: Encouraged organizations to use the NAIC Facebook feed to educate one another about various traditions of different faith communities.

Jim Leonard of First Baptist Church of Nashua: Martin Luther King Day program on January 18 at 6 p.m. Info will be sent via email by December NAIC meeting.

Kristy Besada of Front Door Agency: Looking for volunteers at Front Door.

Allison: Story Slam event about wholeness at Unitarian Universalist Church on Saturday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Meta Vornehm of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: Arlington Street Community Center has LGBTQ+ youth group and is looking for adult facilitators to help lead. Flyer to be sent via email.

1:15 PM CLOSING at 1:10 p.m.