

**Nashua Area Interfaith Council
Anne Marie House of Family Promise**

180 Lowell Rd, Hudson, NH 03051

January 8, 2020 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 12:00 p.m.
OPENING PRAYER offered by Sally Newhall

12:05 COMMUNITY CONVERSATION led by Rabbi Jon Spira-Savett
Led by Sally: Discuss how negative experiences in childhood can lead to problems in adolescence and beyond.

12:15 PRESENTATION – Monica Gallant of Souhegan Valley Boys and Girls Club presenting about Adverse Childhood Experiences and Community-based Support Systems (faith institutions)

12:45 NAIC BUSINESS

- **TREASURER'S REPORT** by Meta

Main - \$3096.37

Crop Walk - \$2429.34

Choir - \$840.21

- **REPORTS FROM OUR REPRESENTATIVE TO CONTINUUM OF CARE
& FROM THE INTERFAITH WORSHIP TEAM**

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

- February 5, 2020 – First Church of Nashua, UCC
[Doug Howard & Taylor Paquette will be sharing about Teen Homelessness in Nashua]
- 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 – who will host in 2020?

- Interfaith Worship Team – Rev. Allison: This year’s Interfaith Service of Thanksgiving was organized by a team rather than just leaders of the host institution. This was a good process and will be the approach in 2020. Those interested in serving on this planning team should contact Allison.
 - Nashua Housing Justice Group – Rabbi Jon Spira-Savett
 - CROP Walk – Becky Green
 - Interfaith Choir – Becky Green
 - NAIC Committee on Ecumenism --
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – Rev. Dr. Bill Manseau
- ***NEW IDEAS? GATHER A GROUP TO WORK ON IT AND LET US KNOW –***

2019-20 NAIC Representatives to:

- Granite State Organizing Project -- Aron DiBacco
- Integrated Delivery Network -- Rosemarie Dykeman
- Continuum of Care & Ending Homelessness -- Mike Apfelberg: This is a network of over 30 area organizations addressing local and regional issues related to housing and homelessness. They examine data, look at current efforts to support those experiencing homelessness, and discuss how to improve support and better collaborate. They have a special committee that looks specifically at youth homelessness.
- Sally: In order to receive HUD funds, this committee needs to have a representative from the faith community. Meetings are on the first Wednesday of each month at 8 a.m. Those interested in serving as a representative should contact Sally.
- 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 --Meets on the fourth Tuesday afternoon of each month

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.

- Sally Newhall of Nashua Presbyterian Church: The Christian Unity service is being planned by a team at the Emmaus Institute. Those interested in participating should contact Bill Manseau. Thanks to Family Promise for hosting our meeting today..
- Pamela Wellman of Family Promise of Southern New Hampshire (along with Ken McGarry of First Church of Nashua): Thanks to the council for supporting FP over the years and especially through the current time of transition.
- Allison Palm of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Nashua: The UU Church is organizing a pride service. Contact Allison for more information or to participate.
- Jim Leonard of First Baptist Church of Nashua: The annual Martin Luther King Day event will take place on January 18 at 6 p.m. This year’s theme is “Stand Up.”

- Meta Vornehm of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire event on Sunday at 2 p.m. Issues concerning race, religion, and the state will be addressed.
- Mike Apfelberg of the United Way of Greater Nashua: All are invited to participate in the January 26 Blizzard Blast. Posters and yard signs are available for display at member organizations' facilities.
- Nonny Egbuonu of Main Street United Methodist Church and the Thank You Project: The 2020 Water Walk will be on May 9 instead of in the fall.
- Jonathan Spira-Savett of Temple Beth Abraham: Mourning in multicultural context event to be held on Monday, January 27. A flyer will be distributed via email.
- Meta: Free family history event for those interested in genealogy will be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on February 6 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. A flyer will be sent via email.
- Jason Wells of the New Hampshire Council of Churches: The council has resources for those planning Christian Unity services. "Caring Clergy after Substance Use Death" training event is offered on Tuesday, January 28, 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Prayer service to support immigrants will be held in Manchester on January 29. Flyers distributed.

1:15 PM CLOSING at 1:11 p.m.