

**Nashua Area Interfaith Council
First Church, 1 Concord
February 5, 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 p.m.
OPENING PRAYER offered by Sally Newhall

12:05 COMMUNITY CONVERSATION led by Ken McGarry: “What resources does your organization have that could be -- not necessarily are -- directed towards addressing the needs of youth experiencing homelessness?”

12:15 PRESENTATION – Teen Homelessness in Nashua
Doug Howard (Manchester homelessness coordinator) & Taylor Paquette (Nashua Schools’ homeless student coordinator)

12:45 NAIC BUSINESS

- **TREASURER’S REPORT** by Meta: General: \$3021.37; Crop Hunger Walk: \$2429.34; Choir: \$840.21
- **REPORT FROM OUR HOUSING JUSTICE GROUP** – Rabbi Jon Spira-Savett: They are looking at state laws related to affordable housing and advocating for laws to encourage development of additional housing in Nashua.

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

- March 4, 2020 – **WE NEED A HOST!**
- 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 – UU Church will host in 2020
- Interfaith Worship Team – Rev. Allison
- Nashua Housing Justice Group – Rabbi Jon Spira-Savett
- CROP Walk – Becky Green
- Interfaith Choir – Becky Green

NAIC Committee on Ecumenism -- Rev. Dr. Bill Manseau
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity –
Next Wednesday, Feb. 12th 7 PM
at Parish of the Resurrection

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
- The Mayor's Opioid Task Force -- Mike Greene
- The Mayor's Cultural Connections Committee -- Nonny Egbuonu
- Circles Greater Nashua -- Jon Spira-Savett
- Mayor's Suicide Task Force -- John Rowntree

1 PM COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Please briefly share announcements from your congregation or organization and have flyers available to pick up.

Requests to have information emailed to NAIC membership may be submitted to the NAIC president at: President@NashuaAreaInterfaith.org.

- Mary Beth Smaha from Gateways: They offer adult day programs for seniors, including food, exercise, socialization. Good for spouses or other care-givers needing respite. Grants available. Flyers distributed.
- Meta Vornehm of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: Family history event is tomorrow from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Food will be provided.
- Michael Reinke of Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter: New shelter will be located at Sacred Heart School, 35 Spring Street, next to St. Patrick's. Event to learn more on February 20 at 2 p.m.
- Jason Wells of NH Council of Churches: Invited all to their Annual Meeting on February 29 at Wesley UMC in Concord. Also, noted that FEMA grants are available for houses of worship, webinar offered to assist organizations requesting funds.

1:15 PM CLOSING at 1 p.m.