

**Nashua Area Interfaith Council
Nashua Presbyterian Church
March 4, 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

OPENING PRAYER led by Sally Newhall

12:05 COMMUNITY CONVERSATION led by Sally Newhall Question for discussion: How would you like military chaplains to assist you in your place of ministry or service?

12:15 PRESENTATION – National Guard Chaplaincy

Chaplains Victoria Jollimore, SPC USARMY NG NHARNG (she helps to recruit chaplains) and Steven Veinotte, LTC USARMY NG NHARNG (USA) chaplain, presented about roles of military chaplains, how interfaith spiritual care is provided, and how chaplains offer faith-specific rites and services.

12:45 NAIC BUSINESS

TREASURER'S REPORT by Meta General: \$2895.57; Crop Hunger Walk: \$2429.34; Choir: \$840.21.
Asked NAIC members to update their contact and representative information

REPORT ON CIRCLES OF GREATER NASHUA Bobbie Knickerbocker reported: Circles serves people seeking to improve their financial situation. Has existed for a year and a half. Members of the community serve as mentors. Homework is provided to participants. Meals included in meetings 2x/month.

FUTURE MEETINGS: 2019-20 Meeting Host Sign Ups -
12noon, First Wednesday of the Month unless otherwise indicated.
April 1, 2020 – Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Nashua
May 6, 2020 – Main Street United Methodist Church
June 3, 2020 – Temple Beth Abraham

NAIC PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

- 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 *Last Sunday of October*
- Interfaith Choir – Becky Green
- NAIC Committee on Ecumenism -- 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
& Paul Chervanek
- 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.

- Jim Spotts from U.S. Census: Encourage members to complete census. They can do this via phone or online. There is no citizenship question and details are not provided to law enforcement. Jim will visit with congregations if invited. They are looking for more workers, 20-40 hours per week, flexible hours.
- Dick Kiernan from Good Samaritan Network: They provide addiction crisis response, identifying ministries throughout NH, looking for information about services provided by local faith communities and groups.
- Sally Newhall, president, on behalf of Jon Spira-Savett, board member-at-large: Educational offerings about specific religious holidays or traditions will be posted on NAIC Facebook page. Please send information to Jon for posting.
- Meta Vornehm, treasurer, from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: Facility security grants are available. Information will be sent to NAIC via email.
- Mike Apfelberg from United Way of Greater Nashua: Youth Sleepout: Looking for high schoolers to participate and learn about homelessness and how they can support their homeless peers. Chaperones provided through UW. Youth groups of any size can participate. Seeking approximately 200 youth. Also, there is an ongoing fundraiser to support youth experiencing homelessness. A fund is being developed to support children and youth to age 24. One fundraiser for this is a sky diving event to be held in May. Seeking participants (5 or 6 more).
- Meg Hamm from First Church of Christ, Scientist: Women's History Month event highlighting the life of Mary Baker Eddy is being offered on March 29 from 1-3:30 p.m.

1:15 PM CLOSING The meeting concluded at 1:03 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Ken McGarry, secretary