

Nashua Area Interfaith Council
Nashua Presbyterian Church
September 5, 2018 Noon

AGENDA (with meeting notes)

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS (@12:00 p.m.: Welcome and Introductions followed by Opening Prayer by Sally)

The Rev. Sally Newhall, President

OPENING PRAYER

INTRODUCTIONS

SIGN UP 2018-19 Host Community Sheet

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION led by The Rev. Allison Palm (@12:07: Allison guided groups in discussion of meaningful experiences of learning about “other” religious traditions.)

PRESENTATION – Learning more about each other:

BUDDHISM by Suzanne Harvey (@12:22: The presentation focused on Tibetan Buddhism. Attendees were invited to UU Church on Wednesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. and Arlington Street Community Center on Mondays from 1:30-2:30 p.m. for meditation)

NAIC BUSINESS (@12:51)

NOMINATIONS

“The Executive Board shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Past President, and two at large-members.”

“Every two years, beginning in 2014, the membership shall elect a President, Vice-President, and one at-large member of the Executive Board for terms of two years. In 2013, the membership shall elect a President, Vice-President, and one at-large member of the Executive Board for terms of one year. Every two years, beginning in 2013, the membership shall elect a Secretary, Treasurer, and one at-large member of the Executive Board for terms of two years. All terms of office shall begin on July 1.”

Current Officers: (Approved in June)

President: The Rev. Sally Newhall

Vice President: Mrs. Rosemarie Dykeman

Past President: The Rev. Alanna Van Antwerpen

Treasurer: Mr. Justin Munroe

Secretary:

At-Large member: Rabbi Jon Spira-Savett

At-Large member: The Rev. Allison Palm

Nominations for 2018-19

Secretary: The Rev. Ken McGarry (Nominated by Executive Committee, approved by NAIC)

2018-19 NAIC Representatives to:

- Granite State Organizing Project
 - o Ms. Sarah Jane Knoy
- Integrated Delivery Network
 - o Ms. Rosemarie Dykeman
- Continuum of Care Ending Homelessness
 - o Ms. Bobbie Knickerbocker
- The Mayor's Opioid Task Force-
 - o The Rev. Andy Armstrong
- NEW- The Mayor's Cultural Connections Committee
 - o Paul Janampa- Catholic Charities
- NEW- Bridges Domestic & Sexual Violence Support
 - o The Rev. Kate Harmon Siberine

(New: Cultural Connection: Nonny Egbuonu and Paul Janampa)

UPDATES:

NAIC MINISTRIES:

- *Crop Walk- October 28, 2018* (Shortened route, 3.4 miles through Greeley Park. Leaders' meeting on 9/17.)
- *House of Faith Tours-*

Unitarian Universalist- October 14th 2-4pm

St. Phillip Greek Orthodox- DATE TO BE SET

- *Thanksgiving Service—Tuesday, November 20th* (at 7:00 p.m.)
 - o *Main Street United Methodist Church*
- *Interfaith Calendar of Sacred Observance- Sally Newhall* (conversation will occur at Nov. meeting of NAIC)
- **NAIC Member Collaborative Events:** The NAIC Constitution and Bylaws Article VI – Committees reads in part: "Those congregations which choose to do so as an NAIC committee may collaborate together on issues of common concern and interest to them and/or the general public in accordance with the purposes of NAIC."
 - o *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity- Jan/Feb Annually*

NAIC COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS:

- *Interfaith Dialogue & Worship- November Meeting Follow Up*

ANNOUNCEMENTS – please briefly share announcements from your congregation or organization and have flyers ready to hand out. Requests for information to be shared with NAIC membership may be emailed to the NAIC president at: president@nashuaareainterfaith.org.

- Mike Apfelberg--Shoe Box Project, handout
- GSOP--Immigration 101 at Nashua Presbyterian Church, handout
- Allison Palm--Interfaith Worship small group conversation, Wednesday, 9/26, 4-5 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church; UU event emphasizing history of treatment of people of color, marker dedication at Edgewood at 1 p.m., service at church at 2 p.m. featuring interfaith choir
- Nonny Egbonu--Main Street United Methodist Church's 150th Anniversary Celebration, 9/16 and 9/29, handouts; Thank You Project's Water Walk, 9/15, 9 a.m.
- Paul Janampa--Cultural Connection event through mayor's office, featuring food, performers, fashion show, artisans selling goods, at Elm Street Middle School cafeteria, poster
- Jon Spira-Savett--Community Conversations update, visiting houses of faith 9/15 and following
- Becky Green--Interfaith Choir, 56 singers, seeking additional voices
- Bobbie Knickerbocker--Circles, Tuesday night dinners, launching 9/11, seeking groups to provide and/or serve meals (frozen meals OK), handout
- Kate Siberine--Blessing of the Animals at Church of the Good Shepherd, 10/7, 1 p.m.
- Rosemarie Dykeman--Salvation Army Block Party, Fri., 6-9 p.m.; Apple Fest, 10/6 and 10/7 at Sullivan Farms, flyer

Next meeting Wednesday, October 3rd at 12 noon at
Place to be announced

CLOSING (@1:16)