

Minutes Social Justice/RIC meeting Monday November 18 Zoom 2pm

Present: Gretchen Bingea, Gabrielle Applequist, Ken Grove

Cards for Matt Christensen's Fund Raising

A total of \$1900.00 has been raised among the Treasure Valley Lutheran churches (\$800.00 at Hope).

Pastor Tom Christensen has collected about \$5000.00 from the fund-raising activities.

At King of Glory, we still have 23 packs of cards left from the original 100.

Gretchen proposed that once a year we do a fund raising for Matt using the rest of the cards. Additional ideas may be proposed by Karen Campbell and Pastor Tom.

American Indian Acknowledgement

The First Nations translation of NT was used during the November 13 service, the day before the Indigenous People's Day.

In 2025, we should try to contact the tribes living in our area and get information on their pow wows.

A new Acknowledgement could be used every 3 months or so.

Café Justo

The idea from the last meeting was to serve this coffee during the month of December. It's too late now to do it the whole month of December. But Gabrielle will be ordering a pack of 5 pounds. Gretchen recommended the Robusta coffee which is richer than the Arabica. Once the coffee is received, Gabrielle will check which Sunday nobody has yet signed up for the coffee hour or join the group in charge of the coffee hour any Sunday. We will also use the decaf from Cosco.

Gabrielle will be reimbursed from the Social Justice funds. There is \$123.00 left in our budget.

Bias and its impact to Welcome

The training package will be ordered next year once we have a new Council, and we know our annual budget.

Nick and Ken will get the necessary information.

ELCA statement on abortion

Thank you Gretch for organizing the adult Sunday classes on the subject.

About 10 to 15 people attended that far.

A ballot initiative on Reproductive Rights in Idaho is planned for the Fall 2026 election. It is sponsored by Idahoans United for Women and Families: IdahoansUnited.com

Next year we could look at the ELCA statement on the Death Penalty.

Reconciling Works Commitment

Gabrielle will complete the short form and send it to RIC headquarters. It will show the progress our congregation is making in opening our church to all and encouraging everyone to fully participate.

King of Glory is also committed to sending an annual contribution to the RIC. Ken will check with the Council which amount was given last year and have a check sent for this year.

If there is any money left in the Social Justice budget after the coffee order, that money could be sent to the RIC for its 50th anniversary. An envelope was sent by the RIC a few months ago for an extra donation.

Events announced in newsletters and/or bulletins:

November 20th: Trans Day of Remembrance, a day to honor, reflect, and stand together. Details on the event are not easy to get in order to protect that community.

November 21st: an Interfaith gathering for Reflections on Gratitude at the synagogue.

December 10th: Interfaith Sack Lunch Conversation, 7608 Apache Way, Garden City.

NO MEETING PPLANNED IN DECEMBER