

# Minutes Social Justice/RIC committee

June 25, 2024, Zoom 2pm

Present: Gretchen, Nick, Ken, Gabrielle

## I. Development of projects mentioned in last month's minutes

### Pride festival in Nampa.

Gretchen attended it and helped getting rid of anti-Pride pamphlets. Good attendance. No problems. There will probably be another Pride festival in Nampa next year.

### Pride Parade Sunday morning September 15.

We are already registered with Interfaith Equality Coalition. In addition to our participation and the use of our RIC banner, we are thinking of having a table/booth at the Cecil Andrew Park. We need to fill up asap an Exhibit Space application for an Informational Organization booth. The fee is 275 dollars + \$20.00. We could share the booth and cost with Luther Heights or other congregations.

In addition, during the parade itself, we plan on giving candies or something else to the kids watching the parade.

We will propose to the Council that a banner or a LGBTQIA+ flag be put on the cross facing Maple Grove street as a sign that Everyone is welcome in our church. The Reconciling Works website should have some designs available. It would be nice to have it before the Pride parade. Next Council meeting is July 16<sup>th</sup>, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month.

### American Indian and Alaskan Native Land Acknowledgement.

The Boise Valley People gathering happens every year in June. It would be next year an opportunity to learn about the culture and traditions of the Peoples who lived and are living in our area.

We are also planning on informing the congregation in newsletters and bulletins about the Acknowledgement by using the ELCA resources.

Why not invite for a panel some American Indians people? We could also reach out to the Synod and tribal councils.

The link below brings you to the Truth and Healing page with upcoming dates in July for a webinar on "Indian 101" to which anyone can watch with no pre-registration needed.

This could be one way we continue to educate ourselves with the dates publicized in the weekly news.

<https://elca.org/Our-Work/Congregations-and-Synods/Ministries-of-Diverse-Cultures-and-Communities/Indigenous-Ministries-and-Tribal-Relations/Truth-and-Healing-Movement>

One of the classes is on Tuesday, July 2, 2024

**Class: “Indian 101”**

7 - 9 p.m. Central time

Presented by Vance Blackfox, Justice Nichols and Wanda Frenchman

Meeting ID: 880 8700 7330

Passcode: 012116

Gretchen sent the link to the office to be put in the newsletter and bulletins.

#### Greeting cards for Matt Christensen Fund Raising.

50 packs of 10 cards each have already been printed. As the print shop closed, Ken and Karen are looking for another printer in order to have 50 more packs done. Suggested donation \$25 minimum per pack. Tom wants 40 packs to distribute. Karen will distribute the other 60 to King of Glory and other congregations, by August hopefully. It would be nice to also have some packs for the King of Glory bazaar in November. The printing of 100 packs may cost around \$600. The rest of the money collected will be put in the Fund.

This is just the beginning of the project. As Matt continues to draw, different sets of cards may be printed in the future.

## **II. New projects**

### Donation for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Reconciling Works

Reconciling Works in its last letter suggests a donation of \$500.

Gabrielle will check with Carolyn Jean what is left of the 2024 committee funds. We may be able to send a check to Reconciling Works but of a smaller amount.

The annual membership contribution to Reconciling Works comes from the church general fund and was approved previously by the Council.

For now, we are the only RIC ELCA congregation in the Valley, but Sheperd of the Valley may be interested.

### Bias and its Impact to Welcome

A possible training for the members of the Council and other King of Glory church leaders. It's a video. Less than 1 hour long. \$75.00 dollars. It will need to be approved by the Council at its August meeting.

### Coffee Justice in Mexico

Gretchen already ordered some of Café Justo coffee and likes it. It's different from the Fair-Trade coffee as it concerns only a few farms in the Chiapas area in Mexico.

As each committee is supposed to be in charge of a coffee hour this summer, we will choose a Sunday in August, and have this Mexican coffee for tasting. The church (Mary Kay Tinker is in charge of the coffee hour) may then choose this particular coffee for the church.

There are also brochures we can order, and we will have copies of the article on Coffee Justice in Mexico available to the coffee drinkers..

### Lutheran Resource Creation

This could be an ongoing project. To be discussed more at length at our next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, August 6 on Zoom at 2pm?