

# **Minutes Social Justice and RIC committee**

## **Tuesday October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, on Zoom at 2pm**

### **Present:**

Gabrielle Applequist, Gretchen Bingea, Kenneth Grove, and Karen Campbell

### **Cards for Matt's Christensen's Fund raising**

Ken made a report on the cards' sale at the Men's Breakfast meeting last month (but ½ of the breakfasters are no longer members of KOG), and on 3 Sundays in September. He will try again at church on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of October.

Total packs sold for now at King of Glory: 23 out of 46 for the amount of 675 dollars.

We will need WELCA's permission (Patty Larson?) to sell more packs during the Bazaar.

Another idea is to try to sell them during the holidays, and to leave them on a table with a box for the money due + extras (?).

Karen is running out of places to sell. A few packs have been sold in Mountain Home, Emmanuel, Grace and Redeemer. She could try Luther Heights, St Paul, Caldwell and Hope. She likes the idea of adding Ken's article.

Ken mentioned that there is a Treasure Valley cluster meeting October 8. He will ask Pastor Connie to mention this Fund raising to the Pastors. He will make copies of his article explaining the reason behind this project to be included in the 9 complimentary bags Karen will make with a set of Matt's cards. Each Pastor can then receive a bag at the meeting.

Karen reported that Tom got around 1,000 dollars for the cards he sold.

The cost to make those packs was around 1,000 dollars, and Ken and Karen were reimbursed for their expenses.

There should be a little bit more than \$1,000 right now in Matt Christensen's account.

It seems what we are missing to make this Fund raising more successful is marketing skills. But this is a start. The goal is to sell all the packs before the end of the year. And next year we can find another way to help Matt.

### **American Indian Acknowledgement**

Pastor Connie will find another Acknowledgement text, different from the one we have been using, in the ELCA website for the month of October. Gabrielle had proposed a text, but it was a Confession, not an Acknowledgement.

Gabrielle sent to the office the Declaration of the ELCA to American Indian and Alaska Native Peoples. The ELCA adopted in 2016 the Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery. This Declaration explains the history behind the Doctrine, and the reason behind the ELCA's decision to repudiate it. The article will appear in the weekly October's newsletters.

Monday October 14 we celebrate Indigenous Peoples 'Day. It's important for the congregation to be aware of the harm we did to those Peoples especially since the arrival of Christopher Columbus on our shores.

Gretchen asked Pastor Connie if it's OK to use a translation of the First Nations' Bible for the October 13 service. We wait for the approval of the Worship Planning Team. If accepted, Gretchen will write a brief introduction about why we are using it.

This topic will continue to be developed in 2025. It's just a start.

### **Café Justo**

Excellent reviews from the members who tasted it. The problem is the cost.

Karen proposed that we offer it during coffee hours in December. If there is enough money left in the account, the Social Justice committee would pay for the coffee.

In the meantime, info about Coffee Justo is in the Narthex for those interested in ordering it for themselves.

### **Bias and its impact to Welcome's training package**

According to Ken the last monthly financial report given to the Council shows that this committee has \$123 left in its budget for 2024. There were \$500 at the beginning of the year

As soon as we pay for the package, we can only use it for 30 days, so we will wait next year, when we have new members in the Council, to order it and use the money allotted to us for 2025

The cost of the training package depends on the church attendance (could be the total number of members). We could also invite other congregations to booster our number. Nick may know the details.

### **Reconciling Works. King of Glory's commitment for 2025 + annual contribution**

Next meeting's topic.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of November is Election Day, so we will need to find another day for our next meeting.