

**Church in Society Minutes**

**June 12, 2017, 9:30am.**

**Minnesota Church Center**

**Present:** Gail Chalbi, Elizabeth Everitt, Linda Gesling, Jerad Morey, Liz Weininger

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Action</b>
Devotion	About John Wesley's Covenant prayer and the Blessed Ramadan campaign.	<b>Elizabeth Everitt</b> will provide the July 17 devotion.
Last meeting minutes	Reviewed	Approved by consensus
Website	Discussion tabled for after annual conference	(leftover from June)  <b>Jerad</b> will create Google form to collect contact info of interest parties – to be linked from MAC website  <b>Linda</b> will design a handout for folks to fill out / return with their contact info for Annual Conf events
Grants	Gail has received no response yet from Student Christian Movement to questions from June.  The team received Minnesota Council of Churches' request for \$8000 in support of Respectful Conversations.  Conversation around how much in total grant funding to disburse each year.	No action taken re: SCM.  Team voted to designate \$4000 for general support, \$4000 for scholarship for small congregations as determined by MCC staff. <b>Jerad</b> abstained.  <b>Gail</b> or <b>Lyndy</b> (absent) to learn how much was raised for Peace with Justice offering in 2016.
Annual Conference	Discussed Monday event, Wednesday workshop, hallway table setup. Linda received copies of Social Principles. Gail received other GBCS materials. Reviewed outline and offered feedback for Linda's workshop.	<b>Gail</b> set up table. <b>Linda</b> deliver workshop on Wednesday.
DC Trip	Report that anticipated attendance looks good.	No action
Workshops	January 20, Coon Rapids UMC, immigration. Question of who would plan, lead this workshop. Maybe Colleen Biebe / Jesus Purisaca?  Plans for spring 2018 workshop.	Wait for <b>Lyndy's</b> return – he may have more info.  <b>Elizabeth</b> will contact Cindy Saufferer regarding spring 2018 event and speaker.
Other	In June we discussed scholarshiping folks from MN	No action

events	<p>to attend other faith-based social justice workshops/trainings. Jerad compiled a list including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christian Community Development Association, Oct 4-7, 2017</li> <li>• Ecumenical Advocacy Days, April 20-23, 2018</li> <li>• Justice Conference 2018, dates TBD</li> <li>• JRLC Day on the Hill 2018, date TBD</li> </ul>	
Other business	<p>Liz Weininger spoke of Israel trip; recommended staff of "Parents Circle Families Forum" as speakers for Annual Conference or other gathering. Robi Danbelin, <a href="mailto:danelin@zahav.net.il">danelin@zahav.net.il</a>, <a href="http://www.theparentscircle.org">www.theparentscircle.org</a>.</p>	No action
Next Meetings	<p>All at MN Church Center, 122 W Franklin, Minneapolis:  July 17, 9:30am  September 18, 9:30am</p>	