

Church and Society Minutes
Jan. 14, 2019

Attendees: Gail, Elizabeth, Jerad, Linda, Lyndy

1. Devotions: Linda gave devotions from the book Sacred Resistance by Ginger Gaines-Cirelli. The message encouraged us to speak with a prophetic voice and having imagination to see and hear God's grace.

2. Reviewed and approved November minutes.

3. Grant application from Rev. Jesus Purisaca for the Equity through Music Project at the Iglesia Piedra Viva UMC housed at Simpson UMC. We had questions about the budget and Gail will ask him to include a breakdown of expenses.

4. Discussion of grant application form and guidelines

*Linda will write a blurb about the grants for the conference electronic communications.

*Gail will have the conference office add a section about the breakdown of expenses to the application form.

*We talked about amending the guidelines to include Prophetic Imagination Grants. "If you cannot imagine the future, how can we work toward it? God is doing a new thing-simple new things arrive; smaller, simpler steps to salvation."

Will continue to work on the guidelines in February.

5. Budget: We have \$1000 yearly. Next year should request \$2000.
There is \$32,885,12 in the Peace with Justice Grant fund.

6 Mission Summit in Alexandria: Saturday, Sept. 28 in Alexandria possibly.

We would like to have a session about how to write a grant with examples. Gail will email Karen Thompson, chair of the Mission Promotion Team

7. Annual Conference Events

COSROW preconference event. Gail will contact Faye Christenson about our involvement and the possibility of having some time to talk about Peace with Justice grants.

Afternoon breakout session: Need \$: How to write a grant and ideas. Have examples of past grants. In November, Jerad said he might be able to lead it.

8. Common Table: The chair of Church and Society does have a seat at the Common Table. It only meets as needed. Gail Asked to be notified when it meets.

9. Workhops

Empowerment and Public Engagement as Christians

Linda will bring the speaker to our February meeting.

What happens to prisoners when they are released?

Lyndy told us about a workshop that will be led by Cindy Kennedy on Thursday, March 7 at Hilltop UMC in Mankato.

10.Other: discussed the possibility of hosting a Peace and Justice Summit on November 9, 2019. Will discuss more in February.

COSROW: Faye Christenson

Creation Justice: Susan Mullin

CORE: Shawn Moore, Tyler Sit, Gail Johnson

Housing: Dana Newhouser

Small Sums

JRLC (Joint Religious Legislative Coalition).

11. Closed in prayer: Lyndy

Next Meeting: February 11, 9:30, Church Center

Devotions: Liz

Minutes: Jerad