

Church and Society Minutes
August 10, 2020

Members present: Gail Chalbi, Lyndy Zabel, Linda Gesling, Jerad Morey, Liz Weninger, Shirley Durr, Abigail Keckhafer

1. Opening Prayer
2. Introductions/Welcome new members Shirley Durr and Abigail Keckhafer
3. Grants
 - * White Bear Lake: \$1579 approved. Bins and cover. Please report back.

* Access to Technology

We invite SBH to reapply with language clarifying how the reception of this grant will benefit specific United Methodist community/ies in Minnesota.
Gail will email Reuben and get back to the team by email.

* Iglesia Piedra Viva
Approved \$1500

4. Grant application change: The Church in Society Ministry Team moves to change the grant application in the following way: Before "Plan to address..." add a question: "Please connect this project to one or more specific Social Principles of the United Methodist Church, which may be found at <https://www.umc.org/en/content/our-social-principles>"
Also, on the form, itself, add the descriptive text to the beginning: "The average grant amount is \$1,500, and the committee prefers to fund advocacy and system change over capital improvement and equipment purchases."

5. Discussion on summit on racial justice issues.

Grants to churches for work on Religion and Race
Combine this with the Summit.

Shawn Moore and Gail Johnson: what is CORR doing about antiracism. shawn@livingspiritumc.org
Are you planning a summit? If nothing is in the offing, can you help us with a summit?

Twin Cities Rapid Response Team: Dan Johnson; Kevin Schill

Rob Koppf Bemidji
Cindy Saufferer

Tyler Sit: New City Committee on Native American ministry.
Dawn Houser Aitken UMC; dawnhouser1@gmail.com

We would like to do something jointly. How would we frame this? Getting information out.
CORR's focus, from the Jan minutes is the Racial Reconciliation Movement:
<https://www.minnesotaumc.org/racialreconciliation>

outer districts

Possibility of giving stipends for lay minority speakers
Richard Webb
Laquaan Malachi: North UMC in Minneapolis
Matching grants for speakers

Gail will contact the above organizations and people ccing the team on the emails.

Closing Prayer

After meeting I received this email from the conference office: [\\$28,196.57 is the total in Peace with Justice.](#)

From Lyndy: I think Dana Neuhauser, from New City Church in Mpls., would be a good person to work with on the Summit, too.



Kevin Schill Wed, Aug 19, 11:26 AM

to me

Gail,

Through the Rapid Response Team, we are working with several churches in the neighborhoods of south Minneapolis and St. Paul most impacted by the unrest following the killing of George Floyd. We have begun a process of Co-Creation Conversations to allow priorities and responses to be guided by the people and churches most affected. We are hoping that this will give us a way to respond, not just to the immediate needs of food, housing, crisis counseling, etc, but longer term issues of how we engage the voices, experiences and understandings of those who have been marginalized, by race and other factors, in setting priorities and making core decisions within our churches and communities.

Kevin Schill