

Peninsula Multifaith Coalition Meeting Notes at Congregational Church of Belmont on August 5th.

Attended:	Ina	Allen
Notre Dame de Namur University	Gino	Altamura
St. Matthias Church of Redwood City	Mariano	Dagang
Congregational Church of Belmont	Rev. Kristi	Denham
Peninsula Temple Sholom in Burlingame	Evelyn	Engelman
Peninsula Temple Sholom in Burlingame	Lionel	Engelman
Sisters of Mercy in Burlingame	Diane	Fahrner
JCRC Peninsula	Sarah	Fields
Holy Trinity Lutheran in San Carlos	Sandy	Frojelin
St. Matthias Church of Redwood City	Nancy	Galli
Peninsula Temple Beth El in San Mateo	Dick	Heiman
LDS Church (Mormon) Foster City	Rick	Holbrook
Peninsula Sinai Congregation (PSC) in FC	Dana	Izenson
Congregation Beth Jacob in RWC	Henry	Lesser
Peninsula Temple Beth El in San Mateo	Joel	Miller
Trinity Baptist Church in San Mateo	Rev. Carole	Moore
Shinnyo-en Buddhist Temple in RWC	Mark	O'Malley
Island United in FC	Brian	Ring
St. Bart's Catholic Church in San Mateo	Jim	Sell
St. Andrews Lutheran Church of San Mateo	Pastor Connie	Winter-Eulberg

Welcome and Opening Prayer - Pastor Connie W-E

Intros all around

Prayers for Peace Report – Rev Kristi D.

September 2, 2019,

Twin Pines Park: 1 Twin Pines Ln, Belmont, CA 94002

Prayers at 11am and a Potluck follows

- Dana I. passed out flyer for event – see attached
- 4th annual prayers for peace
- Each of our faith communities gather in prayer
- 11:00AM prayers will start with Rabbi Corey H. to start opening prayer
- Hindu and Buddhist and Jews & LDS reps & Mercy Center & Muslims (Pacifica) & Baha'i & others?
- We expect 100 or more

- Dana I. & Sarah F. will send out flyer to larger volunteer group and include MLK day details
- Security at event was discussed
- Inviting the general public was discussed
- Rev. Kristi D. has contacted Belmont PD regarding security and they will provide a presence
- Signup sheets at this event will be available at this event for future PMC events
- Postcards for MLK day available
- Nametags this year
- JCRC will provide the drinks ~ Sarah F. will provide more environmentally friendly containers, perhaps jugs and compostable cups.
- We'll do a Costco run closer to the date for tablecloths, paper products, utensils.
- It is important to let folks know the location is about ¼ mile from the parking lot.
- The following congregations are being contacted or participating:
 - Shinnyo-en Buddhists have confirmed they will be attending with international leadership.
 - Baha'i will attend. Tanya Y. will confirm contacts.
 - Congregation Beth Jacob's Cantor Barbara is a maybe.
 - Temple Beth Sholom Cantor Fox is a maybe.
 - Rabbi Corey H. will blow the shofar to start us off again this year.
 - Rev. Kristi D. will contact Mustafa Balcioglu at Pacifica Institute.
 - If Pacifica can't do it Penni T. will reach out to Yaseen Foundation.
 - Rick H. at LDS will be participating.
 - the Hindu Temple will be participating. They also said yes!
 - We would like another Christian congregation to take leadership this year.

Educational Programs - Rev. Kristi D.

- *Building Congregational Connections:*
 - We'd like to suggest that beginning soon, each congregation that would like to invite PMC to join them for worship choose a date and we'll promote it.
 - Only one congregation to invite us each month. (See attached signup sheet.)
 - First to sign up gets that month.
 - Make a list and encourage each other to attend when invited.
 - All of us would have opportunity to attend another congregation service
 - We need signups so that we can start doing this starting in Jan. or possibly Feb. of 2020
 - If one congregation has an event with another congregation, PMC needs to know (helps builds relationships)
 - We hope to encourage congregations through their leadership to build stronger connections between themselves and at least one other congregation of a different faith. We know that clergy involvement where applicable makes this more likely.
 - A list of congregation liaisons who have expressed an interest in developing these connections has been distributed and is attached.
 - The education committee brainstormed possible discussion topics:
 - * Learning about styles of prayer or doing scripture studies together.
 - * Exploring social action topics and values to build on.
 - * Comparing traditions such as Passover and Easter.
 - * What are the meanings of symbols and meals in your tradition.
 - * Why do you fast?
 - * Equality of men and women/Racial justice.
 - * The commonality of the Golden Rule and respect on our traditions.
 - * What do ancestors mean in your tradition.

- *Speaker Series next Spring, March 3 through April 8, 2020:*
 - Will use the same format as this year
 - * Start at 6:30 p.m. with program, Q & A, followed by simple soup supper from 7 to 8 p.m.)
 - * Speakers and hosting congregations from different faith traditions.
 - Will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evenings. Varied to provide more options.
 - Topics can vary but we will need to know in advance to promote them.
 - Must have a Rabbi speak this time.
 - Would love to have Shinnyo-en be able to host one.

MLK Day of Service - Dana I. & Sarah F.

- Coming up soon not that far off
- One central breakfast at St. Bart's with 2 offsite breakfast sites
- Offsite breakfast at schools or Huddart Park or East Palo Alto project.
- New projects such as geography – gardening and construction
- This event above will be in East Palo Alto and possibly a breakfast there
- Coordinated with Canopy.org and Habitat for Humanity for possible assistance
- We need to really mix and getting to know other volunteers and other faiths
- Hillsdale HS is a probable site with 5 or so possible projects there
- Middle school in San Mateo and an elementary school are also possibilities
- Get this event on your congregation calendar 1-20-2020
- Multifaith event starting at 8:00AM – family friendly
- Need donations for Safe Harbor, breakfasts, and dry soup mix
- Craft projects will be same as last year
- We will have two project captain meetings
- Captains packets will be available online so that documents are more easily accessible.
- Captains meeting will discuss reimbursements among other items as some projects require expense
- Rev Kristi D. has confirmed all music groups
- Donations for MLK day are always welcome
- Include a link to the 8-minute PMC video from the emails identified at Prayers for Peace.
- Video is at: <https://youtu.be/RvQJRKyWqpg>
- Question about the exact connection between PMC and MLK Day of service
- Pastor Connie W-E. answered this eloquently

PMC Teen Program- Rev. Kristi D.

- Beginning to vision a teen interfaith committee with PMC what this would look like
- We need a team from PMC to do this
- Santa Clara Teen group is the model and could help us with our model
- A meeting in the next month or so to create this vision
- Send Rev. Kristi D. any ideas or thoughts or interest in this group

PMC Video on Prayer – Pastor Connie W-E.

- Send photos and short video to: pastorconniewe@gmail.com
- Use your cell phone to take pictures or videos from your faith house and email these to Pastor Connie W-E.

Financial Report – Pastor Connie W-E.

- We're in pretty good shape with approx. \$16,000 however donations from each faith house are always needed.
- Please budget for PMC in your upcoming faith house budget.

Announcements and Concerns from our Community Partners

- Mark O. talked about book about Japanese Internment and passed out book called "American Sutra: A Story of Faith and Freedom in the Second World War" written by Duncan Ryūken Williams (*a scholar, writer, and Soto Zen Buddhist priest*).
- Sarah F. talked about August 11th – Multifaith Lament and Public Workshop on Immigrants and Refugees event at Palo Alto King Plaza next to PA City Hall located at 250 Hamilton Ave. at 6PM. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/events/384599198860690/> for details.
- Dick H. talked about Peninsula Temple Beth El's social action committee and how they are discussing immigration etc. and solicited social action suggestions.
- Rev. Carole M. spoke about an Aug 18th event -Trinity Baptist Bar B Que at Flood Park in Menlo Park (all are invited).
- Brian R. spoke about a Veterans and Homeless stand down (medical and dental and legal help) in Foster City at Boothbay park in early October (Dates and details TBA)

Next Meeting

- September 16, 2019 at 7:00 pm, Holy TrinityLutheran, 149 Manzanita Ave., San Carlos, CA

Closing Prayer – Rev Kristi D.

Notes taken by Joel Miller on August 5th, 2019