

**UMCE Church & Society - Meeting Notes**  
**Tuesday, February 20, 2018**

*“Living our lives and serving Christ in the contemporary world through faith, action and justice”*

**Participants:**

Donna Mullins (Meeting Chair), Jeanne Ambrosier, Donna Mullins, Ann Gerteis, Russell Fletcher, Robin Roberts, Bill Graf, Jan Thurling, Clyde Sacks, Pem Dunn, Katie Zapotoczny

**1. Action Items from last meeting:**

- a. Recap four Adult Ed programs that presented the Church & Society Committee and the six Social Principles it implements.

- Civil & Human Rights
- Environmental Justice
- Peace with Justice
- Health & Wholeness
- Women & Children
- Economic Justice

All members present felt the programs were successful with attendance of 20, 18, 21 and 14 respectively.

- b. As a result, we're happy to welcome two new members, Jan Thurling (janeththurling@gmail.com) and Clyde Sacks (ClydeSacks@ClydeSacks.com).

- c. It was suggested that next year we do a separate program for each of selected Principles.

**2. Economic Diversity Activities:** Not discussed

- 3.** Jan Thurling gave us a presentation on *Joy International*, an organization that saves children from sex slavery. We discussed ways in which we could help the organization with its mission. We could donate or fund raise; we could ask Dr. Jeff Brodsky, founder and a very dynamic person, to speak at our church, which result in some fund raising; we could walk the Barefoot Mile (a walk across Colorado barefoot to raise awareness); go on a mission trip; pray for them. Dr. Brodsky has a new book, *The Least of These*.

Jan reminded us of the quote: *Awareness is good but awareness without Action is Apathy.*

**Action Robin & Bill:** Will contact Glenn Stoll (UMM) and determine available UMM dates to have Dr. Brodsky speak at a Men's Breakfast, which is open to all.

- 4.** Katie presented us with a summary of the latest information we have from the **Commission on A Way Forward**. At the time of our meeting, they were discussing three proposals to give to the Council of Bishops: Traditionalist (accountability – same language of The Book of Discipline), Centrist (language the same, but conference decides within their conference) and Multi-Branch. Since our meeting, the Commission completed its work on February 28, this article was written. See <http://www.umc.org/news-and-media/bishops-see-progress-in-unity-effort-but-offer-few-details>.

**5. Other Items:**

Jan told us about a meeting at the Evergreen Christian Church on March 6 discussing issues of gender identity and sexuality. She will report to us at our next meeting.

**Next meeting.** March 20, 2018 (normal 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues), at 6:30pm. Ann Gerteis will be Chair

**Next Meeting Agenda Items:**

1. Narrow down C&S Principal's topics for fall Adult Ed. Green Church is already on the fall Adult Ed schedule.
2. Jan Thurling - Further discuss options for Dr. Jeff Brodsky (Joy International) to speak.