

Creation Care: TUMC: The Green Team Minutes from April 7, 2021

Mission Statement: Trinity United Methodist Church Creation Care Ministry recognizes that all creation is the Lord's. We work toward sustainability inside the walls of Trinity and outside in the Tallahassee community.

The Zoom meeting opened with welcomes from all participants. We began in prayer, led by Mary Ann Moore. She proceeded to speak of Creation Care for Trinity and the importance of this new ministry, joining with other Fl. Methodist churches. She encouraged each participant to follow their own passion in helping with this ministry. In all areas of service, publicity is important, and everyone is encouraged to photograph, submit comments on the Trinity UMC: Creation Care webpage.

Using the existing ecology resources that are in Tallahassee was encouraged, a few mentioned were: Igrow, a Tallahassee Food Network, Sierra Club, The Audubon Society, Friends of Lake Jackson, Sustainable Tallahassee.

Arnie Rogers, co-chr. of Creation Care, called on Trinity members who have committed to chairing various committees:

Gloria Colvin: Gardening

Gloria explained the Frenchtown, Igrow garden. Members of the Green Faith Alliance volunteers, working on Mondays, beginning at 8:30 a.m. The address is

611-Dent St. Linda Rogers and Fain Folsom expressed a desire to assist.

Leslie Paugh: Advocacy

Leslie volunteered to offer Legislative Bill analysis and will inform the Green Team members as well as put information on our CC webpage. Next year's session, he will offer earlier alerts of pending bills, identifying those that are either pro or con climate/ecology issues.

Lisa Prasse: Youth

As Trinity's youth director she was previously committed but had sent a written report that Mary Ann read. The youth are aware of eliminating plastics in their daily lives, of studying and participating in ecology/sustainable issues while at Warren Willis camp, during the 30 hr. famine, and when traveling on youth trips. Kathy Drake volunteered to assist with youth involvement.

Allison Corrigan: Children's ministry, (Statement read by Mary Ann)

She will encourage programming in the following areas: gardening, recycling, service clean up /beautification projects, craft projects that use items that would have been discarded.

Linda Rogers volunteered to assist Allison.

Arnie Rogers: Recreation

Arnie outlined various programs that would engage Trinity members: kayaking, hiking the forests and parks, participating in clean-up of waterways.

Dr. Wayne Wiatt invited the Creation Care Members and others to a kayaking morning on Lake Talquin, June 26 9:00-1:00, on the lakefront of the Wiatt home. There will be a cookout following the kayaking on the lake. This will be a fun and great way to begin our Creation Care gatherings. Sign-up's will be required. Dr. Wayne will invite a friend, a former UM minister and now a riverkeeper, to assist and offer ecological information about Lake Talquin to the participants. Leslie Paugh offered to assist with the kayak experience.

Leslie also mentioned hiking St. Mark's Trails and would be interested in assisting with the hike as well as contacting a naturalist. A suggested visit could be when the Monarch butterflies migrate through St. Marks in October.

Further Programming Suggestions:

Reading groups. Amy Gill suggested that small reading groups, age specific could be formed. Youth, young adult, and senior groups. Reading focus would be ecology and climate books. Kathy Drake offered to put together a list of recommended resources.

Expansion of Green Team: Amy Gill suggested that a youth member join the Team.

Wildlife and Domestic Animals: Rhonda Work suggested programming include caring for all animals. This might fit well into the Blessing of the Animals Sunday.

Farmers and Nut Exchange: This is a program offered when farmers have a surplus of produce and fields are gleaned. The produce is given to food banks or food kitchens.

Sustainable Trinity: Participants were encouraged to assist in assessing the sustainability of Trinity, ie., solar power, composting, removing all uses of

plastics. Volunteers are needed in this area. Mike Watters, Trustee Chr. For Trinity would assist when needed.

The meeting closed with words of appreciation to all who Zoomed into the link. The enthusiasm was contagious as we discussed new ideas for programming and engagement. Each participant was encouraged to find an area of interest, to email or contact Arnie or Mary Ann who will be happy to assist and place each person in their desired spot.

Looking forward to the Kayaking on Lake Talquin.
Respectfully submitted,

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