

## **IFC Meeting on Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> at Judy Maller's house**

Attended: Judy Maller, Michele Epstein, Carol Kadet, Judy Miller, Joel Miller, Nancy Schneider, Joanne Avial, Florence Snyder, Dick Heiman

### **Update on St. Paul's in Burlingame event on Jan. 24th –**

- Father Skillings was quite good and mentioned PTBE several times.
- Lots of ceremony and an interesting sermon.
- Seemed progressive and somewhat liberal for Episcopalians.
- Would St. Paul's be a good partner with IFC? Maybe they could attend a regular service instead of a Hallelu service.
- Michele said that St. Paul's attended a Shabbat service at PTBE in the last year

### **IFC on the PTBE website**

- Joel will notify Cindi Serbin with meeting announcements and tell her who to contact if you are interested

### **Rabbi Callie Schulman is leaving PTBE on July 1st**

- Carol talked about her interactions with Rabbi Callie and perhaps her future plans
- Michele & Judy met with Rabbi Callie and she suggested meeting with Rabbi Dennis
- Dick met with Rabbi Dennis to speak about Rabbi Callie and she will not be replaced and maybe Rabbi Dennis will attend some of our strategy sessions.
- Rabbi Dennis indicated he could be more supportive if he had plenty of notice.
- Also Rabbi Dennis wanted to get more involved with JCRC interfaith and asked Dick to have Karen Stiller contact Rabbi Dennis.
- A going away celebration for Rabbi Callie is in May and could IFC get involved and invite interfaith clergy to event?
- Ask Cindi and/or Katie for specifics regarding this possible event.

### **Women's Social: March 13<sup>th</sup> at 2pm – 4pm with Muslim women & BEW at PTBE**

- Flower arranging and baking of Hamantaschen as well as the Muslim rolled-up cookies
- Idea is for people to get to know each other.
- Two groups – flower arranging and baking?
- Best way to make best use of time.
- Call it a social or social exchange.
- Event will be at the PTBE kitchen/Fireside room.
- RSVP's to BEW.
- Carol is working on a flyer.
- IFC can help to reach out to Muslim women.
- Deanna is bringing the tea.
- IFC can help cover costs of flowers, tablecloths, napkins, etc.
- Invite some women from Yaseen Foundation?
- Maybe Deanna and/or Rehanna could do this?

## **Restructure how often that IFC wants to meet.**

- Add an extra meeting to support events or can we just do this online?
- But it's always nice to get together in person.
- Maybe less formal planning meetings face to face and do some plans online.
- Faith House visits etiquette: before we go to another faith house, we need more details about what to expect.
- We could send out a standard blurb to those who are attending PTBE letting others know what to expect.

## **Faith House Assignments and Visits**

- Previously, with IFC everyone was assigned to another faith house,
- Better idea might be to assign people as the event comes up.
- Maybe get Arleigh can assist in extending invitations.
- Probably, a more personalized approach
- Assign an IFC member to each event or faith house visit.
- Rabbi Callie made suggestions of dates but we need to go back to recheck since we decided to avoid halelu and unplugged services and just focus on traditional ones.
- A good 1st choice would be Transfiguration Church in San Mateo or Hillsdale Methodist Church (Pastor Picot or St. Andrews in San Mateo.
- Michele or Judy may call on one of us to help with faith house visit

## **Other**

- Consider a once per year social action projects with another faith house or two
- Maybe Second Harvest or Maple Street would be a good idea.
- Perhaps get Rabbi Lisa involved in getting families and children to attend these events.
- Help other faith house set up their own interfaith outreach.
- Dick talked about Temple Sinai in Oakland get together with Pacifica Institute.
- Dick said that this year there probably will be no Freedom Seder – maybe JCRC and PTS.
- Would IFC would be interested?
- Dick also talked about Deacon John and how much he meant to the IFC and the PMC.
  - A memorial brick at St. Bart's in Deacon John's memory has already be paid for by the generous donation of two temple members.
  - Would IFC attend the memorial celebration and help to implement it?

**Next Meeting: TBD**