

IFC Meeting Notes for October 22, 2013, at Judy Bloom's

Attended: Florence Beier, Judy Miller, Joel Miller, Rolf Beier, Dick Heiman, Judy Bloom, Arleigh Grossman, Michele Epstein, Rabbi Callie Shulman, Joyce Share

Introductions

- Went around the table with everyone talking about their interfaith activities, backgrounds & why each is interested in Interfaith.
- Rabbi Callie commented on her background and her thoughts on the IFC group.

Rabbi Callie's comments and observations

- IFC is unique among faith houses
- Clergy needs to connect with Clergy
- IFC members can really support other clergy with their interfaith activities.
- Lots of energy here for Interfaith
- Continue with lunches (etc) with our partners such as St. Bart's in addition to a large event
- She spoke about her teen responsibilities including teen retreats and Wednesday night programs
- IFC fills a need for her to expand her role as a Rabbi by interfacing with other Clergy
- Build foundations for clergy relationships with other faith houses with social activities such as lunches, etc.
- It is very challenging for young families to get involved in Interfaith
- Look at each temple – where does the majority of their efforts focus
- Jews are not always identifying themselves as Jews
- Adult education is lacking at PTBE – this could really appeal to our PTBE community and others

Various comments from IFC members

- When working with LDS representatives, we should also get involved with their Bishop
- How can IFC can more teens involved?
- How can IFC improve our own PTBE congregants attendance and involvement
- PTBE congregants are very satisfied with the status quo and do not want to look for anything else, i.e. Interfaith

SMCC church teen visit on November 17

- We only need a few adult members to attend because this is a teen event, their confirmation class day
- However, it is also the same day as the St. James AME service.
- Dick H. will go with Rabbi Callie to the SMCC service
- We should also try and get parents of PTBE teens to attend
- Rabbi Callie will try to get a lot of teens involved for this visit.

AME Church Exchange

- Some IFC members will visit their service on **Sunday, November 17**

Peace Village

- Judy B. will help find a person to assist Rabbi Callie with Peace Village
- Ask someone on the PTBE education committee about getting a Muslim participant
- Rabbi Callie will contact Pastor Laura at CCSM to contact Florence about Pacific about trying to get a contact in the Muslim community

Next Meeting

- Nothing scheduled