

LGBTQ+A Meeting February 1

Attendance: Kathleen Lojas, Jeni Fabian, Wilbert Watkins, Jeff Cobb, David Loofburrow, Nancy Miller, Marjorie McKenzie, Maureen Deahl, Sue Sporte, Lisa Milam, Marcella Richardson

Valentines Cards-We sold 61. That represents a donation of \$300 to Task Force and \$310 to Night Ministry. Kathleen will deliver this week or next.

Play: Revolutionists

March 22 1:30 PM Tickets will be \$10

We will have a "BYOS" event prior (Bring Your Own Sandwich) Our group will provide a few extra sandwiches and the beverages. We will set up the tables and chairs in the parlor.

We will advertise to Voices of Hope, League of Women Voters, the Oak Park Papers

David will take care of ticketing including an optional donation box.

We will work on getting promotional materials produced ASAP

Pride Service

Wilbert has arranged for Carmarion Anderson to preach at our Pride Service June 7th

He will also ask for Lux Cantorum to sing with us again. The song will be God Has Work for Us to Do. There will also be a piece by Amanda Kessler who has also written a prayer for us as well.

New this year, we will write letters to churches who are newly Open and Affirming inviting them to our service and Adult Ed. We will also offer to come to their PRIDE services as we are able to. We will also write a letter to the ONA leadership inviting them as well and making them aware of our plans to invite sibling churches.

We will look for a liturgist that has not served for the PRIDE service before. Kathleen will let Mary Altenbaumer know we are supplying our own.

The group decided on the theme: Community Grounded in Dignity: Widening the Circle

We will ask for volunteers to read statements of how they feel their dignity is respected. This will be similar to the affirmations that were read last year. We will also have a board where people can post their statements. Ex. "I feel you respect my dignity when you acknowledge my marriage."

There was some wish to sing Draw the Circle at the end of the service. People asked if a new verse could be written but Wilbert noted it was a copyrighted song.

The group discussed ways that they could help Lucille Nanny's Trans outreach efforts. David will speak to Lucille about the best and most respectful way to do this.

There was conversation about the establishment of a subgroup that could monitor political involvement. Jeni cautioned us about what we call the group as we are under scrutiny. Sue and Lisa will talk to Bruce about his understanding. We will also be present for the educational meetings around organizing for resistance that will take place once Colin returns to make sure we ask questions specific to our group.