UMMAS

Conyers, GA February 3, 4 & 5 2014

Attendance: James King, Leah King, Margaret Hiller, David Hiller, Jervais Phillips, Kay Phillips, Mary Ann Finch, John Strickland, Francie Potter, Warren Potter, Dale Worley, Pat Veenema, Ron Lindhan, Ed Kosak, Maureen Levy, Richard Levy, Anna Quintana, Doug Werth, Penny Werth, David Torres, Susan Torres, Jackie Mace, Nancy Ennis

Monday, February 3rd Heart Checks

Tuesday, February 4th

9:15 a.m. Prayed in

1. What’s Right

What’s Right About Unity:

* Sharing the Truth of The Christ Within
* Idea of Inclusion
* Unity Minister Facebook Discussion Page
* No final interpretation, able to keep unfolding and evolve, freedom to express uniquely
* The focus of attention on the here and now

What’s Right About UMMAS:

* + Heart Checks
  + Generosity
  + The focus on helping ministers be healthy; where we can share where our pain and growth is and be supported
  + The ability to be with our diversity and love each other
  + Suggested there be a write up of testimonials about UMMAS for The Path, because our group is unique in what we do and what it means to us; it’s a “well kept secret” so let’s share it
  + Spouse/partners are given equal voice, everyone treated as peers
  + Our churches feel connected through our ministry at each other’s churches and through the Kanuga retreat

What’s Right About Our Churches:

* Doing a What’s Right About Our Church in our board meeting
* The Happy Video, or other videos prior to the start of your service
* Live-Streaming services, classes, weddings
* Participating in community efforts, needs, events
* Interfaith and other service club (Kiwanis, Rotary, etc)
* Including all world religions in prayer at close of service
* Commitment cards asking for specific amounts = ownership; giving to a cause
* Participation in festivals; putting out a table with large paper and prayer in middle inviting people to sign after a tragedy and then sending it to the area effected; used book sale
* How To Pray Without Talking To God by Lynda Martella-Whitsett
* Sacred Prayer Circle, an organized prayer circle

1. Minutes from last meeting are approved
2. Treasurer’s Report – Jervais moves to accept, James seconds, all in favor
3. Discussion of UWM/IAMU Situation

LUNCH BREAK

1. Conference call with Donna Johnson at UWM/Further discussion
2. Kanuga
   1. What about Kanuga 2012?
      1. Do our de-briefing in a private area
      2. Yeah, we did a great job!
      3. No last minute workshop sign-up’s
   2. Theme Discussion
      1. Our keynoters are Barry Dennis & Jim Lee
      2. The Game of Life: How To Connect The Dots
   3. Workshops
      1. Monday – Heartchecks/Business
      2. Tuesday morning – Business/Jim Lee to spend time with ministers
      3. Tuesday p.m. – 7:30 – 8:15 Welcome with Margaret & Maureen
         1. Philip Pennington will get $1000 to bring sound equipment and run it as he did last year. Wilmington Church will pay for his room and board – girlfriend does not get a discount
         2. Dale will work with James & Kyle on music. Unity of Savannah will pay for Kyle to attend. Will need room and board for drummer and bassist, whom he will find. Forward him any names you have for that.
         3. Tuesday night/Wednesday morning Keynote Barry Dennis
      4. Workshop Presenters (Margaret will assign a date/time)
         1. Hiller’s, Sacred Ceremony …1.5 hours
         2. Dale Worley Mountain Walk …1 hour
         3. Pat Veenema…something geared to teachers… 1.5 hours
         4. Ron Lindham, Deepening Spiritual Practice …1.5 hour
         5. John Strickland, Life Love & Lillies…1.5 hour
         6. James King, Jesus Never Said That….1.5 hour
         7. Kay Phillips, Laughing Meditation….1 hour
         8. Kayaking….put out a call to ministers
         9. Eileen Douglas, Journaling….1.5 hour
         10. Richard Talley, Mandalas….1.5 hour
         11. Dale Worley, Closing Ceremony…1.5 hour
         12. Ed Kosak, Movie…1.5 hour
         13. Dale Worley Silent Lake Walk…1 hour
         14. Leah King, art of some kind…1.5 hour
         15. Erin Kosak, Walk…1 hour
         16. Levy’s, Workshop…1.5 hours
      5. Vespers & Morning Meditation
         1. Tuesday night: Jervais Phillips
         2. Wednesday morning: Ed Kosak
         3. Wednesday night: Brenda Strickland
         4. Thursday morning: Ed Kosak
         5. Thursday night: ?
         6. Friday morning: John Strickland
      6. Brochure
         1. Ron Lindhan will design it again this year. He will design it in a brochure size. Doug will create a mailing list in excel and get it to Ron so that he can mail 3 or 4 to each church. Will also create a pdf and make it available.
      7. Miscellaneous
         1. Pat says she will continue with seeing that their office manager handles the commuter duties that have been done in the past.
         2. Consider making scholarships available to your congregants to get them to Kanuga.
         3. James is available to pick up keynote speakers at GSP if needed.
         4. Pat suggested a workshop for Prayer Chaplains on affirmative prayer to encourage prayer chaplains to attend.
      8. Business for May meeting:
         1. Products for sale beyond just our keynote and workshop presenters.
3. New Busisness
   1. May Meeting – Wayfarer’s Unity in Dillard, GA: May 5,6 & 7
   2. Election of Directors
      1. All 3 are willing to run again, Ed/President, Sheryl/Vice-President, Leah/Secretary. Maureen moves to accept, Richard seconds, all in favor
   3. Travel Vouchers Policy Update: David requests we change the wording to remove the distance criteria, and make it up to $200, not to exceed $1000, for travel vouchers. In this way, more can attend. Kaye moves to accept, Ron seconded, all in favor
   4. Leadership Training
      1. Dates: July 11 & 12
      2. Ideas: Ellen Debenport, 5 Unity Principles; Strength Finders, discovering your spiritual gifts; DISC; Ogan Holder, Eneogram; Prayer & Meditation Basics; Ogan Holder, Multimedia/Social Media; Board Basics
      3. 3 Tracks: Ogan Holder, Social Media; Terrence Padgett, Board Basics; Kim Farmer, Youth Ministry. Each will be offered $700 plus expenses
      4. John Strickland offers his church for Leadership Training
   5. By-Law Revision
      1. Janet & Francie are in process with this. Clean up in verbage is needed, some clauses need to be changed or removed. Will make highlighted revisions copy and email it out for review, this will also serve as the 30 day notice needed before any by-law change. There is also a question about adding Alabama to our UMMAS region. Will vote on in May meeting.
   6. Donation to Memorial Fund for Chad
      1. Jervais suggests a $3000 donation, because Chad was a founding member of UMMAS. Pat notes that the South East gave $1000. Discussion. John moves that we give $2000 to the memorial fund, Margaret seconds, motion passed. Check will be designated for Memorial Fund.

5:20 Meeting adjourned.