

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY COMMITTEE  
2/07/16 MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Margaret Blanchard, Ansel Ploog, Hedi Ballantyne, Harris Webster, Michael McCleese, Diane Fitch, Mary Alice Bisbee, Rev. Joan Javier-Duval, Judith Hinds, Fran Krushenick, Kate Harrington, Lou Cherry, Mark Hughes, Ginnie Humphreys, Irina Markova

Chalice lightning & approval of minutes from 1/3/16 meeting.

**\*\*SUPPORT FOR ON-GOING PROJECTS\*\***

1. Pea Soup for Food Pantry: (Irina) 2
2. Heifer International Project: (Hedi) UCM raised \$3800.

**\*\* UPDATES: \*\***

3. COMMUNICATION:
  - a. Draft of new SRC brochure (Ansel).
  - b. Discussion of how SRC can use UCM website
4. VERMONT INTERFAITH ACTION STUDY SERIES (Joan) Dates & topics for series held at different churches. SRC invited to help host 2/28 session which Joan will lead on "Immigration Justice."
5. BLACK LIVES MATTER (Mark, Mara, Joan)
  - a. 2/10 (7 PM) Kellogg Hubbard Library - Black Panthers film & discussion
  - b. 2/12 (all day) State House- Racial Solidarity Day
  - c. 2/27 St. Albans March to Stop Racism in Schools. (Contact Mark Hughes for details.)
6. REFUGEE CRISIS & RESETTLEMENT (Diane & Mike)
  - a. Status of refugee resettlement in VT. Discussion of ways to help newly arrived immigrants. Ideas for making Montpelier a welcoming community.
  - b. Informing refugees of their rights. 2/28 (Noon-1:30PM) - UCM-VIA session at UCM lead by Joan on Immigration Justice. Request for help with luncheon (Joan).
7. CLIMATE ACTION (Sue)
  - a. Meetings of 350 VT Climate Action (1st & 3rd Sundays of month, 6PM).
  - b. Upcoming events on divestment, carbon tax, & stopping gas pipeline.
  - c. Vermont Interfaith Power & Light: resources & involvement with climate change actions (Contact Harris to be put on VIPL email list)

**\*\* IDEAS FOR NEW PROJECTS & COLLABORATIONS:**

1. WATER PROJECT (Margaret) Ideas shared about possible events, workshops, films, etc. focused on water starting in fall, 2016.
2. RAINBOW UMBRELLA of CENTRAL VT: (Mike, Mara) Sharing of organization's mission, organization, events, etc.

NEXT SRC MEETING March 6, 2016 (11:30 AM- 12:30 PM) in Fireside Room.

Minutes taken by Margaret Blanchard [margaretmooreblanchard@gmail.com](mailto:margaretmooreblanchard@gmail.com).