

TJMC-UU Racial Justice Committee
February 4, 2019

In attendance: Patrick Mingas, Margaret Lambert, Lena Seville, Bernie Melvin, Dinny Jensen, Joel McNalley, Kit McNalley, Sara Gondwe, Sallie Kate, Jill Payne, Kate Fraleigh, Edith Goode, Ann Forno

Minutes: Ann Forno (amforno@gmail.com)

1. Updates:

- a. [UU 8th principle](#) - still a work in progress; Ann is going to contact the UUA to get more information
- b. Considering Our Name - committee has not been revived; if interested in working on this, please let Ann know (amforno@gmail.com)
- c. Forums -
- d. Working more closely with [Ebenezer Baptist Church](#) - no updates at this time
- e. New Adult Faith Development course - Ann Forno and Donna Baker are offering a course called "Exploring White Privilege;" info to be made available as soon as it is confirmed as an offering
- f. Docs from Paula Cole Jones - there is a transcript of all ideas shared at one of the meetings, available on the counter, right above Wendy's desk; there is also a document that Paula left for us that describes a process that congregations can use to become multiculturally-centered; Ann Forno will share more at the next meeting (we ran out of time for this)

2. New business

- a. Black Lives Matter vigil - proposal (weekly, bi-weekly, monthly; notifying board; location and time; how to advertise) - moved to March's agenda
- b. Action project ideas - What? When? Who? Where? Focus?
 - i. PROPOSAL FOR PROJECT: Write postcards to Northam, asking him to resign, and to Fairfax, congratulating him on becoming governor and offering support
 - ii. Plans were made to do this next Sunday, Feb 11 after service, in the Social Hall
 - iii. Other possible future actions: Hate Free Schools Coalition support and work, supporting Black Lives Matter work, reaching out to black congregations

NOTE: After this action was planned, the allegations against Fairfax became known; we did make postcards available on Feb 11, and people were encouraged to write what they felt compelled to write, keeping in mind that people of color were calling for Northam to resign.

- c. Conversations Toward Reconciliation (Charlottesville Clergy Collective event) - next steps - Ann Forno will share about this at March's meeting