

Sonoma Valley Interfaith Ministerial Association

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Wednesday, June 24, 2020, 12pm - 1pm

Zoom Meeting

Present: Steve Finley, Donna Thomas, Scott Pryor, Jan Reynolds.

Welcome and Call to Order - the group shared their personal and community status with Covid and other current issues.

Steve leads open discussion: the topic centered on how we, as an interfaith group, can support the Black Lives Matter movement within our own community of Sonoma, not just in reference to police response but with education, health, jobs and any other means of support needed. It is important, as leaders, to address and support the needs that arise within our own spiritual communities as well.

Jan offers that we pray for ourselves and others to continue to be open to learning. (As a side note she said that St. Andrew has narrowed down their replacement and that her tenure here will be ending in the next few months. She will continue her interfaith work in Marin while beginning retirement.) And Rabbi Steve reports that the Methodist Church has a new minister, Marie Johnson, who will be on the radio show July 7th. We hope to welcome her soon to our group.

Scott recommends a book called "Not In God's Name" by Rabbi Johnathon Sacks <https://www.amazon.com/Not-Gods-Name-Confronting-Religious/dp/080521268X> and a movie titled "The Hate U Give" https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B07J1GNNN1/ref=ppx_yo_dt_b_d_asin_title_o01?ie=UTF8&psc=1

Donna offers that we can put together tolerance publications to hand out. Jan offered we might look into "Not In Our Town" program, an anti-discrimination education group working throughout the country. This program is great for communities/towns and their citizens to get involved. <https://www.niot.org/>

Although Peadar wasn't present he offered some thoughts: use the Public Comment segment of City Council meetings where 2 members per meeting share 2 minutes (all you are allowed) on what your particular Faith Tradition officially states on the sin of racism. The goal is witness plus solidarity with our brothers and sisters sinned against and Education as to what Faith Traditions have been saying and continue to proclaim.

Steve spoke to mayor this morning and feels it is important to get the town leadership involved, including the Superintendent of Schools. Let's work in our own backyard of Sonoma. Let's also keep this conversation open and ongoing within our group. Should we have a universal statement on our website? Suggestions?

If anyone has any new information "pertinent to the interfaith group" to share regarding the Covid-19, the various non-profits, endeavors of our city officials or other city projects that we as a group should know about please let us know.

No July meeting. Enjoy the Summer break.

Meeting adjourned 1:05pm

KSVY Radio Schedule – Tuesdays, 9am – 9:30

The call in number is 933-9133

Date	Member	Phone #
June 23	Steve Finley	818-207-1757
June 30	Nick Dalton	707-933-2563
July 7	Marie Johnson (New Methodist Minister)	
July 14	Donna Thomas	707-939-6774
July 21	Stacey Schoeningh	707-227-6285
July 28	Dave Gould	209-485-3027