

Sonoma Valley Interfaith Ministerial Association

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Wednesday, August 26, 2020, 12pm - 1pm

Zoom Meeting

Present: Steve Finley, Jim Thomas, Curran Reichert, Manette Fairmont, Peadar Dalton, Nick Dalton, Stacey Schoeningh, Donna Thomas, Marie Wilson-Johnson, Scott Pryor, and Jan Reynolds.

Welcome and Call to Order - Curran offers thought with a quote “The church has left the building” which is what we are all doing now, God’s work outside the church.

The group introduced themselves and welcomed Pastor Marie Wilson-Johnson. Pastor Marie is from Oakland, CA and finished seminary last year and will be the new pastor at the Sonoma United Methodist Church. Welcome!

Non-profit Information -

Curran is our point person at Sustainable Sonoma. (We would love to have someone volunteer to take this over and attend/report on their meetings or share this position with Curran. Please reach out to Curran at vivoudou@aol.com if you can help out.) Reports from Sustainable Sonoma regarding food security in our valley: FISH, La Luz and the Community Health Center are all providing food support as well as other resources for residents in need. FISH is committed to supporting rent payments for their clients for upward of five months at a time. Many families have been significantly impacted by the current pandemic and it’s economic effects. The resources offered from all three groups are depleting quickly and they need our help.

The Sonoma Valley Interfaith Ministerial Association will be having a gift card drive to help support them. Please reach out to your congregations and circles over the next two weeks asking for support in the way of Target gift cards, Gas gift cards and/or Safeway gift cards. Target has a variety of items including food, school supplies, clothing and household goods and offers online ordering and pick up making it a good option. Of course all gas cards and Safeway cards are useful as well.

Gift cards should be in the amounts of \$20/\$25. Cards can be sent to FCCS, 252 West Spain St., Sonoma CA 95476. If you would like to drop them off please contact FCCS at 707-996-1328 to arrange a drop off time.

Please note that we will need to do a second drive in November in preparation for the Winter. Due to significant need this year donations will most likely need to be double what they usually bring in.

Sonoma families are in need of children’s clothing. Local thrift store The Republic of Thrift is working out a way to offer vouchers of up to 50% off for children’s clothing. The Republic of Thrift is in need of more children’s clothing in order to meet the need so please encourage your circles to donate children’s clothing there. They are located at 17496 CA-Highway 12, Sonoma, CA 95476. Please see their website for donation dates and times <http://www.republicofthrift.com/>

Rabbi Steve reports from the Sonoma Valley Unified School District. With so many parents needing to work and many families not having devices or sufficient internet service the Boys and Girls Club of Sonoma opened up space for 75 students to come and do their distance learning under supervision in small pods on their campus. This filled up quickly and now has a waiting list of 400 students in need of this kind of service. The district has asked if our group and the churches in the valley might be able offer up buildings/rooms where the district can place small pods of 8-10 students and staff for distance learning. They are able to pay some sort of rent for the space. The exact details will be coming soon with days, times and other Covid safe protocol. Please be thinking of spaces you may have that are not being used that you would be willing to offer for this purpose. Rabbi Steve hopes to get more information this week and will report back.

Other information -

Save the date, Stacey reports that Sunday, October 11th is currently scheduled as the “Don’t go to church, be the church” day. Given our current situation we will most likely not be able to go out into the community for service. Stacey will be doing some brainstorming on how we can hold this day in a more socially distanced way while still supporting the needs of our community. Some ideas are holding a gift card drive, donation drive or donation basket drive where our congregations and community members participate in a drive-thru style donation event. More to come on this and Stacey will update us soon.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service: be thinking outside the box as to how we can offer a unique service this year.

Peadar suggest we remind everyone to vote by mail as early as possible.

Meeting adjourned 1:00pm

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

The call in number is 933-9133

<u>Date</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Phone #</u>
Sept. 1	Steve Finley	818-207-1757
Sept. 8	Marie Wilson-Johnson	707-996-2151
Sept. 15	Donna Thomas	707-939-6774
Sept. 22	St. Andrew Rep.	TBD
Sept. 29	Dave Gould	209-485-3027
Oct. 6	Scott Pryor	831-747-0139
Oct. 13	Jim Thomas	707-933-6154
Oct. 20	Peadar Dalton	707-939-7613
Oct. 27	Manette Fairmont	707-529-9562