

IUCC Ministry Board  
Monday, January 12, 2021 @ 7:00pm  
Meeting via Zoom

## Ministry Board Minutes

In attendance: Felicity Figueroa, Pastor Steve Swope, Pastor Sarah Halverson-Cano, Tricia Aynes, Karolyn Fencl, Cindy O'Dell, Steve Goetz, Eduardo Arismendi-Pardi, Lorraine Fox, Lesli Mitchell, Matt Mirmak, Pat Sauter, Cheryl Arismendi, Alex Ingal, David Smith, Chuck Heath, Brian Pearcy-Schofield, Craig Tyrl, Janet Johnson, Lauren Louie.

7:05 Felicity Figueroa calls meeting to order.

### Inspirational Thoughts / Moments of Gratitude

7:06 Lorraine Fox: We're all here; none of us are in the hospital.  
Steve Goetz and Felicity: a good day for the Capital and our Republic.  
Pastor Steve: has a 4 year old granddaughter with Mosaic Down Syndrome, and today she spoke four words in preschool.

### Approval of Minutes

7:07 Approval of November minutes  
Motion: Lorraine Fox  
Second: Cindy O'Dell  
All in favor: unanimous

### Ministry Board Reports

7:08 Steve Goetz, Mission and Service: January 3<sup>rd</sup>, warm clothing collection for the shelter-less homeless in Santa Ana. Working with Miguel at Isaiah House. 185 jackets/warm clothing, 9 blankets, 48 hygiene/first aid items, warm socks and caps distributed in backpacks. Steve thanks M&S volunteers for their work. Still collecting until January 28<sup>th</sup>. Need jackets, sweaters, and especially pants of all types and sizes.  
Lesli Mitchell offered help through Teen Volunteer Girls, Lake Forest.  
Lorraine Fox offered extra blankets she has.  
Cindy O'Dell informs us that there's more info on the website.  
Matt Mirmak suggested contacting the Scoutmaster regarding help from the

Scouts.

Felicity Figueroa said Housing is a Human Right OC (Anaheim) can take heavier blankets for their shelter.

7:16 Pastor Steve: Correction to Adult Programs Report – Wednesday study group meets at 7:00pm, not 6:30pm.

7:16 Matt Mirmak: Jacob Bauer looking for a project at IUCC for the Scouts.

*In chat: Matt Mirmak*, “Keith Bauer, Scoutmaster Troop 602 [marykeith1@aol.com](mailto:marykeith1@aol.com)”

7:17 Lauren Louie, MYP: Shanthi is stepping back, so MYP is looking for a co-chair, as well as committee members who can help plan, manage, and execute youth/family/young adult programs. Contact Lauren or David Perez.

Felicity would like a perspective from the youth in our church, and said you can reach out to she or Pastor Steve as well.

Lesli Mitchell said she’ll ask Ava.

*In chat: Lauren Louie*, “MYP [LLouie735@gmail.com](mailto:LLouie735@gmail.com) looking for co-chairs, committee members, or help of any sort!”

### Volunteer Needs

7:22 None

### Pastor Report

7:22 Pastor Sarah was trying to include a message for Mission and Service in the last sermon, but had to re-adapt last minute due to the attack on the Capital; apologizes to Steve Goetz. Thanks the Ministries for working so well with her. Pastor Sarah enjoyed how well the M. Board worked together on the Christmas Pageant. Praises Craig Tyrl and Pat Sauter’s recent creativity and teamwork—especially remotely during a Pandemic. Acknowledges Eduardo Arismendi-Pardi for doing a great job with Diversity and Inclusion participation on Zoom by reaching outside of the community.

There will now be two services broadcasted at 9:30am and 11:00am on Facebook, with Alex Ingal hosting coffee hour in between. Steve Swope explains how identical services are broadcast and repeated later; with comments staying with the latter.

*In chat: Alex Ingal*, “Coffee Hour will start at 10:15am... (and) stay up until 12:35pm”

7:31 Craig Tyrl states that YouTube is a more preferred, and more accessible

platform than Facebook. Suggests we could have a broader reach if we could simultaneously broadcast on Facebook AND YouTube.

Felicity states that Pastor Sarah Averette-Phillips in Brea broadcasts her service only on YouTube, and suggested we ask them of the benefits. Pastor Sarah would love to add YouTube without removing Facebook.

### Staff Report

7:33 Pastor Steve: we are now required by CA state law to separate green/organic waste from our trash and recycle it, such as food waste, lawn and hedge clippings, and food-contaminated paper. This will cost approximately \$200 a month for the green bins, and the city of Irvine can begin fining us as of January 1, 2022. Looking into composting, and working with Green Faith over the next 6 months to educate and adjust our behaviors. Pastor Steve consulted with a representative from the city. The two 64-gallon bins we have is the current limit per week, but it will be cut back to a maximum of 20 gallons in the next couple of years. There is a 5-foot compost bin on site that hasn't been touched in over 5 years.

Chuck recommends that cleaning out the existing compost bin be a Scout project. Felicity suggests that the Scouts help build a new one.

### Calendar Additions

7:40 None

### Old Business

7:40 Stewardship Campaign, Pastor Steve: 125 Pledges and \$424,460 currently, which is a significant jump from last year. This will be shared during the Budget Forum on January 24<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Steve praises the Ministry Board and IUCM members for their early and increased pledges. Loss of preschool income in 2020. Not all Ministry Budgets are turned in, but Ministry expenses are down. Expenses will need to continue to be tight this year. Acknowledges Mark Allan's "wizardry" with our numbers.

### New Business

7:43 Felicity: Winter Congregational Meeting, January 31<sup>st</sup> after second service. Suggests Green Faith become a Ministry.

### Miscellaneous Business

7:44 Dave Smith: Lisa Montgomery execution, as well as two other scheduled Federal executions this week. Suggests we contact the acting Attorney General, Jeffrey Rosen. This should wait because there's a pandemic, and the Biden Administration wants to halt executions.

Steve Goetz: we hosted a Concern America virtual artisan fair, \$170 worth of sales.

Brian Peary-Schofield: trying to do a virtual Game Night. Easy words games with a few people; would like it to grow into a regular monthly occurrence if there is interest. A “creative cocktail recipe” is included. Email him with interest. Felicity suggested playing Scattergories, and Brian suggested “Blank Slate”. Cindy offered to communicate the events if you send her an email with specific information that you’d like her to announce on Facebook or our website. Cindy points out that ‘we are open and affirming”, so we should be involving everyone. Felicity suggested adding the verbiage “to be advertised” in the Ministry Reports so that Cindy could work it into her communications. Cindy asks that we observe the ‘who, what, when, where, why, how” rule to be thorough.

### Announcements

7:51 Felicity: Newport Mesa Irvine Interfaith Counsel virtual Resource Fair January 20<sup>th</sup>, 12:00pm. Resources for un-housed, hunger, and mental health issues. Felicity will follow up with an email to the Ministries Board with more information. Great group for Mission and Service to support.  
Pastor Steve: James Lawson, former colleague of Dr. Martin Luther King, featured speaker at an MLK commemoration event Monday January 18, 11:00-12:30pm. Felicity shares that Diversity and Inclusion has been attending regular monthly online sessions with James Lawson; need to register in advance.

### Adjournment

7:57 Motion: Dave Smith  
Second: Brian Peary-Schofield  
All in favor: Unanimous