

## GUCCI Meeting Notes – June 17, 2021

The meeting began with Claire Bamberg discussing the recent grant of \$15,000 that was awarded from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving to four different initiatives from South and First Churches. The faith-based grant program from HFPG is a new grant opportunity to support faith organizations assisting residents who have been disproportionately affected by COVID-19, addressing needs of congregants and the broader community impacted by racial/ethnic, geographic, economic disparities, or advancing community engagement focused on social and racial justice. The initiatives are Waste Not Want Not, the Grab 'n Go program offered by First Church, the Granby Racial Reconciliation group, and the GUCCI coaches who are assisting the Program Working Group. GUCCI needs to identify a start date, which will put in motion disbursement of the grant monies, and accountability. GUCCI proposes July 15 and Claire will work to draft a cover letter and budget that First and South Churches can send to HFPG. The grant itself needed is a fiscal agent. Jill Ford, as Treasurer at First Church, offered to have First Church act as the fiscal agent, keeping track of how the grant dollars are spent. The GUCCI group agreed, with gratitude.

Discussion then turned to working groups, and the coaches working with those groups. Claire B meets with coaches monthly to check in. For every working group, the goal is to build a team and aim for consensus. All working groups have been meeting together to begin the work that they are each charged to do.

GUCCI's next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 7 at 7pm via Zoom.