

GUCCI Meeting Notes April 15, 2021

- Sue Miltenberger, First Church Administrator and Linda Calder, South Church Administrator joined the meeting to meet GUCCI members.
- Discussed and reviewed shared experiences from the April 11 union worship via zoom. Wondered how we can get more and different people to participate and engage in our ongoing discussions and relationship building. SUGGESTION – imbed personal video clips in our weekly digital newsletters. IDEA – have both churches identify “non zoomers” and organize an in-person, safely spaced tea/luncheon. Getting To Know Us working group will work with clergy and church admins. to identify and organize an event where both pastors will be present.
- Update on work groups – almost fully populated.
- Communication – notify working group members of the importance of them attending the April 25 zoom service since this is the beginning of the group work to be accomplished.
- Union Service on April 25 will include commissioning of working group members. After opening worship, working groups will break out into their own zoom rooms. The purpose of these initial gatherings will be to get to know the folks that will be working together in the coming months. Friends not in working groups will join Pastor Todd and Pastor Denny in their zoom room.
- Working group charges still need to be fine-tuned. GUCCI will work on this at the next meeting (4/28).
- Update on Grant – Claire B has had encouraging conversations with the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. They have a hard grant application deadline of midnight on April 19. There is a subset of the GUCCI team that is working to complete an application on time. There will be lots of activity over the weekend – everyone needs to keep an eye on their email and respond promptly.
- Coaches for Working Groups – Claire has identified 8 coaches that are willing to work with our process; we only need 6. She will hand pick coaches based on the working group charge and the working group size.
- Discussion of future union services after 4/25: there is an agreement that the months of July and August will be entirely union services, with each church taking one of the two months. Denny and Todd, along with Deacons, will discuss any union service plans for May or June.
- Next GUCCI meeting – Wednesday, April 28, 7pm via zoom.