

Green Initiative Education Committee
July 8, 2009 Meeting
Presentation Center

Members Present: Sr. Pat Marie, Susan Olsen, Lauren Matusich, Joy Aspenall, Sr. Rosemary McKean, Sr. Rosemary Campi, Sr. Jackie Graham, Jim Balquist
Absent: Joanne Artis

1) Minutes of June 15, 2009 meeting approved

2) Steering Committee Meeting Review

A} Survey Update

- Susan and Lauren updated the committee on the status of the survey. In brief...
- Survey is online, thanks to Penny Warne, and will be distributed this week to pastors and parish social justice liaisons. Lauren will receive data to her email account.

B} Bag Update

- Susan updated committee on status of bags, most specifically what the education committee's role is in this regard. We are to work on a "packet" for pastors for the kickoff of the bags, hence the Initiative. Packet would include bulletin articles etc. This needs to be our primary focus at this time.

3) General Discussion in response to above – ways to "get the word out"

- Tap into parish festivals for PR
- Communication with school principals at opening of school
- Legislative web sites offer opportunities to write letters with ease
- At the turn of the last (20th) century, the concern of the Church regarding social justice was the needs of the poor. This century, the social justice shift is toward the environment
- We need to develop an annotated bibliography for people that is categorized by theme (prayer & spirituality, practical application – tips for daily living, information, engaging reading, etc)
- Poverty & Environmental Injustice are intimately linked
- Pope Benedict has just released an encyclical, "Caritas in Veritate" on human development
- We need to remain positive and offer people hope

4) Putting together a packet for pastors – articles for bulletins

- Susan distributed a draft of an article she wrote
- Perhaps the first article should be a full page insert with the bishop's letter on one side
- Can we target October 4th, St. Francis Day?
- First article needs to introduce the Green Initiative (Bishop's letter)

PLAN / TIMELINE

August 30th: Article 1 - Bishop's letter preceded and followed by brief education committee statement about the following weeks articles

September 6th: Article 2 Prayer

September 13th: Article 3 Learn

September 20th: Article 4 Assess

September 27th: Article 5: Action

October 4th: Article 6: Advocacy (Commitment / St. Francis Pledge)

TO DO LIST:

Susan will email her draft for our editing / suggestions

Lauren will collate survey as results come in

All members will contribute bibliography resources to Sr. Rosemary Campi

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, August 4th 1:00 PM at St Martin of Tours