

OUTREACH

74 -- find out what is needed for the disadvantaged in Oceanside - where are the gaps? Who in Knox has what expertise? What is our mission? "Have each one teach one". Review and evaluate who in Oceanside is doing what; how do and can Knox folks fit in, who does what in Oceanside, how does Knox fit? Brainstorm with Kinsmen, Rotary etc. Partner with other organizations - eg Salvation Army. Increase Knox involvement in other's programs

20 -- don't let Moorcroft go

13 -- Minister's discretionary fund -- other than groceries, 2-4 people to take this on; should complement rather than duplicate services

8 -- don't reinvent the outreach wheel

6 -- pursue homelessness

5 -- Ballenas needs a lunch facility - open to students

5 -- community kitchen group - spin off if a group already exists

5 -- evaluate what we are doing -- is it working?

4 -- share our successes and our skills

4 -- Martin Brokenleg and other similar inspirations -- who are we and why are we doing outreach

4 -- review past programs at Knox

4 -- increase awareness of Naramata

4 -- send people to Naramata on programs - dinner to raise funds for Naramata

4 -- continue Healing Touch

3 -- Christmas cards to targeted families -- meal money available

3 -- take successful programs (eg music, Rainbows) to Vancouver Island congregations

3 -- address cost to church of hosts etc. for use of church

3 -- lack of awareness of Knox's involvement in our community

3 -- learn about other churches

3 -- continue Lenten Lectures

2 -- Knox card with Welcome Wagon to newcomers

2 -- do music at Moorcroft

2 -- garden on property

2 -- advocate for Moorcroft ecumenically

2 -- do the following for seniors and shut ins: scribing, visiting, companionship, capture life stories

2 -- continue Food Bank

1 -- Observer subscription to new members

- 1 -- donation to choir for memorials be given to special projects
- 1 -- family ministry: what do we mean?
- 1 -- where do M and S monies go?
- 1 -- educate us regarding going overseas; what is policy re United Church missions
- 1 -- advocate for housing ecumenically
 - +0 --homeless committee started, then disbanded
 - +0 -- address homelessness
- 1 -- continue Rainbows
- 1 -- continue Fall Fair

- 0 -- need more committee members
- 0 -- Literacy Now -- who is doing what; should Knox become involved?
- 0 -- outreach announcements are dominating -- have another vehicle of communication
- 0 -- don't spread ourselves too thin
- 0 -- do Knox members know where they can be involved in community
- 0 -- our church was built as a place for community to meet
- 0 -- strategies to attract multicultural folk
- 0 -- how do we share Knox's gifts with the wider church
- 0 -- designate a person to go on Lutheran Mercy Ship up and down the coast
- 0 -- our Outreach should be theological and intentional
- 0 -- 10% of Fall Fair money to a specific project -- and communicate this
- 0 -- secret pals between seniors and young people
- 0 -- continue Care Home services
- 0 -- continue Grief Group
- 0 -- continue Yikes
- 0 -- have an evaluation process for discretionary fund
- 0 -- establish an advocacy program for people requiring a helping hand
- 0 -- partner with Pass Woodwinds School for help with church functions - students get credits
- 0 -- lack of response to outreach focus groups
- 0 -- lack of help and interest at coffee hour etc.

LEADER'S SUMMARIES:

OUTREACH SUMMARY GROUP#1 --

1. FOCUS ON OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY FOR OUTREACH (EVALUATION AND REVIEW)
2. NEED FOR AWARENESS, EDUCATION RE LOCAL NEEDS AND PROGRAMS THAT MIGHT BE MATCHED WITH OUR SKILLS, EXPERTISE AND DESIRES
3. SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS FOR ACTION INCLUDE:
 - Evaluation of existing programs, social services and gaps
 - Lenten Lecture series
 - Ecumenical committee
 - Community kitchen
 - lunch program for students or provision of space
 - youth programming
 - child care for mom relief

- targeting young families, single parents
- family gardens on our property
- 4. MORE EMPHASIS ON PURPOSEFUL OUTREACH AS THE REAL PRIMARY MISSION OF CHRISTIAN CHURCH
- 5. MOORCROFT NAMED AS LOCALE FOR PROGRAMS AND HOUSING
- 6. TAKE MUSIC PROGRAMS AND OTHER AREAS OF EXPERTISE TO OTHER V.I. CHURCHES TO SHARE
- 7. CHANGE DISCRETIONARY FUND PROCESS
- 8. HAVE OUTREACH FUNDED IN A LINE ITEM IN THE CHURCH BUDGET

OUTREACH SUMMARY GROUP#2-

1. SAME EMPHASIS ON LOCAL NEEDS -- OCEANSIDE COMMUNITY IN PARTICULAR
2. OUTREACH IS CONNECTED TO NEEDY, HOMELESS, YOUTH MOST OFTEN
3. DISCUSSION IDENTIFIES NEED FOR MORE INFO/EDUCATION WITH REGARD TO WHAT IS AVAILABLE IN TERMS OF SERVICES IN COMMUNITY AND WHERE ARE THE GAPS THAT KNOX PEOPLE, INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY COULD ADDRESS
4. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PROGRAMS ALREADY THAT NOT EVERYONE IS AWARE OF AS OUTREACH (RAINBOWS, ELDER SERVICES, HEALING TOUCH, BUILDING USE ETC.)
5. OUTREACH FOCUS GROUPS TRIED BUT RESPONSE WAS POOR -- DO WE NEED TO REVISIT?
6. THE NEED IS APPARENT BUT NOT REALLY CLEAR
7. HOW DO WE ENCOURAGE COMMITMENT?
8. HOW CAN WE THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX?
9. CAN WE PIGGY BACK ON EXISTING PROGRAMS OR WITH OTHER CHURCH'S EFFORTS?