



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

## BOARD OF SPIRITUAL FORMATION

### Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Attendance:

Yes	No		Yes	No	
■		David Astin (2020)		■	Paula Northwood, <i>Staff Liaison</i>
	■	Josh Scharback (2019)	■		Seth Patterson, <i>Staff Liaison</i>
■		Becky Dougherty(2020)	■		Jan Rabbers (2018)
	■	Becky Dunn (2018)			
■		Greta Hallberg (2018)	■		Ging Wiandt (2018), <i>Chair</i>
■		John Humphrey (2019)			

GUESTS: None

### ***Actions Taken:***

Item 1. Minutes of the previous meeting electronically approved.

Item 2. John Humphrey moved and Jan Rabbers seconded a motion that the Board of Spiritual Formation would sponsor a Progressive Muslim group meeting starting May 19 and running every Saturday through the end of Ramadan. The motion was approved

Item 3. Becky Dougherty moved and John Humphrey seconded a motion that the Board of Spiritual Formation support, in cooperation with the Board of Worship, an action to change the Sunday morning worship schedule as noted in prior Board minutes. The schedule change would occur starting in Fall of 1018 or Fall of 2019, which would be determined at the Board of Worship meeting on May 10, 2018. The motion was approved.

John Humphrey offered opening and closing readings

### ***Additional Agenda Discussions***

#### **Plymouth Congregational Church 160<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party**

Plans are well underway for the May 19 & 20 event, hosted by the Board of Community Life. Events include at dance in Guild Hall on Saturday night. Cost of admission is to bring a dish of appetizers for 6, or a dessert. On Sunday, Greta will preach, along with Ellie Faeth. After service, there will be a birthday party and Silent Auction.

#### **Reminders**

- Youth Sunday is May 20. Let's show up in support.
- Annual Meeting, June 17
- Plymouth will host Families Moving Forward, May 12 – 20. Five hosts are needed.
- Board of Spiritual Formation is responsible for providing cookies after worship on May 13.

#### **Minutes Procedure**

Minute-taker submits draft to group within 10 days of meeting; members have 7 days to submit revisions (no response is treated as approval).

If any revisions, minute-taker forwards revised draft to group within 3 days for electronic approval; members have 2 days to respond (no response is treated as approval).

Minute-taker submits approved minutes in Microsoft Word format to the Ministry Assistant for Programs (Doug Freeman, dougf@plymouth.org) upon approval.

- Annual Reports are due June 1

### **Ambassador Stories**

The Board of Community Life is encouraging each Board and Committee member to help Plymouth “flex our welcoming muscles” by seeking out new attendees at church and talking to them. Then share the experience at meetings.

### **Committee Liaisons Reports**

- (see written reports submitted along with agenda).
- Spiritual Exploration is close to completing its planning for the Fall semester.
- The Christmas Festival is looking to invite more participation from the congregation about ideas for the craft festival.

### **Board Nominations**

Names that will be submitted for approval for serving on the Board of Spiritual Formation starting in the Fall of 2018 are Corbin Dillon, Henry Bubula, Johanna Schussler, Lindsey Alexander and Stacy Yoakiem

### **2018-2019 Priorities**

The Board discussed a new format for priorities. An early draft looks like this:

Contribute to the growth of the church by providing programs and activities that:

- Retain families
- Build relationships and community
- Provide intergenerational experiences
- Inspire youth and young adults with purpose
- Support spiritual development for pilgrims of all ages
- Provide retreats and guests that inspire

### **Next Meeting**

June 13, 2018

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*Respectfully submitted,  
Jan Rabbers, Secretary*