

## Green Team Minutes 11.13.18

In attendance: Betty Fredeen, Rich Detering, Linda Detering, Jean Harris, Geri Martinson, Laura Baumgartner

We started with prayer and dinner at 5:30.

1. We discussed the election and how people were feeling about failing to pass Initiative 1631. We discussed that the Christian faith never stops with despair or the feeling of failure. We know there is hope on the other side.
2. We talked about the kitchen and several questions that have come up around kitchen use. Our decisions about those questions will be shared with Core Leaders next week and if CLT goes along with it, we'll put them in the bulletin. Our hope is to reduce waste, reduce consumption of plastic, reduce costs, and limit extra work for volunteers.
  - a. We hope to reduce the number of waste bins in Friendship Hall. If we could have just one trash, one recycle, and one compost in that room, with appropriate bags and signage, we believe that people would sort more carefully rather than just use whatever bin is closest to them.
  - b. We hope to discontinue serving juice at coffee hour on Sundays. We hope to also discontinue the use of disposable juice cups at coffee hour on Sundays.
  - c. If water is served on Sunday mornings, we hope to have it served in reusable cups that can be washed. If the Sunday morning volunteers do not have time to put the water cups through the dishwasher, they may leave them in the sink and we'll get them done during the week.
  - d. For special events where the planners desire to use disposable plastic or wax cups, we will ask them to take any left-overs with them when they are done so they are not left in the kitchen.
3. We talked about Children's Times in November and December. Jean offered to help with the November one. None of us plan to be in worship on December 30 so Laura will talk to Vince about an idea for that Sunday that he might be able to do. If that doesn't work, we can advocate for swapping our Sunday in December. Ideas for upcoming Children's times include:
  - a. Elwha dam removal
  - b. Removal of culverts and other stream restoration for salmon habitat
  - c. Bridges for wildlife over I-90
  - d. Drain marking in our neighborhood
4. We talked about the possibility of anyone from Aldersgate going to the Earth Ministry Brunch Bingo fundraiser on March 3 at St. Mark's Cathedral in Seattle. Several Green Team members are interested in going and possibly having an Aldersgate table. Laura will get a poster to hang on our bulletin board. Announcements in worship as we get closer will include an invitation from Green Team.
5. Mission Sunday will be on 3/24. We didn't do much with planning for that. Geri did say she could do lunch again if she's in town and she'll check her calendar.
6. Laura reported on a conversation that she had with people from the Library about Earth Day. They are not interested in our Mission Sunday but might be interested in partnering on an Earth Day event. We looked at the calendar and determined that Earth Day weekend is Easter weekend and wondered if the Egg Hunt might be a possible beginning to an Earth Day event.

Laura will talk to Jen about whether Green Team can help with some stations, crafts, games, or other Earth Day stuff during the Egg Hunt, and whether Jen is open to also partnering with the library. We thought maybe the library would want to have a story corner with books about Easter and/or Earth Day, or maybe some other possible book-related concurrent way to make use of the adjacent campuses and the community outreach that is already happening.

7. We set our next meeting for January 8 at 5:30.