

Church and Society  
Meeting Minutes  
August 20, 2006

Present: Penny Burns, Doug Farling, Mark Hobzek, Kendall Lancaster, Dave Lienert, Karen Oehl, Elinor Rowan, Becky Schultz,

Kendall welcomed new members (Mark Hobzek, Dave Lienert, Elinor Rowan) and explained the committee's purpose and mission. Suggested resources for reading include Church and Society Guidelines booklet (distributed), and the Methodist Book of Resolutions and Book of Discipline. The latter two resources are in Pastor Oehl's library.

Programs previously supported by this committee at varying levels were reviewed and actions for several members were identified:

Lend-A-Hand: Kendall distributed literature on this program. Penny will contact this organization to see what BUMC can do to support them.

Cleveland Food Bank (CFB) – (on east 150<sup>th</sup>): Doug Farling will contact them to see how the church can help them.

Crop Walk: this effort has been supported outside this committee for the past 2 years. Karen will talk with Lisa Drew regarding how the church supports this effort. Karen will also determine who is supporting the effort this year. Kendall thinks there should have been a meeting for all community churches in July. Did we send anyone?

Brookside Center - (Archwood and West 25<sup>th</sup>): Mark Vincent makes weekly trips here. Elinor will contact them to see how BUMC can continue and grow our support. Elinor says they take food, clothing, and are always looking for tutors.

Penny has agreed to do publicity for any effort this committee takes on this year.

Kendall said he would like this committee to consider submitting regular articles to the Good Word addressing current issues at the local, national or global level. He suggested members take turns doing this. No specifics were defined at this point.

Becky will follow up with the Cleveland Council on World Affairs (CCWA) to let them know we are no longer interested in partnering with them to sponsor a speaker to address the U.S. dependency on oil. Cost of bringing the speaker in and charging admission resulted in the committee making this decision. We will promote the CCWA speaker series by publishing information in the Good Word.

As an alternative to partnering with the CCWA to bring in a speaker to address the US dependency on oil, Penny suggested that Bruce McCrodden, a church member who worked at BP for many years, may be a good resource. Bruce probably has a large network of contacts in this industry. Kendall will talk with Bruce to see what suggestions Bruce may have for a speaker on this topic.

Other resources/programs this committee may want to investigate and/or promote in the Good Word was the Baldwin Wallace College's speaker series and Western Reserve College's speaker series,

A suggestion was made that when we promote various speaker series in the Good Word, we should also include an invitation to carpool to the event with fellow parishioners.

This committee should also consider what information we would like Don Krolkowski to include on the BUMC website.

The next meeting will be Sunday, September 10, between services (to begin as soon as the first service is over). The committee will review all information gathered as per action items above and determine a specific course of action for the next few months.