

Council on Ministries, Brecksville United Methodist Church  
August 10, 2010

In attendance: Lynn Spencer, Karen Oehl, Kathy Goebel, Janet Kleckner, Lisa Drew, Joy Fenton, Karen Schroedel, Lynn Hobzek

Lynn Spencer, Lay Leader and Chair of COM, opened us with devotions from the *Upper Room* based on Colossians 4:6. We should pay attention to the way we speak to others.

### **Ground Rules and Guidelines for COM:**

We will meet on the second Tuesday of each month when Administrative Board is not meeting, from 7-8 pm. This time was set to allow information discussed in COM to be shared immediately at committee meetings, and to help keep us on schedule.

A reminder will be sent out before the meeting electronically. At that time, committees are encouraged to send in a brief committee report to the secretary, who will compile them before the meeting and perhaps send them out or have them ready by the meeting. This can be done by the committee chair or secretary. Items to include would be business that it would be helpful for all to know.

Minutes will be received from all committee through [minutes@brecksvilleumc.com](mailto:minutes@brecksvilleumc.com).

The Council on Ministries looks at the big picture and how we can be working together to fulfill the mission of *Living in Christ, Serving in Love*.

There will be a COM secretary—ideas for filling this position were shared.

### **New Business**

Pastor Karen asked for input on the Annual Local Church Profile used by the district, bishop, and cabinet for appointments and information about the ministries of a church. The SPRC is responsible for filing this report, but COM is a logical group to help with ideas and information. Karen will take suggestions to SPRC next week.

Lisa Drew shared a new Youth Board ministry description. The Youth Board is returning after a year's hiatus with a new emphasis on hands-on involvement. The only addition after discussion was to include monitoring of the Child Protection Policy under administrative duties of the Youth Board. A Goebel/Schroedel motion to approve this as the working description of the Youth Board passed. John Dietrich is the new chair of this board.

### **Old Business**

As of early June we had more than half of the 2,010 hours of service that we challenged the congregation to complete this year. With YSP (which included several youth and adult first-timers) we will go over the goal. Discussed ways to draw attention, and especially start to tell stories associated with service. Could maybe get Kay Mendlik or Emily Hastings to create a Project 2010 story collection. It would be good to have a celebration at the end of the year, December or January. Potluck? Pictures and stories.

Next meeting: September 14, 7:00 pm  
Respectfully submitted, Karen Oehl