

Ministry Coordinator Council Report May 2015

1. The women's day-retreat held at the Hempel home was attended by 14 women. It was a great day of fellowship. I am grateful for Judi and her partnership in planning and presenting the material and hosting the event! Currently, I plan to offer another gathering in the fall.
2. Plans are underway for ArtNite 2015. The work of Austin Bowles, Victor Xiu and one or two additional local artists' work will be highlighted in addition to the Art of Life students.
3. A team of people is being assembled to assist with a new pictorial directory. Although dates have not been identified for pictures, they will be in the fall sometime.
4. In spite of illness and being confined to home, Karen Harris, has been visioning and planning upcoming outreach. However, the compilation of the conversations from the Leader's Retreat with Rev. John Schaumburg was delayed. I will distribute the information we currently have assembled at the council meeting.
5. In addition to Ray Betts and Michael Rickert, Amanda Rivera will also attend the catechumenate gathering/training July 28—Aug 1 in Baltimore. Amanda and Michael look forward to participating in the FaithWalk ministry.
6. I have begun discussions with current team leaders to determine their plans for the coming year. Leaders have also been reminded to prepare annual ministry reports for the congregational meeting.
7. The final meeting for FaithWalk #6 was this past Sunday. I am in the process of meeting with the "new disciples" as final preparation for the Rite of Affirmation of Vocation on May 31 at 9 and 11:30am. FaithWalk 6 will celebrate our time together with a party on May 31 at 1pm. I am very grateful for Janice Demaree and Amy Trunoske (and Karen Harris on a medical hiatus) for serving as catechists and for all those who served as Faith Partners. Janice and Karen were also helpful in planning and presenting material.
8. W-ELCA is sponsoring a "Diapering Detroit" service project for the Detroit Youth Gathering. **ACTION item:** Amy Trunoske, team leader for Youth and Family, is requesting funds for the 1st Sunday offerings for June, or July, be considered for "Diapering Detroit".
9. The Wednesday Bible study will be on break for the summer. We will gather a few times for social events. Adult Sunday School study groups and Tuesday morning groups will also be on break for the summer.