

Advocates for Justice
Minutes, Feb. 20, 2018

Members present: Helen Goody, Sharon Stonecipher, Steve Goodier, Larry and Kay Jones.

Kay shared a cartoon from Judy Stout suggesting that we all plant flowers.

We asked if some of the Easter offering be designated to go to ISAAC (ISnterfaith Sanctuary and Accompaniment Coalition) to help families with bridge funds in times of sudden immigration crisis. These families experience extreme and immediate financial crisis after a detention or deportation, with complete loss of income from one head of household, often the sole income earner for the family. (FYI, per One Colorado, over 40,000 Dreamers are LBGTQ). Steve said the Missions Commission decides the disposition of offerings and had already done it for Easter. We sill suggest this as a possibility for the Christmas offering.

We discussed how to identify the local LBGTQ community: where they gather; can we help with any events they offer to the community?; are there other ways we can intermingle or be of service.

PFLAG meets the 2nd. Monday of the month at Plymouth Community Church in Ft. Collins, with a program at 7.

Helen asked if we could meet with other churches to see what they've done and if we could work together. She also said Vestas has a large LBGTQ community employed there.

Steve reported that the Way Forward reported that there will probably be a language change in the Discipline. He also reported that he hopes the Welcoming committee will complete their work in 3 or 4 meetings.

The meeting closed with a prayer by Steve.

Kay Jones