

KOG Social Justice Committee Minutes
April 29, 2025

Present: Gabrielle Applequist, Gretchen Bingea, Lisa Kenyon, Nancy Seid

1. Evaluation of RIC Bias and Welcome Training: Four sessions were held on 3/4, 3/16, 3/23, 3/26, two in person and two over Zoom. There was good discussion and learning and we felt like future trainings would be valuable for the congregation.
2. Earth Day Walkabout. This was to be held after worship on 4/27 but no one participated. Handouts were made on contacting our representatives about Public Lands in Public Hands along with everyday Earth Day suggestions and these were left on table in narthex.
3. LEAP Housing event will take place at KOG on May 8th from 6-8pm. This is an interfaith gathering for learning, fellowship and action on faith communities funding housing solutions.
4. Offering of Letters. We discussed the possibility of holding this Bread for the World action on June 1st. Gretchen will attend a BFW online update on May 13th. Nancy will investigate what's happening locally in terms of cuts being made to the Idaho Foodbank. We will continue to discuss how we want to invite congregational participation at our next meeting. We will also then contact the Social Ministry committee about possibly partnering with us.
5. Brave Angels. Gabrielle is going to participate in some of these events as we look towards holding conversations at KOG for people to listen and talk with each other from differing perspectives. This might be a possibility before Pride weekend next fall.
6. Nancy brought up the idea of carpooling to local rallies to protect democracy and the rights of citizens, particularly the most vulnerable. The idea would be to invite people to meet at a certain time and make signs or just show up to attend the rally. (Update of future rallies: it was announced at the May Day rally at City Hall on May 1st that the next event will be in June). Lisa is going to talk with Council to get their blessing for our organizing in this way.
7. Nancy volunteered to staff a table at Boise Library on June 28th to promote community groups welcoming to LGBTQIA community.
8. Next meeting: Monday May 19th at 2:00pm over Zoom