

Summary Social Justice / RIC zoom meeting August 26, 2026, 4pm

Present: Becky Newberry, Gabrielle Applequist, Lisa Kenyon, Doneta Stephensen, Nick Tinker
No AI recording this time.

Review of last activities

Hosting the Coffee Hour, August 9th: well organized, enough food (thanks Lisa and Gabrielle), Pride Parade tables' decorations (thanks Lisa and Becky) + flyers on Ellie Krug's workshop (thanks Becky). The new banner was also on display (thanks Nick).

Ellie Krug workshop, August 13 from 6 to 9 pm.

About 20 participants from King of Glory and other faith communities. Ellie organized different activities with the attendees and asked for volunteers to illustrate her message. The topic was inclusion and how to become more inclusive as an individual and faith community. We don't know the other person unless we take a risk to approach and talk/listen to him/her/them.

Before the workshop, a photo of the Social Justice group with Ellie was taken in the Fellowship Hall in front of the new banner. We were wearing our Thrivent tee-shirt, a way to be recognized as the organizing group. There was also a table set with snacks and water.

After the workshop many people lined up to buy her books. Nick volunteered to help Ellie sell her books after her workshop at the Wassmuth Center the following day. He said she sold the most part of the books she brought.

Thanks Lisa and Mary for the new laminated bathroom inclusive signs. Let's see what the response will be.

The Shoshone Bannock Powwow in Pocatello from August 6 to August 9. The event continued to be posted in the newsletters, bulletins, and weekly emails. No idea if anybody from King of Glory attended.

Planning to organize a field trip next year to the Powwow. Planning also to invite representatives from the tribes we studied, and are praying for, next year for worship and Sunday school.

Planning

A camera for the RIC metal banner in front of the church. This was now the 4th attempt to damage our welcome sign, and there is a chance it will happen again as we don't know the perpetrator (s), and we cannot depend on our neighbors' eyes and cameras to do the job. Gabrielle will contact her friend Jerry Sturgill who may have an idea about the cost of installing a camera and where to put it. There won't need to have anybody in the office to monitor it, but the recording would greatly help the police if our sign is again vandalized.

Boise Pride Parade, Sunday September 20th, starting at 10am at the Ann Morrison Park. With our own banner we will walk with other faith communities behind the Interfaith Justice Idaho's banner, just in front the Luther Heights' banner. Luther Heights will also have a booth. More details from Debbie Mallis to come and be announced. No Pride Parade in Nampa this year, but a group from Nampa will participate in the Boise Pride Parade and they will also have a booth. A \$50.00 check request was made by Gabrielle to help the Interfaith Justice Idaho for its registration to the parade.

Interfaith Sack Lunch, Monday September 21st, will be hosted by King of Glory, from noon to 1pm. Debbie Mallis already sent the invitation to the Interfaith communities. No RSVP needed so we won't know exactly how many people will participate. It will take place as usual in the Fellowship Hall. We just need to have the coffee ready (Doneta suggested using the coffee pot which is in the Bethlehem room as it is new; last year no coffee pots were working!). Also some juice and water + cookies. Gabrielle will bring crackers, cheese, and grapes. Attendees are encouraged to bring a sack lunch. There will be a greeter at the North entrance door.

Pastor Hergert will take care of the adult Sunday school on September 13 and 27th. The topic will be "A new Pastoral Letter from ReconcilingWorks on the ongoing work of the ELCA Task Force and revisions to the Human Sexuality Social Statement". It's available on the ReconcilingWorks website.

CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday October 11, at 1pm. Doneta is organizing it and will publicize it. Those we don't want to walk will be able to donate online.

Irma Hayman House guided tour. Doneta will check with her Bible study group if Monday October 26 from 10 to 11 am is OK for a field trip. Once the day/time are decided there will be a sign-up sheet at King of Gory.

James Lavadour, Land of Origin exhibition at the Boise Art Museum, from September 2026 to February 2027. Gabrielle sent an article to the office to advertise for this beautiful exhibition, hoping a field trip may be organized at King of Glory. Lavadour is an American Indian artist, painting the landscapes he observed during his trips, specifically the land of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation outside Pendleton, Oregon.

ELCA Domestic Hunger Grant. Nick reported that in October a decision will be made. Possible donation of a grant of \$ 10,000 spread on 3 years for the Boise Interfaith Shelter.

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 14TH ON ZOOM AT 4PM