

**CT Conference Environmental Ministry Team
Minutes of the Tuesday, May 4th Meeting at 5:00pm**

Present: Lois Happe, Patsy Bjoring, Martha Nilsen, Steve Gilson, George Stone

Opening prayer – led by Lois Happe

CT Conference

1. CT Conference Board approved continuation of the EMT for another year
2. Changes at CT Conference – Lois reported that she will retire on June 30th. Lois also introduced Patsy Bjoring, who will be our CT Conference liaison to the EMT after Lois's retirement.

May CT Conference (May 9) – our preparations

1. We have been allotted 5 minutes to present Green Church awards. The first round of recipients are:

Level One - First Church of Christ in Mansfield
 - Asylum Hill Congregational Church
 - First Church of Christ of Windham Church
 - The United Church of Christ in Cornwall

Level Two - Mansfield Church
 - Asylum Hill Church

We will also use our five minutes to promote the Green Church Initiative, Green teams and the June 7 Spring Glen workshop

2. We reviewed the design for the certificates prepared by Steve
3. Martha prepared a display board to promote Green Churches on May 9th
 - a. We agreed on sign up sheets for the display table
 - b. We will hand out flyers for the June 7 Spring Glen Workshop
 - c. If you can volunteer a few hours to man to table, it would be appreciated (call George – 860-521-0554)
4. UCC national would like pictures and stories of the award recipients

Green Church Workshops

1. Schedule – to date
 - a. June 7th – Spring Glen Church in Hamden – 3pm to 5pm
 - b. Oct 10th – Mansfield Church – tentative date
2. Assignments for June 7th workshop
 - a. Ian provided call sheets – to encourage attendance –
 - b. Volunteers needed – call or email Ian Skoggard
 - c. Publicity – we need to have a flyer ready to go with the conference packet to churches via mid-May email; notice on web calendar

Synod report: Two CT delegates will be prepared in the event that our resolution is mentioned.

New business:

- Future steps for the EMT – Lois asked all of us on the EMT to consider what steps we might take to further the mission of our ministry. Please think on this, circulate your thoughts and bring proposals to the next EMT meeting (June 8).
- In light of likely expanding our steps, the EMT would like to add several people as active participants on the Team. We seek all who are interested, and would especially like to broaden our Team to include people of diverse backgrounds. Join us at the June 8th meeting; you may also contact:

Katherine Freygang: kfreygang@aol.com
George Stone: george@stone-stonect.com

Closing prayer – led by Lois Happe

Next meeting date: June 8, at 5m at the CT Conference Center; 125 Sherman Street