

CT Conference UCC Environmental Ministries Team Minutes of March 9, 2010 Meeting, 5-6:30 PM

Attendees: Patsy Bjorling, Steve Gilson, Katie Freygang, Ian Skoggard

Prayers: Opening- Ian, Closing- Katie.

Agenda Points:

1. **EMT re-Application** to the CT Conference was unanimously approved.

2. **May 22 New England Conference of EMTs:**

Patsy is now able to work on this. Ian, Patsy and Steve can attend on May 22, 10:30-2:30. Jim Antell (MA) is taking the lead and will include conference reviews and then cooperative goals and plans. Also there will be a review of grant funding sources. Patsy will write something for Contact to invite new members to this exciting initiative. Ian will write the UCC CT EMT report for the presentation.

3. **May 8 Annual Meeting Preparation:**

Can George present the certificates?

New Certificates might go to Spring Glen (Level 1?) Immanuel ICC-UCC (levels 1 and 2?), Ridgefield ?

Patsy will also put a request for nominations for certificates in Contact.

As an invitation for participation, Steve will develop a blank certificate (Your Church Here) with all the steps for mailing.

Within this committee we decided to develop a challenge to engage more churches in our program of Action Steps. We would start with an entry position, those who have accepted the challenge, to display at the conference. Katie will do a poster that shows the status of all CT churches and will re-circulate the bookmark for review to hand out.

4. **Regional Workshops** will be postponed until after May including a SW and NW venues (Fairfield and Litchfield Counties).

5. **Earth Hour is March 27.** Ian will make a website announcement.

6. **CT Home Energy Solutions Program:** Katie distributed information about incentives, programs and rebates for CT.

7. **New Members:**

Ian suggested we use personal contacts. We also decided to try revolving the meeting around the state to get new members with every other meeting held at the conference and alternating with somewhere else.

8. **April 22, Earth Day:** Ian is assembling an Earth Day packet of liturgy etc. for the website

Next Meetings: April 13 Portland (Patsy), May 11 Hartford, June 8 Torrington (Katie), July 13 Hartford. (Others could be Manchester, Woodbury, Newtown, Branford, Wallingford, New Haven.)

