

Cooperative Christian Ministry

Newsletter - Spring 2017

Dear Friends in Christ,

As the school year winds down, things are really starting to move forward in our ministry. Our monthly free dinners for the university community, provided by local congregations, attract more and more people each month. The number of students who asked to be on our contact list keeps growing. We are part of an “official” university group exploring food insecurity on campus. I have made many inroads into the university community through my presence at various campus venues.

Our Board developed vision and mission statements, which are:

Vision: Exploring Higher Meaning in Higher Education at UVM

Mission: To create a community that:

Engages the mind
Nurtures the spirit
Inspires service
Advances justice
Cares for creation



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Planning has begun in earnest for the 2017-18 school year.

We hope to launch a series called “Food for Thought,” which invites noted speakers to address important issues of social concern, science, and medical technology from a spiritual and religious perspective. Rev. Arnold Thomas of our Core Team is heading up the planning. The event is intended to be for the whole community, not just UVM. As such, Rev. Thomas is seeking to put together a planning team comprised of people from both the university and the Burlington area.

Another program is all set to go. The Interfaith Center, Hillel, Department of Religion, and we are co-sponsoring a film-and-discussion series on religion and public life. We’ll view documentaries and perhaps fictional films that address the topic from a variety of perspectives. We’ll then have some discussion time, which sometimes might include a speaker to supplement the film.

All in all, I think we’ve made a great start this year in rebuilding our ministry at UVM. (That impression was confirmed by the coordinator of a major grant we received from the Episcopal Church, who said she was “very impressed” with what we have accomplished in our first year of rebuilding.) We look forward to continuing the important progress we have made.

In Christ,

Rev. Joe Cotner
Campus Minister



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