

COCI Steering Committee
February 4, 2010

Attending: Jane T, Sid T, Paul W, Chris F, Tim G, Deb H, Margaret M, Darla E and Jan S.

- First Christian Church is down to 1 group on Sunday mornings (11:00 am). They may resume the 2nd group later.
- The St. Catherine group at 5 pm Wednesday no longer meets there. Instead they are at the La Casa Cultural on 28th Street. Usually four people are there.
- The Monday group at Plymouth usually has 4-6 people. There have been some new faces. Now reading *Intimacy with God* and one 25-minute sit.
- The Wednesday noon group at Covenant Christian has had 5-6 people the past couple weeks.
- The Thursday group at St. Paul's generally has 4-8 people.
- The Saturday group at St. Timothy's at 9 am has been having 4-6 people for centering prayer and Lectio Divina.
- The Thursday group at St. Christian in Ames (5:15-5:45) ranges from 1 to 5. The Spiritual Journey series is the 1st and 3rd Tuesday from 7 – 9 pm. Some attend the Taize service at St. Thomas Aquinas.
- The Friday noon group at Central Presbyterian usually has one or two people.
- The Faith Lutheran group on Thursdays at 6:30 generally has four people for Centering Prayer followed by Lectio Divina.
- The St. John's group on Tuesdays at 5:30 generally has 4 to 5, but sometimes as many as 7.
- There was no report about the Pleasant Hill group.

Paul read several of the Theological Principles in random order.

Paul reissued his request for short quotes to be used for the website. Please send these to Paul or Chris.

Tim reported that Jeff Elinn indicated he wants to begin a group in Winterset.

There's an introductory workshop being offered on Saturday, February 20 from 8:30 – 1:00 at Plymouth, UCC. The registration fee of \$35 includes the cost of some book.

There is also a Silent Saturday on Saturday, February 20 from 9 to noon at Faith Lutheran Church in Clive. The focus is Mandalas, Meditation and Centering Prayer.

Upcoming Spiritual Journey Series commitments

March 9	Sid
April 13	Kathy R
May 11	Kathy B (Jan S as alternate)
June 8	Margaret
July 13	Tim

Kathy R is offering "salon days" on April 24 from 9:30 – 11 and May 1 from 9:30 – 11:00 at her house.

United in Prayer Day is Saturday, March 20 at St. Timothy's in West Des Moines. A service team is needed. Paul has ordered the materials for this. Chris, Deb, Tim and Chris are willing to help with this.

Margaret and Jan reported that the Silent Saturday and Labyrinth walk at Collegiate Presbyterian in Ames in November was very well, and more than 20 people attended.

There is an intensive weekend retreat April 9 – 11 at Wesley Woods in Indianola. Paul, Judy, Margaret, Jan, Steve and Stephanie are on the service team for this. Enrollment will be capped at 44. There will be two tracks. One will be more intensive than the other with more silence. There will be an opportunity to do Visio Divina (praying with images) on Saturday afternoon. The cost is \$110. Scholarships are available.

On Saturday, May 15th from 9 – 4, there will be a visioning process with Susan Komis in the basement of Covenant Christian. Jane is chairing a service team for this event. There will be a potluck dinner on Friday night at Jane & Sid's at 6:00 pm. Chris is willing to make a flyer. Deb and Jan offered to help as well, and both Kathys are assumed to be willing to help.

The Tylers have new email addresses ityler219@gmail.com styler925@gmail.com.

Chris and Paul gave a preview of the new website, which is just in the early process of being developed.

Margaret is now the bookkeeper, bank holder and financial wizard.

Kathy will not be using her \$650 gift to go to Snowmass in 2010. Members agreed that we should keep this in our checking account until she wants to use it.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 6 at 6:30 (with Pizza!).