

**COCI Steering Committee**  
**May 6, 2010**

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

Members shared check-ins of blessings they have received this spring.

Members read the vision of Contemplative Outreach and Theological Principles.

The chapter has four commissioned, or near-commissioned presenters. COCI is paying for half of Deb Habr's retreat, which is a requirement for commissioning. Sid announced that he would also like to become a commissioned presenter. Darla would also like to become a commissioned presenter. Tim will go through a process in October to become a commissioned presenter in Lectio Divina.

Jane, Deb and Jan reported on preparations for the Susan Komis Vision Day on May 15. Several members will set up at the church on Thursday evening, 5/13. Friday night 5/14, at 6:00 will be a centering prayer sit, followed by a potluck at the Tylers. Chris will email directions to members. The first part of the day will be a visioning process. In the afternoon, there will be prayerful discernment. So far, 19 people have RSVP'd for the process.

Chris gave an update of the new website, [www.centeriowa.org](http://www.centeriowa.org), which will go live in the next few days.

Members felt very good about the retreat, and the consensus was to offer it again. There was discussion about whether to have this every year, or every other year. We will continue to entertain this, and Paul will see if we can be penciled in without giving any money at Christian Conference Center in Newton.

Margaret gave a financial report. For the retreat, \$2,125 was taken in, including books and cards (\$1,870 for registrations only). Expenses totaled \$1,955. A memorial of \$200 was given in the name of Paul's sister, who died in April. \$6,137.41 is the current bank balance (of there are some commitments).

Upcoming calendar

- December 4, Advent Retreat, Plymouth, 9 am to 1:00 pm (Kathy R is contact)
- Facilitator's Training, January 8, 8:30 - 2:00 (15<sup>th</sup> snow date) at Central Presbyterian (Jane is contact). Lunch provided.
- March 19, United in Prayer Day (location TBA) (8:30 - noon)
- September 18th - retreat day and Potluck at the Tyler's, 4 pm - 9 pm (Jane contact, 681-4198)
- February 12, Lectio Divina (Vizio, Taize) Silent Saturday, 8:30 - noon or longer (Tim Goldman). First Christian Church (tentatively)

- April 17, Evening Taize Service, 7 pm, Covenant Christian Church. Contact: Paul.

There is a Servant Leader Formation in June 2011. No decision was made about sending people to this.

Jan suggested reading “The Loving Search for God,” and “The Cloud of Unknowing” beginning in July. Spiritual Journey will be in hiatus over the summer. This series will begin in September on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays from 6:30 – 8:00 pm in Des Moines, for as long as it takes to finish the books.

Paul gave an update of the 12-step outreach. He’s showing a video the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at Covenant Christian church. Meetings are open. About 10 people have been attending.

**Our next meetings will be Thursday, August 5 (potluck) and November 4 (pizza) at 6:30 (centering) with the meeting to follow at 7:00.**

Submitted by Chris Frantsvog