

GREETINGS FROM THE MADISON ECUMENICAL CENTER

The Center came into being in October 1976, when the Madison Area Community of Churches (MACC) went out of existence. Believing that a center for the religious community should not disappear, Church Women United in Madison requested that MACC resources be given them to provide an ecumenical center. The request was granted and the Madison Ecumenical Center was born.

WHO WE ARE

- A nonprofit organization directed by an Advisory Board that meets monthly, composed of interested church and community people.
- An office staffed by volunteers and open Tuesday through Friday. Hours vary. Other days upon special request

WHAT WE DO

- Provide this updated Madison Area Ecumenical Directory each year.
- Provide information and referral service to callers.
Maintain current listings of churches/synagogues, all faith communities, clergy, key lay leaders, and agencies; available on labels for your mailings on a requested donation basis.
- Provide directories to neighborhood centers, working with The Stand For Children Committee, to link faith communities and neighborhood centers.

HOW WE DO IT

- Mainly with dedicated volunteers and one part-time coordinator.
- With the support of Madison church people, human service agencies and other concerned individuals, organizations, and donations for the use of M.E.C. services.

WHY WE DO IT

- Because we believe that the religious community can do much more to live their faith in cooperation and sharing ministry than by just working alone; that knowing one another and having ready ways to communicate about mutual interests and concerns is necessary for such cooperation, and that this is an appropriate project for Church Women United to sponsor for people in the Madison community.

NOTES:

We sent requests for current information to the churches, synagogues and congregations, and resource agencies in our file. Those who do not respond are telephoned by our volunteers to insure the accuracy of our listings.

We have included sections for emergency community resources for food, shelter, clothing and related organizations; resources and special ministries in our community that we feel may provide valuable information to aid your ministry and services to others.

- Denominational listings are based on the Wisconsin Religious Directory of the Wisconsin Council of Churches and on the preference of the denominations consulted.
- Addresses are shortened: add "WI" to all, and "Madison" to those with zip codes beginning with 537-.
- Pastors of congregations are listed in the order of seniority, so far as we can determine.
- The chaplains and retired clergy of the area, plus their addresses and telephone numbers are listed in the clergy section with an indication of their status and availability to provide coverage during absences of their colleagues. The other clergy have only telephone numbers and the church/synagogue/congregation that they serve. Their addresses can be located in the Church/Synagogue/ Congregations Section of the directory.

During the coming year, please call M.E.C. at 663-8450 to notify us of changes. We will continue to keep our information and address files current and to make that information available upon request. The information that we need is outlined on the inside back cover of this directory.

Many people have shaped this directory: the volunteer staff, the Advisory Board, Bill and Dorothy Whitcomb with their volunteer computer input, friends of the Madison Ecumenical Center, church staff workers, pastors, and their spouses, the churches/synagogues/congregations, clergy, judicatory offices, resource agencies, interested friends who have donated a membership fee, and our advertisers. Please patronize our advertisers listed in Section VI. We appreciate our contributing members and welcome contributions throughout the year.

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