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February Forum

Caring for God's Creation

Laura Pfeffer,

Conference Secretary for
United Methodist Women

Friday, February 3, 2012

9:00 am Gathering

9:30 am Welcome & Announcements

10:00 am Program

Dale Heights Presbyterian Church
5501 University Avenue

February Forum

Caring for God's Creation is the focus of the Church Women United forum on Friday, February 3, at Dale Heights Presbyterian Church, 5501 University Ave. Gathering and coffee at 9:00 a.m., welcome and brief announcements at 9:30, and program at 10:00 a.m.

The priority this year for the national Church Women United is Building a Better World Fit for All God's Children. One of the goals is a clean and safe environment that supports life on this earth.

Our speaker is Laura Pfeffer, currently Conference Secretary for United Methodist Women. She is a former local unit president and current Mission Coordinator for Social Action in her local unit of United Methodist Women. She was study leader for a study on "Music and Mission" at School of Christian Mis-

sion and loves singing and song writing. She is continuing work on finishing her environmentally friendly, energy efficient house, makes her own green cleaning products and likes to use bio-diesel fuel in her Volkswagen Passat. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry from Macalester College in St. Paul, MN and a Master's Degree in Computer Science from University of Wisconsin-Madison. She currently works in Madison as a computer programmer designing software for meteorology and weather alerting, but lives in Lodi with her husband Ed and two stepchildren Ellen and Aaron.

February is National American Heart Month. February 3 is Women's Heart Health Day. For this reason attendees at the Feb. Forum are invited to wear red in honor of this day. Handicapped Parking is located in the rear of the building (far parking lot), and an elevator is available to assist you to the lower level, where the Forum will meet.

Human Rights Celebration

On Saturday, 45 people attended the celebration of Human Rights, Sights and Sounds of Harmony, Embracing Our Oneness. Guests included several gentlemen as well as workers in the area of senior citizens services. After a delicious breakfast provided by the CWU board, with the help of Memorial UCC members, we adjourned to the sanctuary for an excellent program. The Rev. Phil Haslanger, pastor, welcomed us back to Memorial UCC with a brief look at the church's migratory history and community involvement. In addition to recognizing the work of CWU, he gave a major salute to the MEC directory, noting that he doesn't get into the jail for chaplain ministry unless he's in the book. Many organizations depend on this reference every year. [This year's update is in progress, thanks to the devoted and dogged persistence of

CWU volunteers who make sure that every entry is up to date.]

Donna Turner and Shirley Stennis-Williams presented background documents of the global action on aging, setting the stage for the presentation of the Church Women United Human Rights Award to Christine Beatty, Director of the Senior Center. Her acceptance speech was the highlight of the day, focussing on the discrimination and prejudice against our older citizens. Old age is a foreign country until you get there, but its possibilities are much greater than most people realize or even think possible. Too many people dismiss both the contributions of our senior citizens and the continued opportunities of improvement and growth of those considered over the hill. In presenting the award, Jacqueline Rodman provided a look at the life and career of Christine, and the contributions she has made and continues to make in enhancing and supporting senior citizens.

Biography of a Human Rights Warrior

Christine Beatty has worked with and for older adults since 1977, serving as a Program Coordinator for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, organizing a county-wide transportation system of 300 volunteers in 27 communities. She was also Executive Director/CEO of a non-profit service organization, called the East Madison/Madison Coalition of the Elderly, which provided nutrition, case management, home chore and senior center services.

Christine Beatty is currently, since 1988, the Director of the Madison Senior Center, a multi-purpose municipal senior center, offering programs, activities and services to Madison area older people. She plans, manages and monitors contracts for senior adult social services in the City of Madison, totaling approximately \$625,000.

The Madison Senior Center became a Wisconsin accredited senior center in 1998 and the first nationally accredited senior center in Wisconsin in 1999. She has worked with and for older adults since 1977, serving with the Retired Senior Volunteer Program and as Executive Director/CEO of a non-profit elderly service organization, which provided senior center, case management, nutrition site and other services.

The National Institute of Senior Centers, a constituency organization of the National Council on Aging in Washington, DC, represents the interests of approximately 15,000 senior centers across the nation. They honored Christine by acknowledging her “as one of four people who played key roles in shaping the development of the (national senior center) accreditation process”. She served as Wisconsin Delegate to the NISC Delegate Council in the early 1990’s and continued to serve in multiple leadership roles, culminating as Chairperson of the National Institute of Senior Centers in 2004 - 2006.

Christine is a nationally certified peer reviewer for national accreditation and a certified trainer in senior center standards. She was chosen as one of six peer mentors for the NCOA Wisdom Works, a national project to attract, train and deploy and support teams of retirees to address important community needs.

Ms. Beatty also led one of twelve grant funded national and innovative, community projects, called RespectAbility, which explored the impact and mobilization of older adult volunteers. And currently, the Madison Senior Center is engaging teams of older adults to provide an evidence-based health and physical activity project in after-school programs for Kindergarten through fifth grade students in Madison, WI.

She served on the Board of Directors of National Council on Aging, Washington, DC, from May 2005 to September 2011. From 2008 until 2011 she was Convener of the NCOA Leadership Council, an advisory think tank of professionals in the field of aging from across the United States.

Christine has also been active with the Wisconsin Association of Senior Centers since 1989. She has served in numerous capacities. The Association honored Christine with its ‘Professional of the Year’ Award in 2004.

Christine holds a BS Degree in Education with a Communication Arts major from UW-Stevens Point. Additional course work and credits for a MBA were awarded at Edgewood College in Madison, WI. She is a consultant and keynote speaker on senior centers, volunteerism, retirement, and aging issues. Her educational background as a high school teacher provides a strong platform for designing workshops and training sessions. She has led ed-

educational workshops and provided keynote presentations for conferences in California, Kansas, Iowa, Maine, Indiana, Florida, and Arkansas.

Christine was confirmed at Wesley Methodist Church in Wausau, WI, but is not currently affiliated with a faith community. As a youngster Christine lived in Stuttgart and Frankfurt, Germany, and Tokyo, Japan, with her family during her dad's 3-year-tours of Army service; she refers to herself proudly as an "Army brat". Christine is married for 38 years to Dr. Fred J. Kauffeld, Professor at Edgewood College in Madison. Christine and Fred provided care in their home for Fred's father, diagnosed with dementia of the Lewy bodies, from 1989 until he died in 2001. She is past President of the Rotary Club of Madison, at 500 members, the 8TH largest club in the world. She reads voraciously and enjoys bird watching and gardening. She is a community volunteer for senior adult and literacy programs.

Global Action on Aging: Background Documents

Universal Declaration of Human Rights

(December 10, 1948) This fundamental text describes the values, rights and goals of the United Nations and specifically mentions the security of human beings in their old age.

Vienna International Plan of Action on Aging

(1982) UN Member States adopted the Vienna International Plan of Action on Aging at the World Assembly on Aging in Vienna, Austria, in 1982. The Vienna Plan was the first international agreement to guide policies and programs on aging and included the following areas: health and nutrition, protection of elderly consumers, housing and environment, family, social welfare, income security and employment, and education. Critics argue that the Plan did little to address older persons' issues in poor countries. In 2002, the more inclusive Madrid Internal Plan of Acting on Aging replaced the Vienna Plan.

Madrid International Plan of Action on Aging

(2002) 160 UN Member States adopted the Madrid Plan of Action on Aging (MIPAA) in April 2002. Later, the General Assembly affirmed the Plan on December 2002 during its 57th session. The document addresses four major areas of con-

cern: older persons and development; health and well-being into old age; enabling and supportive environments for aging; and implementation and follow-up. While MIPAA asks governments to integrate the rights and needs of older persons into national and international economic and social development policies, the plan is not legally binding. Therefore, MIPAA relies on each government's willingness and capacity for implementation.

Past Local Recipients of the Church Women United Human Rights Award

2007 Rachael Krinsky
2008 Alice Howard
2009 Cordelia (Dede) Mayberry)
2010 Judge Moria Krueger
2011 Jacqueline Wright

Free Film Festival on Human Trafficking

Saturday, January 28, 12 noon to 6:30 p.m. at The Crossing, 1127 University Avenue at the corner of University and Charter in Madison. Films to be shown: 12 noon: Amazing Grace; 2:45: The Dark Side of Chocolate; 4:30 p.m.: Call and Response. Discussion will follow each film. Fair trade items will be for sale. Chocolate tasting and fair trade coffee between 4 and 4:30 p.m. Contact UW Parking for information. SlaveFree Madison is sponsor of the film festival. All are welcome. Please spread the word! Contact Susan Becker at 231-1817 or sbecker4@tds.net if you need additional information.

Action Before the Super Bowl

January has been declared Human Trafficking Awareness Month by proclamations from Gov. Scott Walker, Mayor Paul Soglin and President Barak Obama. The following alert came recently from Church Women United. You can take some action and let others know that they can, too. To send an email message as suggested below, go to <https://secure3.convio.net/ucc/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&pa>. If you cannot do this but would like to send a message, perhaps you can find a friend to help you or go the library and get help there.

**“AGREED TO DIFFER, RESOLVED TO
LOVE, UNITED TO SERVE”
Church Women United, USA**

Sisters

This action alert has just come to me from Rev. Loey Powell, the Executive for Administration and Women's Justice for the United Church of Christ. I encourage you to take this action to support a change in state legislation concerning human trafficking in Indiana, prior to the Super Bowl. Also, this is a timely action as January 11 is Human Trafficking Awareness Day.

It's late in the game. The Indiana State legislature has the goal in sight, but not much time to move the ball. With the Super Bowl in Indianapolis approaching February 6, Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels has said it is critical the state pass tough anti-trafficking legislation in the brief New Year's window before the NFL championship game. An effective law enforcement game plan is necessary to prevent and prosecute the wave of sex trafficking that accompanies the Super Bowl.

"The number one destination for criminals exploiting young girls is ... large sporting events, and (the Super Bowl is) the largest one," Governor Daniels said recently, encouraging the Indiana General Assembly to take action on anti-trafficking legislation when it convenes January 4. The statistics are predictable. Major sporting events around the world like the soccer World Cup and the Olympics, but also like the Super Bowl in the U.S., encourage increased sex trafficking, including the exploitation of young girls.

It is estimated that between 10,000-15,000 prostitutes were working during the Super Bowl activities last year in Dallas and two years ago in Miami.

Of the global surge in trafficking in persons for forced labor, sex, or criminal enterprise, at least 100,000 children are trafficked into the U.S. each year, and many more, especially at-risk youth are trafficked from state to state. Indiana is a state where trafficking has been a problem. In May 2011, Indianapolis authorities helped successfully break up a multistate prostitution ring that smuggled women into the United States from Mexico and Central America. Arrested ringleaders were charged with interstate conspiracy and prostitution, but like other states, Indiana lacks tough legal parameters specifically designed to prosecute and deter human trafficking.

[Click here](#) and scroll down to send encouragement to Gov. Mitch Daniels to keep pushing the Indiana general Assembly to strengthen its anti-trafficking laws in advance of Super Bowl XLVI. On that same page, tell the National Football League and the Indianapolis Super Bowl Host Committee to make trafficking awareness and prevention a priority by aggressively promoting the issue and supporting public and law enforcement anti-trafficking efforts.

Thanks for your commitment!

Happy New Year,

Robin Fillmore, PhD, Advocacy Coordinator, Church Women United, Washington DC

Sample Letter

To email Governor Daniels go to www.in.gov/gov/. Click on "Ask Mitch" and then click on "To contact the Governor" and scroll down to the place where you can write a message.

Governor Mitch Daniels
Indiana State House
200 W. Washington St., Room 206
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Phone: 317-232-4567

Sample letter: *Change the words around or add your own comments to personalize the letter, if you wish. You can email the letter, mail by U.S. mail or call the Governor's office.*

Subject line:

"Protect women and children from trafficking during the Super Bowl."

Dear Governor Daniels,

I am writing to you out of my concern with the possibility of greatly increased Human Trafficking during the NFL Super Bowl. I support States that have already done the legislative work to toughen their laws against trafficking in accordance with the federal Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA).

The Super Bowl is a national event that should not be marred by the horrific abuse of women and children for sexual exploitation. I thank you, as the Governor of Indiana and the NFL for their efforts to raise awareness of the problem. I am concerned about the incidence of human trafficking--including of children--that takes place in U.S. I urge Indiana to take the necessary steps to strengthen its anti-trafficking laws in advance of Super Bowl XLVI in Indianapolis on February 6, 2012. In addition, I urge

the National Football League and the Indianapolis Super Bowl Host Committee to continue making trafficking awareness and prevention a priority by aggressively promoting the issue and supporting public and law enforcement anti-trafficking efforts.

Thank you. [Your name, Your address, Your city, state, zip code]

Ecumenical Choir Rehearsal

All singing women welcome. We practice at Bethany United Methodist Church, 3910 Mineral Point Road, from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the third floor choir room. Spring practice dates are January 13 and 27, February 10 and 17, March 9 and 23, April 13 and 20.