

*Indiana Partners for Christian
Unity and Mission*

ANNUAL MEETING

Sisters of St. Joseph Conference Center
Tipton, Indiana

February 9, 2009



AGENDA

- 4:30 pm Reception
- 5:30 Dinner
- 6:00 Annual Meeting
- 7:30 Leader's Retreat Welcome Session

2008 Annual Report

Indiana Partners for Christian Unity and Mission

2008 Servant Board Officers

Rev. L. Cameron Manifold, President
Rev. Fran Frellick, Vice President
Rev. David Smith, Treasurer
Rev. Alan Overstreet, Treasurer
Mrs. Terri Johns, Secretary

2008 Servant Board

Rev. Riley Case	Coordinated Assistance Ministry
Rev. Judy Dunson	Church World Service IN/KY Region
Rev. Nancy Ferriani	Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis
Rev. Fran Frellick	United Church of Christ, IN/KY
Rev. Jonathan Gosser	United Methodist Church, North IN Conf.
Pastor Vernon Graham	Associated Churches of Ft. Wayne and Allen Co.
Rev. Len Jepson	Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, IN/KY Synod
Mrs. Terri Johns	Roman Catholic Diocese of Ft. Wayne-So. Bend
Rev. Dr. Donald Lacy	United Methodist Church, North IN Conference
MaryJo Matheny	Church Women United, Indiana
Mr. James MacDougall	Roman Catholic Diocese of Lafayette
Rev. L. Cameron Manifold	United Methodist Church, South IN Conf.
Rev. Alan McCraine	Synod of Lincoln Trails, PCUSA
Rev. Bruce Naylor	Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Rev. Alan Overstreet	IN Ministries of the Church of God
Marlene Pedigo	Western Yearly Meeting
Pastor Beth Sollenberger-Morphew	Church of the Brethren, North District
Rev. David Smith	Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, IN/KY Synod
Della Stanley-Green	IN Network for Higher Education Ministries
	Western Yearly Meeting
Rev. Tina Velthuizen	Episcopal Diocese of Northern Indiana
Chris Wynn	The Salvation Army, IN Division
Mr. Frank Zirille	Wellspring Interfaith Social Services

2008 Staff

Executive Director
Exec. Admin Asst.

Rev. Dennis Frische-Mouri
Mrs. Juli Van Wyk

WHO WE ARE

Mission Preamble

We confess that we are created by God to be one in Christ, that we are redeemed by the death and resurrection of Christ, and that we are sustained by the power of the Holy Spirit as we continue our journey together. Affirming our oneness in Christ, we join with one another as people of God in the State of Indiana to minister together in expressing God's love and care for the world.

PURPOSE

We gather as Jesus gathered the disciples to:

1. WELCOME all who seek the unity that is ours in Christ but is not yet fully realized;
2. DISCOVER in similarity and diversity the many gifts which have been given by the Holy Spirit;
3. CREATE structures which encourage the sharing of these gifts for the common good;
4. SERVE the whole people of God through cooperative prayer, worship, word and action;
5. CHALLENGE one another "so that the world may believe,"
6. LEARN from one another about the richness God has offered through our different expressions of Christian faith, and
7. WORK for justice in God's world.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I have heard the church defined as a community of shared suffering. In a sense that phrase defines the Servant Board of IPCUM. We long for a sense of unity and cohesiveness within the Body of Christ and suffer together knowing how far we are from the realization of that vision for the church and the world. That does not mean that we are without hope or progress. Some things are happening that give us the courage and wherewithal to keep at the task of partnering toward Christian unity.

As of this writing we have nine leaders registered for our leader's retreat. This says that leadership has a vision of the church as a whole, rather than discreet denominational units with no reason to be in contact with one another. In a hard economy it is tempting and easy to go into a bunker mentality in which we see a need to protect ourselves and our turf from the onslaught of 'enemies' of other denominations. Leader's willingness to attend the retreat is an acknowledgement that our individual denominations and agencies are a part of the larger Body of Christ and we can benefit from working side by side on our mutual concerns.

We have had several successful Ecu-Camps over the past few years. The young people in the camp know that ecumenism is not as hard as we tend to make it. While their youthful enthusiasm is unaware of some of the issues involved they continue to give us hope for the future as they learn together what it means to be a member of a denomination as well as the whole Body of Christ.

The Servant Board has begun the process of planning a conference on hunger and the people who are touched by it. Single focus, practical events seem to be one of the ways to draw folks of diverse theology and practice into a place in which we can both learn and work together for the common good.

This is a frustrating time and place in the ecumenical movement as the Body of Christ seems to be spread farther and farther apart on nearly every spectrum. At the same time there is a growing awareness of other faith communities as folks search for alternative paths to God. How do we work together despite our differences within the Body? And, how do we work together with those outside the Body while retaining our Christian integrity and honoring the faith of the others?

We are plagued by questions of energy and effectiveness even as we are filled with hope for and openness to the future of the Body of Christ in Indiana.

On a personal note, I am deeply grateful to all the folks who have a heart for ecumenism; those on the Servant Board, those in positions of leadership in the various agencies and judicatories as well as those who ache and work for the whole Church in a variety of settings. Your efforts and energies make my job possible, necessary and that much easier. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Cameron Manifold

THE VISION AND MISSION OF IPCUM - 2008-2010

“We will gather around the table to explore diversities, to recognize God’s given gifts, and to celebrate our commonality.”

Our Mission and Goals for the next two years

Recognizing that we live in the midst of faithful, yet fractured communities, IPCUM will strive to

1. Focus its ministry on those issues that keep the communions, communities and churches in a state of fracturedness.
2. Provide opportunities for open dialog about substantive issues of diversity focusing on issues and concerns related to both practice and theology of the church.
3. Provide opportunities for faithful people of all ages to come together in study and in service.
4. To strengthen the relationships among the Church Communions who serve in the state of Indiana.
5. To identify areas of mission that may be uniquely enhanced by the presence of IPCUM.
6. To explore the place of Inter-Faith dialog as part of the mission of IPCUM.
7. To provide an opportunity to review the covenant with our partners.

Our Mission and Programming Goals for the next two years might encompass

Youth and Young Adults

Ecu Camp

Camp New Happenings

Worship

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Environment

Emergency Preparedness

Regional Ministries

Dialog

A Conference on Christian Unity

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director's Annual Report

2008 has been a year of ups and downs for the ecumenical movement locally and around the country. The National Council of Churches has been transitioning under the leadership of Michael Kinnamon and came out with a major statement about immigration. Churches United In Christ faced the resignation of its Executive and a need to reorganize. Churches in Christ Today—USA continues to define its focus on poverty and the gathering of more partners around the table. Nancy Jo Kemper, long time Executive of the Kentucky Council of Churches, has retired and the Executive for the Council in Connecticut has been called to be the Ecumenical officer for the United Methodist Church.

For IPCUM there have also been losses and gains. David Smith, Don Lacey, Alan Overstreet, Alan McCrain, Nancy Ferriani and Riley Case have left our board. We thank them for their faithful service. We have welcomed Len Jepsen, Jonathan Gosser, Beth Sollenberger and Bruce Naylor. The Presbyterian Synod of Lincoln Trails has given state-wide ecumenical responsibilities with the local Presbyteries and the Church of God in Indiana has withdrawn as a Partner.

In April IPCUM sponsored a successful EcuCamp. You can read all about that in this Annual Report. Also note the plans that are being made for the Fall of 2009.

I participated in the planning of the Week Prayer for Christian Unity worship services sponsored by the Church Federation of Indianapolis. This event happened in May and included five separate worship services. I prepared the liturgy for the closing service on Friday of that week.

In part, due to the changes in Servant Board membership and irregular attendance, it has been difficult to carry through with the suggested strategic plan that accompanied our visioning process. However EcuCamp and the Leader's Retreat continue and we are in the process of planning a Hunger Conference in August of 2009. Our hope is for three events of similar structure and content to be held in the Northern, Central and Southern parts of the state. Realistically the Southern event may need to be held in 2010.

I look forward to participating in the planning of the 2009 Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast. Our main focus for 2009 should be the Hunger Conference and bringing more partners to the table.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Dennis L Frische-Mouri

SPECIAL EVENTS

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - northern Indiana

On January 18 of 2008 the celebration for the 100th anniversary of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was held in northern Indiana. Bishop D'Arcy of the RC was the preacher. There was an article in the January 20 South Bend Tribune.

Annual Church Leader Retreat

was held in Tipton at St. Joseph Conference Center, with retreat leader Rev. Robert Welsh, Christian Church, Disciples of Christ

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity- Indianapolis

Executive Director Rev. Dennis Frische-Mouri participated in the planning / organizing of The Church Federation's sponsorship of the Week of Prayer, celebrated in Indianapolis the week of May 5th. Services were held at a different denomination host church in each "quadrant" of the city, culminating in a coming-together in downtown Indianapolis at St. Mary Catholic Church on that Friday evening.

Summer Camp for Children of Prisoners

The Episcopal Diocese of Northern Indiana, members of Catholic and Lutheran faiths, along with support from Indiana Partners, hosted the first Camp New Happenings, the second week of August at Sharing Meadows in Rolling Praire, for the children, age 8-11, of prisoners.

Some facts:

One in 10 children of prisoners will be incarcerated before reaching the age of 18. Children of incarcerated parents have one of the highest suicide rates

A child with one parent incarcerated has a 75% chance of ending up in prison

A child with both parents incarcerated has a 99% chance of ending up in prison

EcuCamp 2008 continued the weekend model that was successful in 2006. Though we were not successful with our attempt at a Fall weekend event in 2007, the Spring 2008 date worked to once again provide campers and staff with a meaningful growth experience in the breadth and depth of the body of Christ. The 3 staff members and 7 campers representing 5 denominations had a weekend with good energy, good fun, and significant moments of stretching and growth.



Staff – Our staff of 3 (two counselors and the director) served this small event well. Denominational diversity was not as high as wished with only United Church of Christ and

Disciples on staff but both counselors brought enthusiasm and skill as well as a genuine ability to delight in being with the teenagers. They expressed a strong desire to work with EcuCamp again as well as a willingness to do what they could to help IPCUM and the EcuCamp Planning Team promote this event further. They left as firm believers in the value of what was happening through EcuCamp.

Campers – The numbers for EcuCamp remain small with 7 campers attending. Even this small number was large enough to present some diversity with youth from five denominations – Coptic, Disciples of Christ, Episcopal, United Church of Christ, and United Methodist. It was obviously small enough for the intimate feel prior campers have valued. We had one 2006 EcuCamper return for this 2008 event.

The main feedback from the campers was that they:

- really liked learning about other traditions
- became aware that not everyone uses the same language for faith and practice
- wished for a longer experience to go deeper into the theology of different practices
- valued the openness and sense of community in the group
- valued the quiet times in morning prayers
- valued the labyrinth experience at Waycross
- valued the time creating stoles expressing their own faith journey
- enjoyed the Sunday morning worship at St. David's Episcopal in Bean Blossom
- wanted even more diversity of denominations represented

Curriculum – The revised curriculum used for our 2006 EcuCamp weekend was tweaked in minor ways for this event. The curriculum as we have it now works well.

Some particular observations: The Stoles activity creating symbols for our faith journeys continues to be popular. Comparison of worship services and the process of planning worship together is quite effective. With this very small group we dropped the Saturday morning visit by judicatory reps which was included in prior events. This did not seem to hurt the event and in fact gave more time for other activities. If the event were larger it might be valuable to put that back in the schedule.

Site – The Waycross facility was excellent for this event. Coral Hamlin set it up for us and the Waycross staff were very congenial hosts. Housing and meeting space served us well. The labyrinth was a plus as was the chapel. Food was excellent.

A HISTORY

ANNUAL EVENTS

Quarterly Servant Board Meetings: February, May, August and November
February meeting is held in conjunction with a Retreat. November meeting is
Annual meeting

Promote National Day of Prayer and the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, to Indiana
ministerial associations

FaithFest! (2000, 2001, 2002). Community Prayer Service

Fall Educational Conference

Bi-Annual Church Leader Retreats

- 1996** Jan. 29 Final Meeting of formation attended by 54 people approving Articles of Incorporation, Constitution and Funding Resolution. 25 Partners
- Feb. 29 First Servant Board meeting of IPCUM.
- Apr 15 *Spring Celebration of Renewal and Unity.* Wayman Chapel AME Church, Kokomo. Dr Gilbert Stafford, Christian Theology, Anderson University
- May 1 First Presbyterian Church, Greenwood hosted our Servant Board meeting
- Aug 28 St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, Danville hosted our Servant Board meeting
- Oct 14 *Called into Oneness-The 1st IN Conference on the Church and the Third Millennium.* North Christian Church, Columbus. Dr Charles Olsen. 73 registrants
- Nov. 4 St. John's Catholic Church, Indianapolis (Fr Murphy) hosted our Servant Board meeting
- 1997** Feb 3&4 First Servant Board Retreat. Home of Marilyn Moffett, Waynestown.
- Apr 17 *Spring Celebration of Renewal and Unity.* Danville Friends Church, Danville. Rev James Lemler, Trinity Episcopal Church, Indianapolis. *AEvangelism at the Turn of the Century: Can we do it Together?@*
- Apr. 29 First Baptist UCC, Bloomington, hosted our Servant Board meeting
IPCUM has 27 Partners and One Observer
- Aug. 19 First Friends Meeting, Kokomo, hosted our Servant Board meeting
- Oct 14 *Racial Reconciliation: Moving from Dialogue to Action.* Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis. Dr Irma Tyler Wood. 100 registrants
- Nov. 4 University Church, West Lafayette, hosted our Servant Board meeting
- 1998** Feb 2&3 Annual Servant Board Retreat. Fatima Retreat Center, Indianapolis
- Feb. 26 *Conference on Public Assistance.* Bethel AME Church, Indianapolis. Merle Strege. 150 people. Co sponsor: The Church Federation
- Apr. 23 *Spring Celebration of Renewal and Unity.* St Paul=s Catholic Church, Bloomington. Rev David Burrell, Notre Dame. *ASpirituality and Prayer, Foundation for Hope.* 35 people
- May 12 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Ft. Wayne, hosted our Servant Board meeting
- May 18&19 *Church Executive Retreat.* St Joseph=s Conference Center, Tipton. Dr

- Michael Kinnamon, Lexington Theological Seminary. 23 executives participated
- Aug. 25 Gobin UMC, Green Castle, hosted our Servant Board meeting
- Oct. 13 *Exploring the Myths About Stewardship*. Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis; Trinity Episcopal Church, Ft Wayne. Dr Dean Hoge, Catholic University, Washington DC. 100 people. Co-sponsor CTS
- Nov. 10 Holy Trinity Lutheran, Muncie, hosted our Servant Board meeting
- 1999** www.ipcum.org website was launched
- Feb 1&2 Annual Servant Board Retreat. Fatima Retreat Center, Indianapolis. Dr Perry Keas and Dr. Eugene Hensel
- Feb 19 EcuVitamin, an electronic newsletter reaching 250 subscribers in Indiana comes into existence
- Apr. 27 *Spring Celebration of Renewal and Unity*. Park Place Church of God, Anderson. Dr Dorothy Bass, Valparaiso University A Shaping Communities of Faith. 35 in attendance
- May 18 Maple Grove Church of God, Anderson, Alan Overstreet, hosted our Servant Board meeting
- Aug. 24 West Central Neighborhood Ministries, Ft. Wayne, Andrea Thomas, hosted our Servant Board meeting
- Nov. 9 Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, hosted our Servant Board meeting
- Nov 18 *The Churches Response to Violence in our Culture*. Second Presbyterian, Indianapolis. Rev Daniel Buttry, Dr Alan Kolp and Rev Robert Hunter. 10 workshops and information fair. 100 Registrants
- 2000** Feb 7&8 Annual Servant Board Retreat, Fatima Retreat Center, Indianapolis. Dr Michael Kinnamon, General Secretary of Consultation on Church Union
- May 23 Associated Churches of Ft. Wayne & Allen Co., Ft. Wayne, Vernon Graham, hosted our Servant Board meeting
- Aug. 29 Maple Grove Church of God, Anderson, Alan Overstreet, hosted our Servant Board meeting
- Oct 11 *Christians and the Death Penalty*. Sr Helen Prejean. 270 people registered. Co-sponsor CTS
- Oct 25 *Churches Uniting in Christ*. Trinity Episcopal & Phillips Temple CME, Indpls. Bishop Thomas Hoyt, CME presenter. 50 religious leaders present.
- Nov. 14 Holy Family Episcopal, Fishers, hosted our Servant Board meeting
- Nov. Plan and implement the concluding worship service of *Faithfest 2000!* sponsored by The Church Federation of Greater Indianapolis
- 2001** Feb.6 Annual Servant Board Retreat. Fr Noah Casey, OSB, Benedictine monk from St Meinrad spoke about the religious experience as the healthy and holy core of spirituality
- May 22 Castleton UMC, Indianapolis, hosted our Servant Board meeting
- Aug. 28 West Street Christian Church, Tipton, hosted our Servant Board meeting
- Oct 11 *Race, Class and Family Violence: A Multi-Cultural Response*. CTS, Indianapolis. Dr Susan Weitzman and Rev Aubra Love. Over 120 people attended. Co-sponsor CTS and Breaking Free

IPCUM now has 34 Partners.

- Nov. Plan and implement the concluding worship service of *Faithfest 2001!* sponsored by The Church Federation of Greater Indianapolis
- Nov. 13 St. Thomas Orthodox Church, Kokomo, hosted our Servant Board meeting

- 2002** Feb. 5 Annual Servant Board Retreat at Waycross Conference Center, Morgantown
- Mar 10 *A Celebration of Churches Uniting in Christ.* Covenant Community Church, Indianapolis
- Apr. 28 *A Celebration of Churches Uniting in Christ.* Waynedale UMC, Ft Wayne
- May 14 Cathedral of Immaculate Conception, Ft. Wayne, Teri Johns, hosted our Servant Board meeting
- June 9 *A Celebration of Churches Uniting in Christ.* Bethany Christian Church, Evansville
- Aug. 27 First Baptist, Greenwood, hosted our Servant Board meeting
- Oct 15 *Combating Racism: Best Practices of IN Churches.* CTS, Indianapolis. Fr Clarence Earl Williams, Black Catholic Ministries for Archdioc. of Detroit
- Oct. 27 Ecumenical Worship Service of Hope and Healing from Family Violence, in collaboration with Breaking Free. Jones Tabernacle AME Zion, Indpls.
- Nov. 4. Religious Response Family Violence, a panel discussion in collaboration with Breaking Free. Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, Indianapolis
- Nov. Plan and implement the concluding worship service of *Faithfest 2002!* sponsored by The Church Federation of Greater Indianapolis
- Nov. 12 St. Mary's Catholic Church, Ft. Wayne, Teri Johns, hosted our Servant Board meeting

- 2003** Feb. 3&4 Annual Servant Board Retreat at Fatima Retreat Center, Indianapolis. Presenter Rev Phyllis Carter, retired Church of the Brethren pastor, retreat leader, conference and spiritual director. Theme Ecumenical Spirituality.
- Feb. 20 Help plan and fund Indiana Leadership Prayer Breakfast, an annual event presented in the same spirit as the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C. Featured speaker Steve Saint. An Ecuadorian Indian killed Steve's father Nate. Steve later reconciled with the man who killed his father.
- Apr 28 *Understanding 21st Century Terrorism: Political & Ethical Issues.* St. Michael's Episcopal, South Bend. Speaker Dr. George Lopez, senior Fellow & Director of Policy Studies, Joan B Kroc Institute for Internatl Peace Studies.
- May 20 St. Mary's Catholic Church, Dunkirk, hosted our Servant Board meeting
- Sept 22&23 Church Executive Retreat. Waycross Episcopal Camp, Bean Blossom
Over 20 executives from around the state gathered to hear from former Mayor Steve Goldsmith, Bishop Woodie White, Dr. Arthur Farnsley on the theme, Religion and Government in Indiana.
- Aug. 27 St. John's Missionary Baptist Church, Ft. Wayne, hosted our Servant Board meeting
- Oct 5 Statewide Celebration of Churches Uniting in Christ, Downey Ave Christian Church. Dr Richard Hamm, Gen. Min. of Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

- Nov. 11 The Salvation Army, Indianapolis, Chris Wynn, hosted our Servant Board meeting
- Nov 12 Three Abrahamic Faiths & Reconciliation, Mercy & Forgiveness. Part of 2003 Spirit & Place. Islamic Society of N America, Plainfield. Panelists: Dr Sayyid Syeed, Rabbi Lewis Weiss, Mrs Carol Cosby. 150+ attended.
- 2004** Feb 2-3 Eight Annual Servant Board Retreat at Fatima Retreat Center, Indianapolis. Presenter Evan Mehlenbacher, North Easton, MA, addressing the theme of AForgiveness. The retreat was followed by Servant Board Meeting
- Feb. 4 Help plan the IN Leadership Prayer Breakfast.
- Apr 25 Conference on Religion & Media, in cooperation with Bridging the Gap, Christian Theological Seminary and the Center for Faith, Butler University. Speaker Sr Mary Margaret Funk, a Benedictine sister and Exec. Dir. of the Monastic Interreligious Dialogue Board and Ms Judith Cebula, former Religion writer for The Indianapolis Star and now, Director of Butler University=s Center for Faith and Vocation.
- May 17 Servant Board Meeting, Anderson University, Anderson, Alan Overstreet, hosted our Servant Board meeting
- July 12-16 First EcuCamp, Camp Rivervale. Twelve high school youth from around the state, representing 7 denominations spent a week learning about their faiths...what makes them different and what they share in common.
- Aug 17 Liberty Center UMC, hosted our Servant Board meeting
- Oct 3 Organized a statewide celebration of Churches Uniting in Christ, held at St. Peter=s United Church of Christ, South Bend. Preacher was Dr. Bertrice Woods, Executive Director, Churches Uniting in Christ
- Oct 5 Cultivating Non-Violence. Hosted at First Friends, Indianapolis. Speaker Bonnie Block, former Director of the Wisconsin Network for Peace & Justice. Non-Violence awards made to Citizens Against Gun Violence, Peace Learning Center
- Nov 14 2004 Spirit & Place: One Spirit: One Place. Guided tour of three religious buildings - a mosque (Islamic Center), a synagogue (Congregation Beth-El Zedeck) and a Christian building (Second Presbyterian)
- Nov 16 Servant Board Annual meeting at Trinity Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, Nancy Ferriani, host. Focused on Asset Mapping. Honored nine years of service by Jim Dougans as Ministry Coordinator.
- 2005** Jan. 31, Feb. 1 Annual Servant Board Retreat and Meeting. Fatima Retreat Center, Allisonville Christian Church, Indpls.
- May Servant Board Meeting, Waldron United Methodist Church
- Aug Servant Board Meeting, Mt Pleasant Church of the Brethren
- Nov 15 Annual Servant Board Meeting, Lake Placid Conference Center
- 2006**
- Feb. 7 Servant Board Meeting, host Wellspring Interfaith, Ft Wayne, host Frank Zirille

- May 16 Servant Board Meeting, host First Christian Church, Crawfordsville, host Marilyn Moffett
 - Aug. 8 Servant Board Meeting, host The Salvation Army, Chris Wynn
 - Oct. 28 IPCUM 10th Anniversary Celebration co sponsored by CTS
 - Nov. 17-19 Second EcuCamp experience for high school youth, Western Yearly Meeting. Ten youth: 2male/8female; 2 CC (DOC), 2 Baptist, 2 Friends, 3 UCC, 1 Episcopal
 - Nov. Spirit & Place in partnership with Bridging the Gap
 - Nov. 14 Servant Board Meeting, host Episcopal Diocese of Northern IN, Tina Velthuizen
- Implement Network for Good, an online donation tool

2007

- Feb.8-9 Church Executive Retreat. 14 Leaders registered. Nine attended (weather and illness prevented remaining from attending)
- Feb.13 Servant Board Meeting, Kokomo
- Mar. 31 Workshop on Violence, Ft. Wayne. 50 people attended
- May 15 Servant Board Meeting University Church, Lafayette Rev David Smith (ELCA) host
- Aug. 21 Servant Board Meeting the Cathedral Center Terri Johns (Dioc of Ft Wayne South Bend) hostess
- Sept. A new website goes online
- Nov. 20 Servant Board Meeting

2008

- Feb. 11-12 Annual Meeting and Servant Board Meeting, St. Joseph Conference Center, Tipton, IN
- Apr.13-15 Third EcuCamp experience for high school youth, Waycross Episc. Camp in Morgantown
- May 5-9 helped plan fifth service in The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity sponsored by The Church Federation of Greater Indianapolis. Service held at St. Mary Catholic Church, downtown Indianapolis
- May 13 Servant Board Meeting, Church of the Holy Trinity, South Bend; Tina Velthuizen hostess
- Aug. IPCUM helped sponsor Camp New Happenings for children of prison inmates
- Sept. 16 Servant Board Meeting, MaryJo Matheny, Church Women United, hosts at Indiana Interchurch Center
- Nov. 18 Servant Board Meeting, First English Lutheran, Mishawaka, Rev. Len Jepson host

2009

- Feb. 9 Servant Board Annual Retreat
Annual Meeting
Church Leader Retreat begins 4:30pm with Rev. Dick Hamm, CCT
- Feb. 10 Church Leader Retreat continues

Planning
fall

Servant Board Quarterly Meeting

Hunger Conference... North and Central Indiana locations

By-Laws
of
Indiana Partners for Christian Unity and Mission (IPCUM)
Adopted May 1, 1996
Amended August 28, 2001
Amended November 18, 2008

ARTICLE 1 NONPROFIT PURPOSES

SECTION 1. IRC SECTION 501 (C)(3) PURPOSES

This corporation is organized exclusively for one or more of the purposes as specified in Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE 2 SERVANT BOARD

SECTION 1. NUMBER

The corporation shall have no fewer than 12 Partner members and collectively they shall be known as the Servant Board.

SECTION 2. TERM OF OFFICE

Servant Board members will be appointed by the partner through their own process and serve for a period to be determined by the partner. Executives are encouraged to serve on the Servant Board.

SECTION 3. REGULAR MEETINGS

The Servant Board shall meet at least four times a year. Prior to the first meeting of the year there shall be an orientation to IPCUM for new members of the Servant Board. The November meeting of the Servant Board shall include passing a budget, election of officers, and completion of the agenda for the Annual Meeting.

SECTION 4. ANNUAL MEETING

- A. The annual meeting of IPCUM shall be held in February.
- B. The business of this meeting shall include the offering of reports on the budget and the past year's ministries and activities. At this meeting, there shall also be an installation of officers.
- C. The annual meeting should also include a period of inspiration through worship and a keynote address.
- D. The date for this meeting shall be determined at the May Servant Board meeting and notice of the annual meeting date shall be sent to the Partners at least 60 days prior to the meeting.

SECTION 5. NON-LIABILITY OF SERVANT BOARD MEMBERS

The members shall not be personally liable for the debts, liabilities, or other obligations of the corporation.

SECTION 6. RACIAL, ETHNIC, AND GENDER REPRESENTATION

In order to ensure racial, ethnic, and gender representation, at-large Servant Board members may be selected by the present membership. These at-large representatives shall not exceed 20% of the total Servant Board.

SECTION 7. STANDING COMMITTEES

Committees which are accountable to the Servant Board shall include:

1. The Officers Committee shall be composed of the officers of IPCUM. The President may convene this committee to consult on matters relating to the members generally and IPCUM specifically. This committee is not a decision making body for IPCUM. They, may, however, act on behalf of the Servant Board on emergency matters that require urgent attention.
2. The Finance Committee shall prepare the budget for adoption by the Servant Board and shall evaluate fiscal performance by IPCUM. It shall also seek and make appropriate efforts for raising necessary revenues. It will provide for an annual audit prior to the annual meeting.
3. The Committee on Personnel and Evaluation shall establish guidelines for the hiring and release of employees or contracted staff for IPCUM. It shall conduct an annual performance review of employed or contracted staff and, following such review, shall make such recommendations as it sees fit to the Servant Board.

ARTICLE 3 OFFICERS

SECTION 1. DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT

The President shall preside at meetings of the Servant Board and the Officers Committee and shall be an ex-officio member with vote, on all committees and task forces of IPCUM.

SECTION 2. DUTIES OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT

The Vice-President shall act in the capacity of the President in the President's absence.

SECTION 3. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY

The Secretary shall be responsible for recording the official minutes of the Servant Board and the Officers Committee and for ensuring the transmittal of official communications to or from IPCUM.

SECTION 4. DUTIES OF THE TREASURER

The Treasurer shall oversee the financial management of the assets of IPCUM and shall ensure the provision of financial reports and analyses to the Servant Board, staff, and governmental and funding agencies as required, and shall also serve as the Chairperson of the Finance Committee. The Treasurer shall be bonded in an amount fixed by the Servant Board.

SECTION 5. REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

The Servant Board may remove an officer at any time with or without cause pursuant to Indiana Code 23-17-14-3.

ARTICLE 4 TASK FORCES

SECTION 1.

The task forces of IPCUM shall be the major instruments of the work and witness of IPCUM. Their task is to apply the substance and insights of the Christian Gospel to life in Indiana. The task forces shall implement the policies set by the Servant Board of IPCUM.

SECTION 2.

Task forces shall be created by the Servant Board following the determined procedure. The role of the Task Forces shall be fourfold. They shall monitor, inform, advocate, and act.

1. Each Task Force shall receive in writing from the Servant Board a definition of the concern to be addressed by it.
2. Each Task Force shall then be expected to develop a study/action plan, for approval by the Servant Board.
3. A written report of activities and progress shall be submitted to each meeting of the Servant Board or at the request of the Servant Board shall be made in person.

SECTION 3.

Task Force Chairpersons shall be appointed and members shall be confirmed by the Servant Board.

SECTION 4.

Task Forces are accountable directly and exclusively to the Servant Board.

SECTION 5.

Each Task Force shall be authorized for up to one year. Following a review, the Servant Board may renew the Task Force for an additional period up to one year.

SECTION 6.

A Task Force may be dissolved at any time by a simple majority vote of the Servant Board.

SECTION 7.

The Servant Board shall be responsible for the funding of the task forces.

ARTICLE 5 AUTHORIZATION TO SPEAK

SECTION 1.

Position statements, including each item within the annual IPCUM legislative agenda, shall be established only by unanimous vote by all members present and voting. At least two weeks notice shall be given before a vote. In lieu of a meeting, votes may be conducted by written or electronic communication.

ARTICLE 6 AFFILIATIONS

SECTION 1.

IPCUM may formally affiliate with national and regional ecumenical organizations for the purpose of promoting, enhancing, and resourcing the ministries of IPCUM at the discretion of the Servant Board. A two-thirds vote of those present is required for such affiliation.

ARTICLE 7 DISSOLUTION OF THE CORPORATION

SECTION 1.

If at any time, the Corporation, Indiana Partners for Christian Unity and Mission, shall be dissolved, the remaining assets shall be gifted to an ecumenical entity designated by the Servant Board.

ARTICLE 8 BY-LAWS AND AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1.

The Servant Board may amend the By-Laws at any official meeting by a two-thirds vote of members present, provided that at least one month before the meeting the proposed amendment has been submitted to all members of the Servant Board.

Constitution
of the
Indiana Partners for Christian Unity and Mission
Adopted January 29, 1996
Amended September 16, 2008

Preamble

We confess that we are created by God to be one in Christ, that we are redeemed by the death and resurrection of Christ, and that we are sustained by the power of the Holy Spirit as we continue our journey together. Affirming our oneness in Christ, we join with one another as people of God in the State of Indiana to minister together in expressing God's love and care for the world.

Article I–Name

The name of this corporation as set forth in its Articles of Incorporation is the “Indiana Partners for Christian Unity and Mission,” hereinafter referred to as IPCUM.

Article II–Purpose

We gather as Jesus gathered the disciples to:

1. WELCOME all who seek the unity that is ours in Christ, but is not yet fully realized;
2. DISCOVER in similarity and diversity the many gifts which have been given by the Holy Spirit;
3. CREATE structures which encourage the sharing of these gifts for the common good;
4. SERVE the whole people of God through cooperative prayer, worship, word, and action;
5. CHALLENGE one another “so that the world may believe.”
6. LEARN from one another about the richness God has offered through our different expressions of Christian faith, and
7. WORK for justice in God's world.

Article III–Partners in Unity and Mission

A. IPCUM shall be composed of those communions and ecumenical agencies serving in Indiana which meet these criteria:

1. Subscribe to its purpose.
2. Agree to share in providing financial support.
3. Elect/appoint a representative to the Servant Board.
4. Agree to promote the ministries of IPCUM.
5. Sign a Covenant of Partnership annually.

B. Communions and ecumenical agencies which meet the criteria may be added to IPCUM by action of the Board.

Article IV–Servant Board

A. There shall be a Servant Board composed of the following:

1. One person designated by each Partner.

2. Each Servant Board member shall be designated according to the practice of each communion or ecumenical agency.

3. The length of service on the Servant Board shall be determined by the practice of each partner.

B. The Servant Board may appoint persons and/or committees to assist in the administration of IPCUM. The Servant Board may establish task forces for the purpose of addressing specific, short-term assignments. The structure, representation, initiation, and termination procedures and accountability processes of task forces shall be set by IPCUM's By-Laws.

C. The Servant Board is the policy-setting body of IPCUM. It shall meet and function as prescribed in the By-Laws.

D. The Servant Board may appoint an Advisory Council whose purpose would be to serve as a resource to the Executive Director and the Servant Board.

E. The quorum for a meeting of the Servant Board shall be one-third of the membership.

Article V–Officers

A. The officers of IPCUM shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

B. The officers shall be nominated by a Nominating Committee appointed by the Servant Board.

C. The officers of IPCUM shall fulfill the customary responsibilities as required by law and such additional duties as provided in the By-Laws or as may be assigned by the Servant Board. The President shall serve as ex-officio member of all working units.

D. In the event that an officer of IPCUM resigns or otherwise cannot complete a term of office, the Board shall have the power to appoint an interim officer until the next Annual Meeting.

E. The officers of IPCUM shall not serve more than three annual terms in succession, except for the Treasurer who shall not serve more than six annual terms in succession. The term of the Treasurer may be extended annually for cause by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting at the Annual Meeting.

Article VI–Staff

To fulfill the mission of IPCUM, the Servant Board may hire staff, develop personnel policies, and adopt By-Laws governing job descriptions and conditions of employment.

Article VII–Amendments

This Constitution may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the Servant Board by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted to the Servant Board and partners at least thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting.

Article VIII–By-Laws

IPCUM, as provided in its Articles of Incorporation, may adopt such By-Laws, in addition to this Constitution as it deems proper, provided they are not in conflict with the Articles of Incorporation or this Constitution.