

## Witness Commission: April 6, 2022

7:30 PM (via Zoom)

Present: Jim Hollinger, Sam Epps, Sandra Flanagan, Mandy Hileman, Pam Reist, Karen Ungemach and Pat Williams (for the first part of the meeting)

### 1. Pat Williams, representing the Immigration Committee

She came telling the story of several families who are undocumented but in urgent need of housing. They have children in the area, so the Immigration Committee is working with ECHOS to see how they can help. Jim asked Pat to provide some more information as to specific needs and to get back to us. We can then approach the congregation and see in what ways they might be willing to help.

### 2. Debriefing from Racial Literacy Workshop

Jim encouraged all of us to share our perspectives of the Workshop. It seemed the general feeling was that it was well done and the stories of the people who shared with us, was the most powerful part.

### 3. Invitation to participate in the “New Culture Celebrate E-town” event.

This invitation came through the ministerium, and Jim sent an email asking for more information, but they have not responded. As it is being held in May, we may just attend this year to see what kind of group they are to see if we want to participate another year.

### 4. Request to purchase sign for “Buy Nothing” Event

This request came from Deb Santiago for a sign to help advertise the event. It was unclear as to exactly what she wanted or how much it would cost. We discussed a few ways to help advertise, like using the Church Facebook page and the Etown Community Facebook page.

5. Upcoming events/projects:

- a) Earth 2 E-town Celebration, Saturday, April 23 from 11-4 at the Etown Fair Grounds
- b) CCEPI/Haiti Chicken Barbecue Fundraiser: April 30, 2022
- c) Lancaster Gay Pride Festival: Sunday, June 18, Noon to 6:00 PM
  - Sponsorship levels: Serenity level, \$500

6. Next Meeting: May 4, 2022, 7:00 PM via Zoom

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Ungemach