

Chair Notes: May 2014

May blooms before our very eyes!! Finally we are seeing the beautiful flowers and blossoms of the season signifying new growth! For Nova, the coming weeks also signify new opportunities for us as a community. On May 3rd, we will gather together as part of our Peace and Social Justice Committee's process to help guide us to selecting a major annual project for the coming year. We have all had positive experiences and benefitted in recent years from the community's focus on one major project to support financially and in other, more personal efforts. This year we will again have a number of choices from community members addressing local and international needs. Please come to the meeting prepared, prayerful and open to possibilities.



We are also coming closer to our important annual Calling Forth meeting to reach consensus on our next co-chair. We will meet on Saturday evening, June 7th at my house (5:30 pot-luck and 6:45 meeting) to pray, reflect and agree on who will be joining Brian to guide us through the coming year.



To prepare ourselves, we will begin a time of discernment over the coming weeks and spend time after liturgy on Sunday, May 4th to pray together, consider our own calling to co-chair as well as others who might serve. We will then invite folks to put forth names of nominees and a reason why they are suggesting that name. We can share a name, pass, affirm a given name – but we are all asked to consider the possibility if our name is called and not decline at that time. We will close with a prayer and nominees will reflect on the call over the next few weeks leading up to the June 7th meeting. We are all asked to spend those weeks reflecting, praying and talking to each other and those named at the meeting. At liturgy during those weeks we will also offer a community prayer asking for God's help and guidance in selecting our new leadership. Those named should take that time to carefully consider taking on the role of co-chair and, if truly unable to serve at this time, share that with the current chairs. Then, finally, our time on June 7th will be spent coming to community consensus and discussing goals for the coming year.



Take some time this month to enjoy the beautiful weather and flowers and sit out under the warmth of a mid-day sun reflecting on your role in all these important community decisions!

~ Meg Tuccillo



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