

Center for Religious Services

Meeting on August 28, 2008

Present: Gary Brower - Chaplain; Mark Wylie - Chair; Ryan Canaday, Laura Compton; Phil Day; Donna Drebenstedt; Rachel Pinsker; Steve Perry; Rabbi Yossi Serebryanski;

Absent: Tom Balma; John Connely; Ron Gustman; Claude d'Estree; Anna Ikeda; Chad Stewart; Lisa Sytsma; Ken Tankersly; Duane Troxel

Guests: Ashley Hurley, Linelle Kolden & Patrick Revera (FOCUS Team Members); Caleb Nothwehr ("standing in" for Ken Tankersly); Kelli Hayes; Aviva Pearlman (new staff member at Hillel)

The meeting began with a period of silence, and the approval of the May minutes and introductions all around (something that was repeated several times as more people arrived).

Gary and Kelli Hayes reported on the dissolution of the International Student Connection, and the formation of International Neighbors Network (which Kelli heads). There was some brief conversation on the process of admitting a new CRS member, and Gary promised to send out Kelli's application.

Mark reminded the gathered throng that the CRS had hoped to put on a Religious Roundtable on "Religion and Politics" some time in October. There seemed to continue to be interest, and Mark would check on possible venues/dates.

Gary had several things to report/announce:

- ★ He distributed copies of DU's "Religious Accommodations Policy"
- ★ He distributed copies of the CRS brochure, asking for corrections.
- ★ He announced that the roof to Evans Chapel had been repaired, but that renovations to the interior (including repair of the organ) were a ways away. He asked that groups wanting to schedule regular meetings in the schedule do so through Tara Nicklay, and alert HIM to those requests.
- ★ The Pioneer Carnival is 9/6. If folks have not made reservations for a table, they were still being taken until 8/29.
- ★ Parker Palmer would be on campus 9/22 and 23. Gary would send out a list of events/meetings connected with his visit.
- ★ On the first Tuesday of each month, Gary would host a "Music and Meditation" hour in Evans Chapel. He is interested in having others provide music (either recorded or live), as well as a brief meditation.
- ★ He announced an interfaith community service project; Gleaning with the COMPA ministries (9/27). This generated some conversation about service projects in general, the upshot of which was that we would devote some focused discussion to this at the next meeting.
- ★ He also announced that any CRS member who wanted to store things in the new CRS Cabinet in Driscoll should contact him for a key.

By acclamation Mark and Rachel Pinsker were elected co-chairs of the CRS for 2008-09.
(Whoopee!)

The next “Fellowship Meal” will be 9/18; Mark will send out an Evite. the location will be the East Side Kosher Deli.

The next meeting which was decided to be on September 25th, from 9:00 - 10:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Brower (secretary pro tem!)

Center for Religious Services

Meeting on September 25, 2008

Present: Gary Brower - Chaplain; Mark Wylie - Chair; Tom Balma; Ryan Canaday; Laura Compton; Rachel Pinsker; Chad Stewart;

Absent: Phil Day; Donna Drebenstedt; Ron Gustman; Claude d'Estree; Anna Ikeda; Steve Perry; Rabbi Yossi Serebryanski; Lisa Sytsma; Ken Tankersly; Duane Troxel

Guests: Ashley Hurley & Patrick Revera (FOCUS Team Members); Kelli Hayes

The meeting at 9:10 began with a period of silence, a selection of "Velvet Underground" music (thanks, Mark!), and the correction (Lori Whilatch was present as a guest) approval of the August minutes and introductions all around.

The discussion turned to admission of new members to the CRS. Kelli Hayes of International Neighbors network; Ashley Hurley and Patrick Rivera of FOCUS, and Ryan Canaday of The Foundation. were all admitted. During the course of the discussion the question was raised of multiple representatives per group (e.g., Ashley and Patrick). We decided that, since the CRS was in a bit of organizational flux that we would allow double representatives, but that the matter should be referred to the committee that was "renovating" the CRS. Similarly, the question of whether it was individuals that were members of the CRS, or groups, was referred to the committee.

Gary then turned the discussion to one of service projects, i.e., should we think together about common service projects. The overall consensus was "yes", and that for the '08-09 academic year we aim at three projects: Fall '08—gleaning and the already-planned Hillel "Comedy for the Cure"; Winter '09—TBD (homeless feeding?); Spring '09—TBD (but something in connection with the Interfaith Youth Core's Day of Service). Gary would look into the various feeding programs and report back.

Mark informed the gathered throng that the CRS Religious Roundtable on "Religion and Politics" was a "go". October 23rd, 7 - 9 pm in the Driscoll Gallery. He announced that he, Rachel and Gary would be working over the next several weeks on publicity and panel members.

The next "Fellowship Meal" will be set for sometime in November; Mark will send out an Evite. the location will be the East Side Kosher Deli.

Patrick volunteered to bring Sacred Music for the next meeting

The next meeting which was decided to be on TUESDAY, October 14, 2008 at 9:00.
The exact location will be sent out with the reminder!

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Brower (secretary pro tem!)

Center for Religious Services
Meeting on October 14, 2008

Present: Gary Brower – Chaplain; Mark Wylie – Chair; Tom Balma; Ryan Canaday; Laura Compton; Claude d’Estrée; Kelli Hayes; Ashley Hurley; Steve Perry; Patrick Rivera; Chad Stewart; Lisa Sytsma

Absent: Phil Day; Donna Drebenstedt; Ron Gustman; Rabbi Yossi Serebryanski; Ken Tankersly; Duane Troxel

The meeting opened with a period of silence followed by an arrangement of Henry Baker’s hymn “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” sung by Patrick Rivera. The minutes of the September 25, 2008 meeting were approved. Claude noted that Anna Ikeda is no longer a student at DU.

Gary updated the group on the “gleaning” project – which was a success – and continued efforts to find ways to involve DU students in feeding the homeless. He then noted that DU has just completed the first high holy days under the new accommodation policy and described some of the lessons learned. AUSA had asked for an explanation of the accommodation policy, including how DU is letting students know about the policy. Gary listed five ways students are being notified: through an article in the *Clarion*; through educating the student leadership about the policy; through an update in the next student handbook; through DU’s policies website; and through the Chaplain’s website.

Gary then explained that the CRS’s budget has been folded into the Chaplain’s budget, which basically means the CRS budget has been deleted. The CRS was not spending very much each year, anyway. Regarding parking, Gary noted that he has to pay for his own, and CRS members on campus for individual group activities or events pay for their own as well. The Chaplain’s budget can cover parking for CRS members for events for the common good of all CRS members.

Tuesday, November 11 at noon in the private dining room in Nagle, Gary will be running a discussion of the book, “Sex and the Soul.”

The CRS’s first Religious Roundtable will take place next Thursday, October 23, in the Driscoll Gallery from 6 – 9 p.m. CRS groups may set up tables starting at 6; the Roundtable discussion will begin at 7. The topic is “Religion and Politics.” CRS members are encouraged to come and to encourage students in their respective groups to attend. CRS members should be ready with questions to get things started.

The next Fellowship Meal will be Monday, November 10th at 6:00 p.m. at the Eastside Kosher Deli.

Claude noted that the Josef Korbel School of International Studies in cooperation with the Iliff School of Theology will begin offering a Certificate program in Religion and International Relations.

Steve and Gary pointed out that DU's Staff Advisory Council will begin a coat drive January 21st.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m. The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 18th at 9 a.m., location to be announced.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Sytsma

Center for Religious Services

Meeting on January 13, 2009

Present: Gary Brower - Chaplain; Mark Wylie - Co-Chair; Rachel Pinsker - Co-Chair; Tom Balma; Ryan Canaday; Laura Compton; Donna Drebenstedt; Kelli Hayes; Caleb Notwehr (for Tankersley); Steve Perry; Patrick Rivera; Fr. Dino Sinos

Absent: Phil Day; Ron Gustman; Claude d'Estree; Ashley Hurley; Rabbi Yossi Serebryanski; Chad Stewart; Lisa Sytsma; Ken Tankersly; Duane Troxel

Guests: Greg Fuchs; Justin Spicer

The meeting at 9:10 began with a period of silence, Johnny Cash's "Just as I am" (thanks, Mark!), and approval of the November minutes and introductions all around.

Chaplain's Corner

Gary commended Claude d'Estree for the work he did with the memorial for Lauren Johnson, noting that it was good that there were a number of folks at DU who could step in when needed.

Gary had Justin Spicer introduce himself. He is the pastor of Denver United Church, a church plant that will begin meeting in Davis Auditorium (Sturm Hall) on Sunday, 1/18 at 10:00 am. Justin is interested in being a part of the CRS.

Gary gave a brief update of the Community Service Project project, and introduced Greg Fuchs (who works for Denver Urban Semester and Joshua Station). Greg is helping Gary settle on, and finalize, the service project options.

Gary gave an update on the "CRS Renovation", noting that progress had been made, and that we were awaiting some edits on a proposed draft, as well as further information from the University.

Gary reported on several upcoming programs out of his office:

1/13: Book Discussion on Studs Terkel's *Will the Circle Be Unbroken*

1/20: Labyrinth in 1864 Conference Room (12 - 2)

1/21: "Yes I Can . . . with God's Help" (Nelson Private Dining Room, 4:30 - 6:00)

1/27: "Perfection, Success and Failure" with Corey Ciocchetti and Melissa Kutcher
(Nelson Private Dining Room, 12 - 1)

Mark informed the gathered throng that the CRS Religious Roundtable on "Religion and Relationships" was a "go". The date was somewhat in flux [subsequently set as Feb 11], but the venue would be the Driscoll Gallery. He announced that he would be working over the next several weeks on publicity and panel members.

Mark invited members to announce any significant upcoming events; in genera, the announcements were of regular meetings -- many of which seem to take place on Tuesdays!

Ryan volunteered to bring Sacred Music for the next meeting

The next meeting which was decided to be on TUESDAY, February 10 at 9:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Brower (secretary pro tem!)

Center for Religious Services

Meeting on February 10, 2009

Present: Gary Brower - Chaplain; Mark Wylie - Co-Chair; Tom Balma; Ryan Canaday; Laura Compton; Ron Gustman; Kelli Hayes; Ashley Hurley; Chad Stewart;

Absent: Rachel Pinsker - Co-Chair; Phil Day; Claude d'Estree; Donna Drebenstedt; Caleb Notwehr (for Tankersley); Steve Perry; Patrick Rivera; Rabbi Yossi Serebryanski; Fr. Dino Sinos; Lisa Sytsma; Ken Tankersly; Duane Troxel

Guests: Aviva Pearlman (sitting in for Rachel Pinsker); Marisa Ligons

The meeting at 9:10 began with a period of silence, "My Enemies Are Men Like Me" by Derek Webb (thanks, Ryan!), and approval of the January minutes.

Chaplain's Corner

Gary gave an update on the "CRS Renovation", noting we were awaiting further information from the University.

Gary gave a brief update of the Community Service Project project

Gary reported on several upcoming programs out of his office:

2/10: Book Discussion on Jean Vanier's *From Brokenness to Communitiy*

2/17: Labyrinth in 1864 Conference Room (12 - 2)

2/24: "Foul-ups and Forgiveness" with Danny MacIntosh, Liyakat Takim and Jean Clift
(Nelson Private Dining Room, 12 - 1)

2/25: Ash Wednesday: Ecumenical services at 7:45 and 4:45; Roman Catholic at noon and 9:00pm.

Mark led us in a discussion about the upcoming CRS Religious Roundtable on "Religion and Relationships", Feb 11 at 7:00 in the Driscoll Gallery. Panel members included: Ron Gustman; Lori Whitlatch; a rabbi yet to be confirmed; and a Muslim rep, Taj Ashaheed. We bemoaned the lack of a Hindu or Buddhist voice. Gary announced, however, that he had learned of the formation of a "freethinkers" student group that we might want to tie into the CRS (once we have a mechanism for including student groups).

Mark also led us through a discussion of a draft of guidelines for the Roundtables -- the purpose, format, and preparation tips.

Mark invited members to announce any significant upcoming events; in genera, the announcements were of regular meetings -- many of which seem to take place on Tuesdays! At this point, Gary belatedly had Marisa Ligons introduce herself: she is a graduate student in Education who was "shadowing" Gary for several events of the day.

Chad volunteered to bring Sacred Music for the next meeting

The next meeting which was decided to be on TUESDAY, March 10 at 9:00 at Hillel.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Brower (secretary pro tem!)