

Spiritual Institute Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2010

Spiritual Institute Mission: to create safe opportunities for LGBT youth to do their spiritual work

NEXT MEETING: September 1, 2010

Present: Molly, Claudia, John, Michael, Derrick, Christine, Robin

Planning for the fall launch and events

- The group talked about outreach steps to plan a fall Spiritual Speed dating event and conference participation
 - Writing the letter(s)
 - Identifying potential contacts including the minister, social responsibility committee, office administrator , etc so that multiple people receive the request
 - Plan and conduct Phone follow up
- We began to anticipate potential costs (space, refreshments, mailing, materials)
- We also talked about how best to conduct the SI at the conference (separate event with separate financing and full freedom to include what we want; somewhat combined event with separate financial and more outside control of what topics we can include; fully combined with workshop restrictions – workshops must provide an historical perspective, must not privilege one religion over another, etc.) We will explore the UU foundation as a potential funding source, as well as the current open and affirming communities.

Who is missing from the table?

- Jewish communities of Faith (including Beth El in New Haven. Robin to reach out to ADL to see what kind of contacts they may have) see attached
- Hartford Seminary, Ingrid Matson and Jan Gregory(Darrick to reach to them about the work being done with Christian/Islam reconciliation)
- Pagan, Buddhist, Hindu, Quaker and Islamic communities
- PFLAG: (Molly reach out to Mary Ellen) see attached

Action Steps:

- **Robin and Claudia to draft outreach letter**
- **Molly to email contacts to team and connect with PFLAG**
- **Michael and Darrick to**
- **Darrick and Robin to work on UU foundation grant**
- **Robin to Contact UCONN for pricing and to talk with Peterson about participating**

Meeting Evaluation and Close :

1. Send minutes out about a week before the next meeting with action step reminders (oops, sorry..)
2. Use more visuals, easel pad and markers so folks can see what we are brainstorming
3. Determine Participant Roles (who is going to take leadership in what areas)