

**Social Justice Ministry**  
**Minutes for meeting held Sunday March 8, 2020 at 9:30 AM**

Present:       from the Council:       Bertie Ninichuck  
                  From the Community    Béa Tiritilli, Doris Hand  
                  From the Clergy         Fr. Arturo  
                                      Deacon Tammy  
                                      Mother Martha  
                                      Bishop Peter  
                                      Deacon Adelia

Absent:                               Mother Jetty  
  Tonya Adams  
  Meredythe Hutchinson

Meeting Date:                       Sunday 3/8/2020 9:30 AM Gathering Room

Next Meeting Date:                 Sunday 4/11/2020 9:30 AM Gathering Room

1. Tammy reported on several initiatives she has been involved in:
  - a. Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice: She has been to the last 2 meetings. They are doing the Great American Write In on March 21 to encourage letter writing to companies and politicians on social justice issues. She will promote our church while working with them (leaving flyers out, for example). Martha will coordinate flyers with Tammy. She may need help, especially from Spanish congregants.
  - b. She met with a group called Thrive and the Santa Ana City Council to start another Santa Ana community garden.
  - c. She met with a group trying to stop mental-health expansion of the Orange County jail. The group would rather see mental healthcare outside of jail. There will be a protest march on March 18.
2. Bertie is taking a weekly inventory of donated goods and will use in the info as part of a grant she's helping to write.
3. Arturo said he completed another united-family (cross border) group effort. Arturo's group helps coordinate visits/visas to undocumented folks here in the U.S. on Meet Up.

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4. We created our measurable goal: We will reach out to existing community organizations, at least two per month (CLUE, OCICE, WSWA, etc.) and bring St. Matt's related flyers to each event. (Tammy said a woman chased her down at a recent event eager to learn more about a church that celebrates social justice).
5. Youth Group Earth Day event: Tammy will bring up.
6. Bea is signing up with OC Interfaith Coalition for the Environment to represent St. Matt's for the group. Adelia is already involved in OCICE as a consultant.
7. All the above activities need to be on our website. Tammy will work toward seeing this happens.
8. Bertie and Bea noted that many members of this meeting have attendance conflicts with other meetings that occur the second Sunday of each month. We need Meredythe to look into what other meeting date options might be better for us.