

## Junior Warden Report

June 17 2021

All Ministries contacted and asked if there was anything they wanted to update the Vestry on or any help they needed. Responses below:

### **Linda H.**

The prayer chain is going well. I will probably be putting out a reminder of what we do in the Beacon soon. The exercise class is on hold, because it is very difficult for seniors to exercise while masked. If we come to a point where we can be indoors, socially distanced and vaccinated, we will try to restart it.

### **Gail S.**

Our current active projects are Criminal Justice Ministry's Food Pantry and Claver House Mission in the Ville Neighborhood. We take part in these collections through the West County Collaborative of Churches. We also contributed to a collection of items (OTC medicines, personal care items, underwear etc.) for the Sisters of St. Joseph, Carondelet to take to the southern border in El Paso for immigrants. (Attached is our report for St. Martin's directory.) Obviously the Pandemic has affected our planning of activities. Three of us did meet yesterday for an early dinner and Daryl Norman shared some info on environmental racism.

I'd like to share a podcast with you. <https://media.fireside.fm/file/fireside-audio/podcasts/audio/a/a0467725-1116-43e7-ba7f-ab5d01229be4/episodes/e/eb2edebd-7d24-4bef-b99a-2daff4624d0e/eb2edebd-7d24-4bef-b99a-2daff4624d0e.mp3>

It's a conversation between Bernie Sammons of St. Clare of Assisi (and Social Justice 4 All <https://socialjustice4all.org/>) and Pastor Chris Martin & Alyssa Norberg, Youth Minister, both of St. Clare, next door to St. Martin's. He speaks of opening up the conversation of race in his parish, which many churches which are not that diverse in their racial makeup, are struggling with. He also speaks of Pathways to Progress, a program established in 2016 with the aim of improving the economic mobility of impoverished families in north St. Louis County. They are asking for church sponsorships but the conversation makes clear the necessity of starting the conversation on race and educating members first.

St. Clare is one of our sister churches in the West County Collaborative of Churches and we have worked together and participated in each other's programs before. I'm attaching info on Pathways to Progress. They will be asking for \$500 (yearly) donation from each church in the West County Collaborative.

**Mary P.**

Thank you for the email! Actually, what is on my mind is probably already being discussed within your group. That would be WHEN will our church re-open? I am totally aware that it is all in the hands of the Bishop, or at least think that is correct.

Bob and I talked about hoping we don't lose anymore St. Martin's people due to our church still being closed. We totally understand wanting to be sure that it is safe, but so many churches around our area have been opened for some time now.

**Mary R.**

No issue comes to my mind, thanks for asking.