

News of The Alliance@4200

At nearly a year old, the priority of Joint Governing Board—JGB—leadership is be as completely transparent as possible by communicating with our congregation on a regular basis. This is a summary of our activities **in the six months prior to** COVID19 as we worked to become an Alliance.

- Our name – Alliance@4200 – for the Alliance at 4200 Buckeye Road.
- Eventually new signs will acknowledge we are two congregations in Alliance with each other

Alliance@4200

Christ the Solid Rock Baptist Church

Lake Edge United Church of Christ

- The JGB is in place to govern our shared life together, communicate regularly, commit to making decisions in alignment with the mission and vision of the Alliance, regularly assess the status of our relationship, and engage church members in important decisions. Appointed by the two Pastors, the following people currently serve on the Board:

Christ the Solid Rock

Pastor Everett Mitchell

Jasmine Garner

Angela Nash

Leanne Puglielli

Lake Edge United Church of Christ

Pastor Lex Liberatore

Kira Crumb

Stephanie Endres

Sue Brockman-Ziegler

- Communication: Communication between churches is formalized; Pastor Everett and Pastor Lex meet once a month.
- Youth Faith Formation
 - Sunday Schools merged and shared teaching students of both congregations.
 - The Homework Club, a weekly CTSR ministry, became supported by both churches.
- A Joint Buildings and Grounds Team currently focuses on sanctuary renovation improving the lighting and installing the chairs.
- Other activities included:
 - Alliance Coffee Hour jointly hosted between church services.
 - A Ministry Fair showcased both churches' ministries.
 - Shared Christmas Eve service. Shared worship services each 5th Sunday.
 - Sideswiped by COVID19 :
 - Co-sponsorship of an October Church Women United conference featuring Madison's first African-American woman police officer.
 - Initial plans for CTSR trustees to attend Aplos webinar.

Action following COVID 19

- Reviewed CDC, WI Council of Churches, African Methodist Episcopal, WI, Dane, Madison Public Health and other relevant recommendations for reopening and tailored a manual to meet the needs of our building use.
- In response to concerns re schools' closing and developing distance learning, sent a letter to MMSD Board re distance learning limitations for some Black children with likely exacerbation of existing performance gap, possibilities for improved web access, ie serving as a hot spot; offer to be the a community support partner where needed, ie tutors.
 - Met with Tremayne Clardy, Chief of Middle Schools and Mike Hernandez, Chief of High Schools.
 - Letter to Madison Mayor and Dane County Executive re public utility internet service.
 - Phone discussion from Tariq Saqqaf (City of Madison) re enacting law, letter writing suggestions including rural area coverage.
 - Letter writing campaign by St. Andrews; extending to LEUCC and East side churches.
 - Met with Frank Allis Principal, Chief of Elementary Schools and Deputy Chief
 - Discussion re establishing a community room at Badger Rock Middle School as convenient base for Allis Family-Community Alliance program.
 - Grant to fund position to coordinate same in works.

Post George Floyd Issues

- Letter to 26 Dane County Police Chiefs and WPPA representative re 8 point practices
 - Response from one Chief and the WPPA head.
- Outreach to Madison area white-church clergy re meeting with African American Council of Churches pastors re supporting priority needs of Madison area Black churches.