



Prison
Ministry
of Upstate
New York

PMUNY Quarterly Report
Respectfully Submitted To EMP Board
From Joyce McAndrew, PMUNY President
September, 2018 @7:00 pm Bethlehem Lutheran Church

*THANK YOU BECKY Orsini
FOR SHARING YOUR MANY TALENTS WITH US.
YOU'RE SMART, COURTEOUS,
ORGANIZED & HARDWORKING.
EVERYONE AFFILIATED WITH PMUNY IS
GRATEFUL FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP &
WISHES YOU & YOUR FAMILY ALL THE BEST!*

1. EMP Communications

- A. 7/17/18 & 8/23/18, 8/29/18 Emails sent to Kevin Cooman seeking clarification re: the wording EMP prefers PMUNY use on all public communications/written statements/documents. **See sample DRAFT attached**
- B. In August **letters were sent to all EMP member church leaders thanking them for past support & seeking continued support in hopes of strengthening our relationship.** PMUNY board members have followed up with member churches to arrange personal contacts with leadership, key committees and congregations. Our primary hope is to recruit volunteers willing to be involved in various ways in our prison and jail ministry activities. Our goal is to make face-to-face outreach to each member church by November 2018. **Your help and advocacy is GREATLY appreciated.** Here is a synopsis of our communications thus far.

Update re: Follow-up With EMP Member Churches

- 1. **Bethlehem Lutheran Church** —I followed up 8/29 and left message with Beth Schoenfeld, Administrative Assistant. She will forward my message to Pastors Abigail Zang Hoffman and Amy Walter-Person I am waiting to hear back from both/either Pastors.
- 2. **Church of the Assumption** —joint meeting with Resurrection - TBD
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- 4. **Fairport United Methodist-** I followed up 8/29 and left message with Administrative Assistant “Sub” while she was at lunch. I am waiting to hear back from new pastor Richelle Goff.
- 5. **First Baptist Church of Fairport** —Anne and Deb PMUNY board members left a message for Pastor Mark Ballard. Nancy Hutchings returned the call and they subsequently met on 9/5/18. The discussion included PMUNY’s mission and purpose and the varied ministry activities and ways members of the FBCOF congregation might get involved. Nancy shared that the congregation is very small, 26 people mainly elderly & the Pastor is part time. Nancy agreed to share the material

with Pastor Ballard. Nancy is also considering attending Wende REC Hoot in October. Deb will provide her with the application form. Nancy will also ask the congregation to pray for the upcoming REC & Deb provided an example of a bulletin article that can be used to share with church members.

6. **First Congregational UCC** - I spoke with Pastor on 8/29. He will speak with Chair of the Missions and Outreach Committee (I presented to them in June 2018). I am awaiting a call back from Pastor so we can schedule a date to speak with congregation.
 7. **Mountain Rise UCC**- I followed up 8/29 and left message for Kathy Nixon, Chair of Social Ministry at her home and left a message with Barbara, Office Administrator for Senior Minister, Greg Osterberg. I am awaiting response from both/either of them.
 8. **Perinton Presbyterian**- Spoke with Jill, office secretary on 8/29. New Pastor arrives 10/7/1. In the meantime PMUNY letter will be forwarded to Clerk of Session, Craig Chormann. I also spoke with Judy Burgeson on 8/29. Judy is a member of Missions Committee (I presented to them earlier this year) and Session. She will discuss possible date for PMUNY presentation to congregation at next Session meeting.
 9. **Risen Christ Lutheran** - I left a message on Arnold Deknatel, Senior Pastor's cell phone on 8/29. I am awaiting his response.
 10. **South Perinton United Methodist**-Deb, PMUNY's Secretary phoned Pastor Farrel and left a message. Pastor returned her call. They scheduled November 04, 2018 as a possible date for Deb and Ann (also PMUNY Board member) to speak during church service.
 11. **St. John of Rochester**- I spoke with Barbara Hesenius, Pastoral Associate several times re: possible date to present after Communion (2-3 mins.) at weekend Masses. Set a date for October 20-21, 2018 to speak at 5 pm Sat, 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am and Noon Masses.
 12. **St. Luke's Episcopal Church**- Phone message left with Marie Maiorana, Administrative Assistant. Maria will forward PMUNY letter to Dave Crocker and Ralph Henderson Vestry Leadership (2 Wardens in charge while they are without a Rector). I subsequently spoke with Warren Knapp, EMP Director. New Rector will not be in place until most likely November 2018. Warren will reconnect with us at that time.
2. **3 Marketing Proposals** were discussed at our August 24, 2018 meeting. At this time the Board most favors some of the recommendations made by George Morgan of Fusion Reactions. **Further discussion and decisions need to be made** before we can determine future course of action. **At the present time our outreach to EMP Member Church Leadership and congregations is a top priority. We are hopeful this will help us bolster our volunteer base.**
3. **Quarterly Financial Report**- See Attached...and please note:
- \$500.00 donation received from **First Congregational Church of Christ** 26 East Church Street Fairport, NY 14450
 - \$750.00 donation received from **St. Joseph's Catholic Church of Penfield**

- Financial support sent for RECs at Groveland 10/6-8/18 REC and Wende 10/26-28/18.
- 4. **July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018 Actual and July 1, 2018-June 30, 2018 Projected Budgets- See Attached**
- 5. **July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018 Annual Financial Report was sent On July 1, 2018 to George Havens July 1, 2018. Please note: this document includes a summary of itemized donations/income and expenses.**

5. FYI....

- Received word from Deacon John Tomandl (retired Chaplain at Auburn Correctional. **There will be no 3-day REC at Auburn this year. New chaplain is Fr. Father Elie Babota** (E- Lee Ba-Boat-Ah). They are looking at offering a one-day retreat in November 2018 with the hope that next year they will return to the three-day retreat format.
- Several communications received from **AVP (Alternatives To Violence) NY** and follow-up phone conversation with **Bill Marx from Alternatives To Violence Program (AVP) and Sister Karen Klemczak Center For Nonviolence in Buffalo NY**. They are interested in finding ways to work together with PMUNY in both the recruitment of volunteers & identifying ways to mutually support valuable prison ministries in upstate NY. PMUNY board will begin a conversation in this regard. Currently PMUNY supports the following ministry efforts: “Resident Encounter Christ” (REC) retreats in Attica, Auburn, Groveland, Livingston and Wende correctional facilities. In addition we provide 2-day “Fully Alive” retreats at the Albion Women’s prison and weekly “Houses of Healing” (adults) and “Power Source” (teens) programs in the Monroe County Jail.

6. Requests For Action

A. Recognizing EMP is in process of updating documents related to Governance, PMUNY would appreciate clarification at your earliest convenience regarding the wording EMP prefers PMUNY use on all public communications/written statements/documents. EG. Thank you notes

B. We greatly appreciate your advocacy between PMUNY & your church leadership. Please continue to help us set a date(s) allowing us to personally communicate with your congregation.

C. Is there anything PMUNY can do better to meet your expectations? Constructive feedback is always welcome.

D. Would you like to attend the HOOT at Wende Correctional Facility Saturday October 27, 2018? If so you are in for a very moving spiritual experience. To receive an application please contact Deb AuClair

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Dear _____ & _____:

Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$xxx to PMUNY. As you know, PMUNY is a Christian ministry operating as a program of the Ecumenical Ministries of Perinton, Inc. a not-for-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York. We support those individuals working as volunteers for NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS) producing and directing spiritual events called "Residents Encounter Christ" (REC) in upstate NY correctional facilities.

Your support will be used to purchase supplies, material, food and refreshments used directly in the prison. We do not pay for any services rendered except for occasional stipends to ordained clergy participating in the REC events. Please tell your family and friends about our work.

Sincerely,

Rose Boice, PMUNY Social Outreach Coordinator

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