

Report from the Executive Administrator April, 2016

Update to Fellowship Dues' Billing Procedures

There is a new format and procedure for the billing of Fellowship Dues. A new form has been developed, and churches now receive monthly statement reminders.

Development of a New Web Site

Plans are underway to create a new web site that will be more comprehensive and user friendly for those who are seeking information about the Association, its churches, ministries and resources available for use by individuals and churches. Each church will be able to provide information about community outreach programs as well as worship times and other special services. We anticipate the launch of the new website in late July of this year.

Change to Email

AOL has been used for many years in the Metro office; however, over the past year, there have been several problems with sending and receiving emails and the parameters of usage for businesses has decreased. The office has established a gmail account and other google products that will better serve the Association going forward. We are gradually fazing AOL out of our communications.

Resource Center

Many times churches have requested certain resources, UCC and other denominational materials to be used in their congregations. We have begun to acquire new materials that will be helpful. Churches are now able to borrow the resources needed for specific projects and ministries. We also periodically send resources to churches.

Other Resources Being Developed

1. Grant writing and Grant resources available to churches which will include training in writing and applying for grants
2. VANCO training for those churches that desire to begin online giving programs
3. Job Search Database
4. Scholarship Resources for youth attending college
5. Video Conference Training for churches and individuals
6. District Deans Resources to be used for Pastors

Upcoming Workshops

1. The Cornerstone Fund will, once again, have a Finance Workshop for all lay leaders, Trustees, Financial personnel and those interested in learning more about the products and services of the Cornerstone Fund and church assistance that can be provided. This workshop will be held in July or early August. Please be prepared to attend.
2. **Sacred Conversations on Race** – There will be a series of these discussions co-sponsored by the New York Conference and the Metropolitan Association. The first discussion will be held at the Congregational Church of Manhasset. Date: TBA soon

In order to set workshops to benefit the needs of our churches, please be sure to complete the C.O.M.P.A.S and return it to the Registration Table or the Committee Chair, Mr. Rayford Howell today.

Respectfully Submitted,
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