

News from the Northwest Suburban Interfaith Council By Joanne Dicker, Out-going President

It has been a pleasure serving as the President of the Northwest Suburban Interfaith Council for the past two years. I have enjoyed working with both the lay representatives and clergy to solidify relationships, create working partnerships, promote programming and serve our communities. I anticipate great future success for the Interfaith Council in fostering understanding and friendship amount those of different faiths; encouraging cooperative service efforts to address the social needs in our area and continuing to serve as an ethical and moral voice.

I am pleased to announce our new officers for the Council for 2021:

Richard Rosen, President (Temple Chai) Jeff Whitehead, Vice President (Hope Lutheran Church) Sue Geimer, Secretary (Saint Mary Parish) Kristen Levit, Treasurer (Congregation Shir Hadash)

On **Saturday, January 30 at 7:30 p.m.** Join COAC, the Children of Abraham Coalition, for a night of comedy. See what happens when a Jew, a Christian and a Muslim get on stage together. This is a zoom sign up event. (Please see flier)

On **February 24, 2021 at 8:00 p.m**., in honor of Black History month, Congregation Beth Judea's Social Action committee is hosting a virtual book discussion on <u>Between the World and Me</u> by Ta-Nehisi Coates. Please see attached flier.

Ongoing: Food Pantries. Please help your neighbors whose lives have been adversely affected by the pandemic economically. The Northwest Suburban Interfaith Council helps **support four food pantries** of our member congregations located at Congregation Beth Am, Kingswood Methodist Church, St. Alphonsus and St. Mary Parish. Your **monetary donations** are always welcome but especially needed at this time of year. I am also attaching a flier of **requested non-perishable foods and dry goods** should you wish to purchase and drop off at the food pantries directly. If you need assistance, I am also attaching contact information for our food and local pantries.

The Northwest Suburban Interfaith Council proudly serves this community. If you have any programming suggestions, please forward them to me or your IFC representatives.

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For more information on any of our programs, please contact us by e-mail or telephone: <u>nwsinterfaith@gmail.com</u>, 224-699-0386 or visit our website at: <u>http://www.northwestsuburbaninterfaith.org</u>

Donations may be made directly to: Northwest Suburban Interfaith Council PO Box 5301, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089