

Area Association of Religious Communities (AARC)

Meeting Minutes: March 14th, 2019, 3pm

Student Union 410

Member Attendance:

OCSS: John Armstrong, Cru: Scott Thomson, Generation of Hope Ministry: Ray & Pam Riddell, Chi Alpha: Gil Banton, Reformed University Fellowship: Lucas Dourado & Jonathan Keller, Spirit and Truth Apostolic Church: Joseph & Leslie Black, St. Thomas Aquinas (Toms Council): Emily Golec, Refresh-CMI: Seth Stefanovicz, UConn Hillel: Scott Selig, St. Mark's Chapel: Brian Blayer, The Navigators: Brandon & Ashley Wilson, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship: Kyle Van Etten, St. Paul's Church-AIA: Keith Anderson, International Christian Fellowship: Ruth Hartunian-Alumbaugh

Welcome to New Members of AARC

- The Navigators
 - Brief overview; outreach & leadership development
- Refresh
 - Brief overview; Small group based/training classes
 - Groups meet at CCSU and ECSU weekly

Summer Orientation 2019

- Recap of discussion from Fall 2018
- Revamp of brochure
- Suggestions/points of interest
 - AARC- name change
 - Area Association of Religious Communities vs. Area Association of Faith Communities
 - Student/intern of AARC staffing the table
 - Creation of QR code
- Doodle poll
 - Please sign up!

UConn Reads: A Game of Thrones by George R.R. Martin

- Activities include speakers, events, dinner, and small group discussion.
- <https://uconnreads.uconn.edu/>
- AARC members always welcome to take part in all aspects of the program.
- Discussion
 - Suggestion by Kyle Van Etten for next UConn Reads book, "The Coddling of the American Mind"

End of Semester Dates

- Last day of classes; Friday, May 3rd
- Final exams: May 6th-11th

Announcements / Discussion/Other

- RUF: post exams road trip to Florida for RUF national conference
- Cru: Service trip to/for those affected by Hurricane Michael; Middle East trip
- International Christian Fellowship: open door policy for students staying over Spring Break

- InterVarsity Christian Fellowship: pilot urban plunge for Hartford in May
 - Alongside existing community service programs
 - Focus on 4key areas of poverty
- FOCUS: Service trip to Kentucky, lecture series: Should we fear artificial intelligence? (3/26), Eucharistic Procession on Palm Sunday 4/14
- Pam & Ray Riddell: Wasili Group-22 kids in April (Pam can provide a summary of work they are continuing to do) and discussion of bringing Spanish missionary to Willimantic area
- St. Mark's: UConn PIRG, event/information/raise awareness on food insecurity and homelessness
- UConn Hillel: traveling to D.C. to lobby for certain issues, many events coming in the future such as Birthright trip, Interfaith BBQ, a farewell to President Susan Herbst, and much more- please reach out to Scott Selig for more information
- Recommended discussion/topics for next meeting: Counseling and Mental Health Services (CMHS)- recovery community, QPR Training; Center for Student with Disabilities (CSD)- accommodations

Next Meeting: Fall 2019