

Plan for Evaluating First Year of CONECT Participation

The USNH Board of Directors and members of the congregation have expressed interest in a process for determining if USNH's membership in CONECT would be worth our investment. In order to assess the progress of our first year of membership in CONECT, the CONECT action group has identified "markers of success" which will be tracked throughout the first (trial) year:

- Creating an ongoing CONECT "core team" of USNH members, as required by CONECT congregational membership. This will include members of the present action group, as well as, attempting to recruit younger USNH members.
- The core team will arrange CONECT training module opportunities, such as *Conducting One-On-Ones*, *How to Conduct House Meetings*, *Leadership Development*, and other CONECT services. These activities are intended to strengthen relationships within the congregation and ensure that the initiatives we pursue are of interest to the membership.
- The CONECT Core Team, together with the Social Justice Council, will consult with USNH Task Forces regarding their primary concerns and will facilitate the participation of the Task Forces in relevant CONECT Issue Area Teams.
- The CONECT core team will meet with the Social Justice Network to seek feedback on whether the participation in CONECT is facilitating the achievement of the overall goals of the Social Justice Network.
- The Core Team will seek feedback from USNH members regarding progress (USNH involvement and CONECT Team advances/successes) over the course of this first year through one-on-one discussions, home meetings, and at least one after service meeting.
- The number of USNH members attending the CONECT delegate meeting will increase from the 10 attending 11/30/17 to at least 11 by late 2018.
- The Core Team will provide a progress report and present it to the USNH Board and at a membership meeting near the end of our first year of membership.

We believe these measures will be useful in evaluating the success of our first year of participation in CONECT. Since CONECT membership is intended to produce a transformation both within USNH and beyond our community, we assume that this will be a first step in a long-term process of change intended to strengthen bonds within our congregation and with a larger interfaith community committed to justice.