

2020 ACT Annual Report June 2, 2020

Area Congregations Together (ACT)

ACT is a 501 c (3) not-for-profit organization located in Ithaca, New York, and serves all of Tompkins County. Its purposes are ecumenical, charitable and benevolent, namely:

- To provide an ecumenical agency through which the religious congregations may cooperate;
- To express the essential unity of religious congregations and to promote activity to further this unity;
- To coordinate the activities of the religious congregations to increase their efficiency in solving problems of mutual concern;
- To sponsor joint programs and service projects for the benefit of the area and of the wider world.



All congregations are invited to join ACT which meets on the first Tuesday of each month, except January and July, at 7 p.m., at the Unitarian Church of Ithaca, Office Building, 306 N. Aurora St., Ithaca, N.Y. 14850. For more information, please contact Cora Yao at: 301-346-7570.

ACT Chairperson's Report

From Fall 2019 – Spring 2020, ACT continued building interfaith relationships among Ithaca's congregations and supported our community by:

- Board met with and donated to The Interfaith Center for Action and Healing
- ACT celebrated the retirement of Rabbi and Mrs. Scott Glass, Temple Beth-El, with a letter of appreciation and donation, honoring their 43 years as faith leaders in Ithaca
- Supported Feed My Starving Children Ithaca MobilePack via donation, advertising and packed 350,000 meals in 3 days
- Learned about local projects, First Congregational Church Sanctuary Team, Immigration Fall Art Show at Johnson Museum, T.C. Office of the Aging, Birthright, Open Doors English, Youth Advent Garden Project, OWL (Our Whole Lives)
- Held ACT Annual Multi-faith Thanksgiving Service at St. John's Episcopal Church, with Mtr. Megan Castellan speaking on Radical Welcoming, with Vitamin L Singers
- Assisted local Boy Scouts of America in organizing a tour of Ithaca Places of Worship
- Participated in a Family Court project to improve family visitation during probation after incarceration
- Responded to COVID-19 in our congregations via live-streaming services, Zoom classes, daily prayers, phone calls, etc.; and in the community by doubling food distributions at Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard and Lansing Food Pantry, with revised, drive-through practices.

Area Congregations Together (ACT) Board of Directors, 2019-2020

Tim Anguish, 607-793-8521;
Caroline Community Church.

Noemi Kraut, 607-272-6555;
Temple Beth-El.

Cora Yao, Chairperson,
301-346-7570;
St. John's Episcopal Church.

Amy Williams, Treasurer,
801-842-8654;
Church of Jesus Christ of LDS.

Debbie Novelli, Secretary,
607-539-6628;
Forest Home Chapel, UMC.

Mahmud Burton,
607-229-4316;
Al Huda Islamic Community.

Eric Clay, 607-592-6874;
Shared Journeys.

Sandy Galbreath,
607-319-4228;
First Congregational Church.

Marge Hansel,
828-450-5201;
First Baptist Church.

2020 Nominations for ACT Board of Directors,

for 3 year terms are:

Jami Breedlove,
St. Paul's United Methodist Church

Marjorie Hoffman,
Temple Beth-El

John S. Mead,
Ithaca Baha'i Congregation

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In Memory of: Rev. Dan Phillips and Rev. Eunice Tabor

ACT honors the memory of two active members who passed away in the past year:

Rev. Dan Phillips was Pastor of the Caroline Valley Community Church and a strong advocate for ACT and the Caroline Food Pantry.

Rev. Eunice Tabor was a United Methodist Church minister and worked most recently with St. John's Community Services Pantry, which was recently renamed in her memory.

Betty T. Morrow Founder's Award

The Betty T. Morrow Founder's Award is presented annually to give special recognition to an individual active in the ACT community for "active service to humanity and community through participation in ACT." This Volunteer of the Year is presented at the Annual ACT Meeting. The 2019 honoree is _____.

Food Pantry Statistics

The Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard

- Served 7800 people in 2019, an increase of 1600 over 2018.
- Distributed 70,000 meals (3 meals/ 3 days /person) to 2,895 Households; 2,692 Children; 4,777 Adults; 331 Seniors.

Lansing Food Pantry

- served 1,556 people in 2019, a small decrease from 2018.
- 660 Households, including 410 Children, 696 Adults, 450 Seniors.
- Provided food for TSA employees with no paychecks during the government shutdown.
- Provided Lunches and Dinner meals for children in the Summer Lunch Box program.

ACT Annual Financial Report 2019

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Organization	Balance 1-1-2019	Donations Received	Expenses Paid	Balance 12-31-2019
Lansing Food Pantry	\$ 70,788.85	\$ 19,562.88	\$ 16,191.68	\$ 74,160.05
Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard	\$ 26,224.49	\$ 36,747.88	\$ 42,881.12	\$ 20,091.25
Area Congregations Together (ACT)	\$ 2,202.81	\$ 2,178.66	\$ 2,098.16	\$ 2,283.31
Tompkins County Food Distribution Network	\$ 1,845.51	\$ 7,600.00	\$ 7,610.29	\$ 1,835.22
Totals	\$101,061.66	\$ 66,089.42	\$ 68,781.25	\$ 98,369.83

YOU ARE INVITED

to attend the 2020 ACT Annual Meeting, June 2, 7 p.m., via Zoom.com.

Meeting I.D. # 82844052618, password 573695.

Hear Lt. Stacy McNeil, Ithaca, N.Y. Salvation Army, speak about "COVID-19 and Beyond."