UConn Faith
Meeting Minutes: March 10th, 2020, 3pm
Student Union 324

**Member Attendance:**

**Coronavirus**
- 3/10/2020- University announces that there is a possibility that students may be asked not to return to campus after Spring Break
  - Implications campus wide including international, on campus and off-campus students
  - Preventative measures may be taken that include remote learning
  - Students have been asked to register their international travel plans via an online form
  - Please note all University sponsored travel is not permitted until further notice
  - Daily announcements will be made by the University to inform the public on Coronavirus updates
    - John to send updates to members of UConn Faith
    - A specific UConn website has been created to provide updates on the Coronavirus

**UConn Faith Rebranding**
- The need for an updated and inclusive name for the group was the driving force behind rebranding from AARC to UConn Faith
- With rebranding, will come a brand new website which will streamline information for the public to access information about faith at UConn
  - Ask John for website categories
- A big “thank you” to Scott, Lucas, and Gil for being a part of the work group and helping John behind the scenes
  - Anyone is able to be part of the work group, contact John for more information
- Vetting process for new members
  - New groups requesting to join will be required to provide specific information/answer questions
  - This process is not meant to discourage anyone from requesting to join
- Mission statement
  - In progress
  - Use of a tagline? “Coexist” mentioned

**Orientation**
- With the new UConn Faith website, John will reach out to incoming students to provide them more information about faith based groups at UConn
- Suggestion from the group: create a new brochure/pamphlet that includes a QR code to the website

**Mental Health**
- Hiring of a new Associate Director for Student Health and Wellness
- Referring students to inundated departments will not further help students in need
  - Faith groups are vital to the overall health and well-being of UConn community
- Discussion of the need for “resilience” among student population
- Training opportunities are available to faith members, inquire more information from John
U.S. Census, 2020

- Census is based on where one will be sleeping on April 1st, contrary to popular belief
- Mansfield residents total- 24,000-26,000
  - Half of these residents are UConn students
- More information is available upon request

2020-2021 Meeting Schedule

- 2 Fall Meetings/1 Spring Meeting
- Tuesdays at 3pm
- Members have requested UConn Police/State Police to be invited to the next meeting to go over emergency preparedness plans

Next Meeting: Fall 2020

Academic Calendar

- Spring Break: March 16-20
- Spring semester final exams: May 4-9
- Undergraduate commencement ceremonies: May 9-10