**UConn Faith**
Meeting Minutes: March 2, 2021, 1pm
Virtual-Webex Meeting

**Member Attendance:**
- **OCCSS:** John Armstrong and Bianka Horvath,
- **Cru:** Scott Thomson,
- **The Navigators:** Brandon Wilson,
- **Spirit and Truth Apostolic Church:** Pastor Joseph Black,
- **International Christian Fellowship:** Ruth Hartunian-Alumbaugh,
- **St. Paul’s:** Keith Anderson,
- **St. Mark’s:** Rev. Brian Blayer,
- **Storrs Congregational Church:** Debra Pallatto-Fontaine,
- **Chabad at UConn:** Shlomo Hecht,
- **UConn Hillel:** Jacqui Schulefand & Edina Oestreicher,
- **Chi Alpha:** Gil Banton,
- **St. Thomas Aquinas:** Father Jonathan Ficara & Ernie Golnik

**Guest Speaker: Dr. Franklin Tuitt, Vice President and Chief Diversity Officer, UConn**
- Dr. Tuitt was welcomed to UConn in late July of 2020
- Came to UConn after 15 years at the University of Denver first starting as a Higher Education professor, then becoming the Associate Provost for Inclusive Excellence, and finally, was their Chief Diversity Officer from 2015-19
- Goals for UConn- to facilitate for students a powerful sense of belonging to the University
  - **How?**
    - By meeting and bringing together as many people, organizations, and groups at UConn and learning what has worked in the past and what can be improved upon for the future
    - Creating a University wide website to streamline diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts
    - Ensuring equal access to all programs and resources
      - Noted that while the University has been successful in diversifying the student body, there is still a need to focus on another area- faculty and staff
- A question that Dr. Tuitt poses to the community- How can we become leaders in our own respective areas to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion?

**UConn COVID-19 Updates**
- **Spring 2021 COVID Codes**
  - Student affairs has developed a color coded system to reflect the current status of the campus relating to positivity rates and COVID-19 spread
  - Storrs Campus is currently in the yellow, which is considered moderate risk level
- **UConn COVID-19 Dashboard**
  - To stay up to date on the reopening of UConn

**Inform Website**
- **InForm**, launched in Fall of 2019, is a tool to help the UConn community navigate the reporting process and support available for a variety of incidents including bias, harassment, safety concerns, and other types of misconduct
Available to anyone coming into contact with UConn, including students, faculty, staff, visitors, and community members who have a concern to report, including bystanders.

Existing reporting forms and websites are not changing or going away. InForm simply acts as a hub for accessing all those forms from one place, with a greater level of guidance.

- **Bias Reporting**
  - You can easily submit a bias report on the Dean of Students (DOS) Website.
  - Also available on the DOS site is a compilation of University communications sent to the campus in response to bias reports.
  - Lastly on this site, is a bias incident summary report.

- **Foodshare and CT Foodbank**
  - Two organizations to merge in the near future.
  - Their union will have positive impacts for the UConn community to help combat food insecurity.
  - More information to come.