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Grant Report to the Front Range Region

Of the Diocese of Colorado

TOGETHER WE CAN

GREEN MOUNTAIN COLLOQUIUM

Our desire is to incubate the spiritual cooperation of an ecumenical association of churches in the green mountain area. This will take time, resources, and energy. We thank the Region for their belief in the goal of connecting the Spirit wherever it may reside. Their gift of financial resources will be matched with the time and energy of multiple parishes.

The initial plan for this project was to meet as a body once a quarter throughout the year. It has turned out that with St. Joseph’s time and energy focused on our calling a new priest-in-charge, there was not enough to lead this project during that time. Gratefully, we now have Rev. Doug Bleyle installed in that position. Not to be derailed, just delayed, we have realigned our meeting timetable to once a month in the last quarter of the year. As it turns out, this has given time to have some foundational conversations with the partners. Having a more condensed forum turns out to be a better pattern for the parishes involved.

Our first meeting is set for September 13th. The agenda is still the same. Developing our ecumenical partnership will help us offer the differences and similarities in our practices to work toward building a larger and more unified presence of the body of

Christ.

We see this happening in four steps. 1: Who are we? Can we stand on common ground? 2: We know our community needs more help than we can give, but it will

appreciate the loving that we can share. 3: Where do we make connections? What makes the fabric that will bind us together? 4: Here is our action plan. Here is our commitment.

A result of St. Joseph’s transitional discernment is that we are now in partnership with St. John Chrysostom. They have agreed to join with us on this adventure. The other partners are Lutheran Church on the Mountain, Green Mountain

Presbyterian Church, Green Mountain Methodist, Christ on the Mountain Catholic

Parish.

We are excited to see the spiritual growth and community action that will come from diversity finding unity in walking the way of love.