

Spiritual Life Committee Annual Report

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Members:

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How many Crosslands residents benefit from this committee's activities? How often?

- We average between 35 - 85 attendees at our monthly events, and more on Channel 13. Those benefiting are more than that, as those attending different events vary according to the topic and people's interests. We benefit an expanding number of residents of Audland/Firbank with our Community Visitation Program. We provide an infrastructure for a 24/7 Meditation Room on campus for an unknown number to use. We provide information on local spiritual options. Our Library loan list shows use by a modest number of residents.

Accomplishments:

- Re-instituted a Christmas Eve Gathering, which was much appreciated
- Established a committee page with references to local religious offerings, posted on the bulletin board and kept updated
- Initiated outings to places of spiritual interest, starting with Candlelight Service at the Philadelphia Quaker headquarters
- Continued to expand the Spiritual Life Library, located in the Meditation Room
- Upkeep of the Meditation Room, a schedule of its use, working with the flower arranging committee to have fresh flowers, working with residents who have loaned us their original art work for the room, worked with environmental services on redecorating the room, upkeep of the room
- Offered a monthly public program to the Crosslands community on a spiritually-related topic
- Began a Community Visitation Program, headed by Judy Mason and Jeri Iacono that connects volunteers with Audland/Firbank residents
- Offered a 6-week Writing from the Soul workshop