Service and Advocacy Committee Meeting

10-9-11

Purpose:

The purpose of the Service and Advocacy Youth Committee is to give you an opportunity to plan, participate in, and learn from helping others and/or speaking out on important issues.

Goal:

The short term goal is to find out about and join existing service projects and/or advocacy organizations in order for the group to gain experience. In the long term, the group may continue with these groups or begin to organize their own programs.

Guest:

Sr Iqbal Khaiy of “Interfaith Youth for Climate Justice”:

* Youth in grades 9-12 may apply
* Year-long program designed to:
  + Connect high school students to nature through their faith tradition
  + Increase their understanding of climate change and social justice
  + Contribute to local climate change mitigation activities
  + Empower students to take action towards greater sustainability
* Deadline: Beginning of November.
* Applications and information can be obtained through Br Jose or from the organization’s website: [www.IYCJ.org](http://www.IYCJ.org).

Other Project Ideas:

1. Dar al-Hijrah’s Food Bank: Need help Wednesday’s at 4:00PM to prepare packages.
2. 8teen13’s Autism Speaks campaign: [www.8teen13.com](http://www.8teen13.com) or [www.autismspeaks.org](http://www.autismspeaks.org)
3. Muslims Without Borders (youth based relief organization)
4. Purple Box campaign for Women’s Shelter Muslimat an-Nisaa
5. Interfaith Power and Light (environmental advocacy organization)
6. Helping the elderly
7. Visiting the sick
8. Community clean-up

Next Meeting: TBD