

“Thank You” from The Ecumenical Institute Board

The Ecumenical Institute Board is indebted to so many St. John's members for your help with the implementation of the Broach Lecture. This was the 5th Broach Lecture. The lecture this year was delivered by Dr. James Howell and was well received by 150-175 people. This is an event which occurs every other year. Four years ago, the Adult Committee accepted the request that the Broach Lecture be part of the Committee's on-going responsibility to work with the EI Board and especially with the Board member who is also a member of St. John's.

The Board is deeply grateful for this assistance. Any event of this nature requires a great deal of planning and organization. Thanks to all Adult Committee members who were involved. Blythe Taylor, the staff liaison to this committee and Henry Snyder, a former committee member, were most helpful with the publicity. Betty Harkey did all the hospitality planning which involved a small dinner for the speaker for the evening as well as the refreshments afterward. A huge task but one she is superb at doing and involved many of you along with other Committee members, bringing cookies and snacks and assisting with set-up and clean-up afterwards. I will not list all of you for fear of leaving someone out. But please know, we are indebted to all. There were flowers everywhere. Thanks to Margaret Almond and Judy and Ken Sanford for their lovely contributions.

This year, we also had the wonderful and welcoming assistance of the St. John's greeters. Arnold Philemon, we thank you for this wonderful involvement. It was a terrific help and very meaningful as we have people from all around the community coming to this event.

We are also grateful to the St. Johns' Staff for their assistance. Peggy Harrison always helps with publications, programs and set-up details. And of, course the custodial staff is ever present and was most cooperative with the set up of Broach Hall, the Church Lounge, and the Parlor area and Committee Rooms for the EI Spring Board meeting.

We are most fortunate to continue to honor Claude Broach in this way as we keep a connection with the Ecumenical Institute which was a love of his. I feel he would be pleased to know that his church family is working to continue his vision with ecumenism. Thanks to you all!

Wanny Hogewood, Ecumenical Institute Board Member