

# Summary Report from the Gulf Coast Relief Funding Panel Conference Call December 1, 2005

**Present:** Rev. Meg Riley, Rev. Steve Crump, Rebecca Cureau, Joe Sullivan, Martha Thompson, Eunice Benton

## 1. Roster Change.

It was noted that Martha Thompson has been officially added to this Gulf Coast Relief Panel and that she will replace Atema Eclai in representing the UUSC.

## 2. The Panel discussed the Baton Rouge Community Ministry/Volunteer Coordinator Grant proposal.

The intention of item #6 under “Goals and Objectives of the Project” in the grant proposal was clarified with new wording accepted: **“To provide information to the three working groups of the UUA/UUSC Gulf Coast Relief Panel.”**

The Panel summarized the total cost of the project, with some funds for search factored in, at about \$101,000 and, noting that \$20,000 will come from the UU Funding Panel, the final cost from the Community Funds of the Gulf Coast Funds will be right at \$81,000.

**Vote à** The Panel voted unanimously (with Steve Crump abstaining) in favor of funding this grant and authorized Steve Crump to move forward to do final clarification and advertisement for the position.

## 3. The Panel received reports from the three working groups:

- A. The New Orleans Working Group is having a first meeting via conference call this week and hopes to have a face-to-face within the month.
- B. The Mississippi/Alabama Working Group is still forming but hopes to be fully structured by the holidays and to have a meeting by the first of January.
- C. The Community Working Group has begun to work with Martha Thompson and Hillary Goodridge having had a first conversation.
  - This Working Group will be adding two folks, one from Louisiana and one from Mississippi/Alabama.
  - This group has revised (or in the process of revising?) the criteria for grant funds.
  - Martha stated that she needs four groups of volunteers now.
  - Joe asked if there would be minutes/reports from these working groups that would be available for the panel and the public, and it was generally agreed that these should be requested and be available for the website (for example).

## 4. The next conference call of the Gulf Coast Relief Funding Panel will be Wednesday, December 13, 2005.