

**Gulf Coast Panel Conference Call—Summary Report
January 24, 2007**

Present: Eunice Benton, Steve Crump Rebecca Cureau, Meg Riley, Joe Sullivan,
Not Present: Martha Thompson (in Nairobi for World Social Forum)

1. Check-Ins

2. Report on UUA Board Meeting (Joe)

- Joe and Meg met with the Living our Faith Working Group of the Board of Trustees (of which Burton Carley is a member). Burton delivered the New Orleans Strategic Plan and highlights of his experience on the New Orleans working group. Meg discussed the Transition Team and the timeline of close of panel. Joe delivered a 15-20 minute version of the assessment, key learnings and strategic questions.

3. Greater New Orleans Cluster

- Susan smith will meet with the New Orleans Congregational Cluster on Friday 1-27-2007. The Cluster has contacted fundraisers both within and outside the UUA and is going ahead with their plans for a capital campaign that would focus on raising funds from congregations and individual UUs around the country.

4. Update on Gulfport

- Lengthy discussion concerning distribution of the remaining funds. Decision to seek council from Kay Montgomery on how on how remaining congregational funds should be allocated amongst recovery of New Orleans and Mississippi congregations.

5. Volunteer Program Stakeholder's Meeting

- Stakeholder's Meeting will occur next week in Boston (Jan 31-Feb 2) to discuss the transition of the volunteer program from being run by the Baton Rouge Church to being directed by the UUSC.

Call ended 2:40pm EST; 1:40pm CST.

Report respectfully submitted by Megan Joiner.