

**Journey Toward Wholeness Transformation Committee
Conference Call Meeting Notes
May 2, 2008**

Present Members: Jose Ballester, Board Liaison; Carolyn Cartland, Co-chair; Catie Chi Olson; Monica Cummings, Co-chair; Bob Gross; Janice Marie Johnson; Simona Munson, Staff Support; Michael Sallwasser; Arthur Tackman

Not Present: Taquiena Boston, President’s Representative; CJ McGregor; Julio Noboa

Start Time: 12:00 PM Eastern Time

End Time: 1:05 PM Eastern Time

| Topic | Discussion | Decisions/Actions |
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| Opening Words from <i>Singing the Living Tradition</i> and written by Edward Everett Hale – Monica | | |
| Check-in – Carolyn | Committee members checked in. | |
| Report on Meeting with Living Our Faith Committee – Monica and Carolyn | <p>Monica reported on her and Carolyn’s telephone meeting with the Board of Trustee’s (BOT) Living Our Faith Committee. Overall, it was a good meeting.</p> <p>Monica and Carolyn encouraged the Board to not only read the JTWTC’s reports but to act on them.</p> <p>The Board made a commitment to follow up with both the districts and the MFC and RSCC’s based on the recommendations made by the JTWTC in their two last reports.</p> <p>The point was also made that the Committee on Committees (CoC) is comprised of all BOT members, so the recommendations that were made about the CoC in the report were actually based on Board members.</p> <p>The Nominating Committee is the body who reviews potential members and makes recommendations to the CoC. Perhaps it would make the most sense to next assess the Nominating Committee.</p> | |
| Leadership Transition | The conversation was continued from | |

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| <p>(continued from March/April meetings) – Monica/all</p> | <p>April conference call, which was a continuation of a conversation had during the spring meeting.</p> <p>The question was asked amongst the committee: Who is willing to step up to be nominated? Who is interested in being a co-chair?</p> <p>The first nomination would be for Monica’s position as co-chair since Monica is leaving the committee after GA (once GA is over, Monica’s term ends).</p> <p>Michael was nominated as co-chair and the nomination was seconded. Michael’s taking on of this role had already been discussed and supported on the last conference call.</p> <p>Michael accepted the nomination.</p> <p>Catie had expressed an interest to be co-chair as well on the last conference call.</p> <p>The committee then discussed nominations for Carolyn’s position as co-chair; Carolyn will be leaving in December.</p> <p>Janice was nominated for this position and the nomination was seconded. Janice accepted the nomination.</p> <p>It was then suggested that the committee take a vote right now.</p> <p>The first vote would be for either Michael or Catie to replace Monica.</p> <p>The second vote would be for Janice to replace Carolyn.</p> <p><u>If any other members of the committee are interested in being nominated for this second co-chair position, please notify the entire committee.</u></p> <p>Catie expressed discomfort in taking a</p> | <p>Decision: <u>The committee will vote for two people, the person to replace Monica as co-chair in June and the person to replace Carolyn as co-chair in December, on the next conference call, June 6th, and the next two co-chairs will be decided by the end of that conference call.</u></p> <p><u>In order for this to happen, members who know ahead of time that they will be unable to attend the June 6th conference call will email their votes to the entire committee before 12pm Eastern on Friday, June 6th.</u></p> <p>Each member must take responsibility for their own vote and know that if they have not communicated their vote (either by email, phone, etc.) to the committee by 12pm Eastern on Friday, June 6th, they will lose their vote.</p> <p>Between now and June 6th, members are encouraged to email/talk with one another re: the nominations.</p> <p><u>First Vote for the person to serve as co-chair beginning in June 2008 (to replace Monica)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Sallwasser • Catie Chi Olson <p><u>Second Vote for the person to serve as co-chair beginning in December 2008 (to replace Carolyn)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Janice Marie Johnson • Other interested members? |
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| | <p>vote today due to not having enough time on the call for nominees to support their reasons for wanting to be co-chair. She asked that the vote be taken at a later date.</p> <p>The committee then discussed different options for voting times and acknowledged the realities of time limitations. It is the desire of the committee that the incoming leadership be decided and known by GA so that it can be announced during the JTWTC's plenary report.</p> <p>Committee members also expressed a desire for openness and transparency in this voting process.</p> <p>Different options for voting methods were also suggested (voting "in person" on the next conference call, emailing votes to only the co-chairs, or emailing votes to the entire committee).</p> <p>In the interest of transparency, more time to discuss nominees, and wanting to be sure that each member, regardless of whether or not they can be on the next conference call, has a vote, the following decision was made:</p> <p>The committee will vote for two people, the person to replace Monica as co-chair in June and the person to replace Carolyn as co-chair in December, on the next conference call, June 6th, and the next two co-chairs will be decided by the end of the conference call.</p> <p>In order for this to happen, members who know ahead of time that they will be unable to attend the June 6th conference call will email their votes to the entire committee <u>before</u> 12pm Eastern on Friday, June 6th.</p> <p>Each member must take responsibility for their own vote and know that if</p> | |
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| <p>Next Area of Study – Carolyn</p> | <p>A variety of ideas for the next area of study were discussed on last month’s conference call, including following up with the districts on their A-R/A-O/MC work, the Nominating Committee, RE processes, and the institution in general.</p> <p>One recommendation was made that since the committee will be in transition this year with a change in leadership, it might make the most sense to assess themselves this year and not assess another group.</p> <p>Several members supported assessing and monitoring the Nominating Committee process for nominating members to committees, in particular the process of nominating members to this committee, the JTWTC.</p> <p>Monica needs to write the GA report by Tuesday, May 6th, therefore members need to email her by Monday with their suggestions for the next area of study.</p> <p>The most support and enthusiasm was for assessing the Nominating Committee, as well as assessing the JTWTC itself.</p> | <p>Action: Members will email Monica by Monday with their suggestions for the next area of study.</p> |
| <p>Update on GA worship service – Bob and Janice</p> | <p>Bob and Janice are recommending honoring allies at this year’s JTWTC GA worship service. These will include allies who are ministers, religious educators, and lay people.</p> <p>The intent is to be diverse in delivery and presentation – art, music – give a token to go home with.</p> <p>Bob and Janice will put together a</p> | <p>Action: Janice will email the committee with her and Bob’s ideas for the worship service.</p> <p>Members will offer feedback.</p> |

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| | <p>draft of their ideas and email it to the committee.</p> <p>Feedback would be useful from the committee and is requested.</p> | |
| <p>Feedback to and from the Committee on Committees – Carolyn</p> | <p>There seems to be some confusion in terms of who appoints the next leadership to the JTWTC.</p> <p>The JTWTC plans to decide its own leadership through an internal process and Carolyn and Monica will be clear in communicating this in their report to the Committee on Committees. The CoC does not need to assign new leadership.</p> <p>The Committee, however, does need one new member to maintain the current headcount at nine when Monica leaves in June. And the same will be true in December when Carolyn leaves.</p> <p>The JTWTC wishes to remain at nine members (plus one Board liaison) and strongly believes this number of members is necessary in order to fulfill their responsibility of monitoring and assessment, especially in light of the recent addition of responsibility in the area of accessibility.</p> | <p>Action: Current members will email recommendations to Carolyn for new members.</p> |
| <p>Next Conference Call</p> | | <p>The next conference call will be on Friday, June 6 at 12pm Eastern.</p> |

Respectfully submitted,
Simona Munson
May 2, 2008