

**Journey Toward Wholeness Transformation Committee
Conference Call Meeting Notes
February 5, 2009**

Present Members: Tracy Ahlquist, *Staff Support*; José Ballester, *Board Liaison*; Taquiena Boston, *President’s Representative*; Catie Chi Olson (for the last 5 minutes); Bob Gross; Janice Marie Johnson, *Co-chair*; Michael Sallwasser, *Co-chair*; Arthur Tackman; Wendy von Zirpolo

Also Present: Kay Montgomery, *Executive Vice President of UUA*

Not Present: Devorah Greenstein, *Staff Liaison*; Kelly Flood

Start Time: 12:00 PM Eastern Time

End Time: 1:15 PM Eastern Time

Topic	Discussion	Decisions/Actions
Opening Words – Janice	Janice shared “If Love Be There” with the group.	
Reading from Our Covenant –Julio and Wendy	Michael read the following passages from the covenant, and asked Julio and Wendy to observe whether we stuck to them. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ speak directly with persons with whom we have a concern or question - Julio ▪ clearly state our needs for a response, input, assistance, clarification, break, and support to each other as soon as possible - Wendy 	
Check-in – Janice	Committee members checked in.	
Change in Committee Membership – Michael	Michael, Janice, Taquiena, and José had a call with Kay Montgomery and Bill Sinkford, regarding the size of the JTWTTC. Considering the budget cuts that the UUA is being forced to make, the JTWTTC was asked to not fill the position that was vacated by C.J. Julio will be leaving at the end of this calendar year; Bob will be leaving after GA. Also, Devorah will only be serving the committee on an as-needed basis, and won’t be attending meetings/conference calls unless requested. Kelly has also found that the demands on her time as a member of the KY Legislature are exceeding what she had originally expected. She won’t be re-upping her term at the end of this calendar year. Wendy notes that it might be prudent to find someone else to fill Kelly ’s position while the committee is	Bob will let the ComCom know that he’ll be leaving after GA. Michael will have a conversation with Kelly before the March meeting.

	in flux, if Kelly feels this is a good time for her to transition out.	
Current Assessment – Julio and Wendy	Wendy and Julio had a good conversation at the beginning of this month; they’re looking at using Survey Monkey as an online tool, and plan to solicit answers from NomCom & ComCom members. They’ll then create a protocol of questions and get feedback from the JTWTC. Are there questions that should be posed to one group and not the other? We should also probably follow up with phone interviews afterward. Also, we should gather documents—recruitment letters, covenant assessments, applications, anything else that will help the assessment. Wendy wonders how the committees understand their charge, and whether they’ve had success with their current methods. Julio : what processes have & have not worked?	Julio and Wendy will solicit survey questions from JTWTC members between now and the March meeting.
Planning for GA Workshop – Janice	Catie , Wendy , and Janice still need to meet. Michael says that Gini emailed to tell the committee that there won’t be space during Plenary for the JTWTC to present. We don’t know when the workshop slot will be, and that may shape, or determine, the purpose & character of the workshop. Do we still want the workshop to happen before or after the election? José suggests that Bill Sinkford and John Buehrens appear, instead of the two candidates and Bill Sinkford.	Janice asks that committee members email suggestions to her, Wendy , and Catie .
Planning for March Meeting – Michael	Tentative March meeting agenda items: *Next Step on the path – Julio ; *Team-building & Dinner together; *Will other groups be in Boston at the same time? Can we do lunch together? *Invited Bill Sinkford to the meeting—he’s in Transylvania at that point, but will meet with the committee via phone; *Orientation materials with new members – Catie ; * Wendy and Devorah were going to talk about UU Camps (Janice points out that it might be worth re-tweaking that project)—committee will have a conversation about it in March; *Council for Cross-Cultural Engagement just emerged out of the Cultural Misappropriation Task Force—they promise to do excellent work, and Janice and Wendy will make a small presentation at the March meeting. *We should spend 30-45 minutes talking about working in coalition, and how	

	<p>various groups can undermine or help each other. Spreading our wings—visibility, actions, mission.</p> <p>*Wendy will follow-up from the Summit on Excellence in Ministry.</p>	
Housekeeping – Michael	<p>Finding a fall date when everyone was available is immensely difficult; there aren't any dates that work for everyone.</p> <p>Also, budget crunch: the question has been raised whether all JTWTC members need to be present at GA, and if so, whether they need to be present for the entire GA. Both Michael and Janice feel that they need to be present for the whole time, and other committee members will decide what's best and let Tracy know their dates of attendance by February 20th.</p>	<p>Committee members will email their attendance information to Tracy by February 20th.</p> <p>Committee members with dual roles will email Tracy regarding budget questions.</p>
Covenant Observation – Julio and Wendy	<p>Julio and Wendy both feel that the committee kept to the covenant, and could each think of multiple cases in which that was true.</p>	

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Ahlquist
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