

Panel on Theological Education

April 21-22 2008

Report

Monday, April 21, 2008

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9:00am- 5:00 pm

PRESENT: Barbara Merritt, Douglas Gallagher, Virginia Jarocha-Ernst, William Sinkford, Robert Hardies, Tamara Payne-Alex, David Pettee, Mohammed El-Khatib, Beth Miller, Gini Courter

9am to 12pm CLOSED SESSION

Approval of October 2007 Minutes

Minutes: Approves as written (Unanimous)

Acceptance of Agenda

UUA Board Report

UU Scholar's Committee Report

Discussion of reports received from Panel Request for Proposal

The Excellence in Ministry initiative is prompting the various stakeholders to cooperate and engage in dialogue with one another.

There was unanimous recognition by the Panel that the discussion on Excellence in Ministry is resonating with the Association.. The Panel recognized the potential to expand its role to include acting as a coordinating or mediating body between the various stakeholders involved in the Excellence in Ministry conversation.

The Panel recognized the need to bring non UU theological schools more fully into the Excellence in Ministry conversation.

The Panel affirms the importance of congregations and lay leadership within the context of Excellence in Ministry.

12pm to 1pm Lunch with Panel members and theological school representatives.

1pm to 3pm The Panel met with the following School representatives

Lee Barker- President, Meadville Lombard Theological Seminary

Rebecca Parker- President, Starr King School for the Ministry

Dudley Rose- Dean, Harvard Divinity School

3pm to 5:00pm Further conversation with Panel members and theological school representatives

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Proposed Budget for FY 2008-2009 recommended to the Board of Trustees for review at GA.

	2007-2008	2008-2009
Excellence in Ministry Summit		90,000
Funds to LREDA to expand their proposal		1,500
Excellence in Ministry web site		5,000
Transformational Ministry proposal		6,600
Internship Clearinghouse	25,000	25,000
Panel Expenses	8,000	15,000
UU Scholars	52,472	60,000
Renaissance Modules	10,000	10,000
HDS	30,000	30,000
ANTS	15,000	15,000
ML	225,000	200,000
SKSM	225,000	200,000
Total	650,472	658,100

The Panel received an update from the UU Scholars Committee on those who received assistance in 2007-08 and prepared a proposed UU Scholars Committee budget for FY 2008-2009 recommended to the Board of Trustees for review at GA.

MENTORS	4,000
AAR Events	500
AAR Subsidies	2,000
SCHOLARS	
Emily Mace	12,000
Xolani Kacela	7,500 (+4,500 for consultant)
Darrell Udd	12,000
Qiyamah Rahman	12,000
TOTAL	54,500

Invitations will be sent out to all awarded UU Scholars to attend the upcoming meeting of the American Academy of Religion in November, 2008.

Excellence in Ministry Summit update:

The title “Excellence in Ministry - Partnering for Excellence in Ministry, Visions and Strategies” was articulated by the Panel and this meeting will take place between December 10-12, 2008 in Seattle, WA. Invitations will be sent out to all prospective attendees in June 2008.

The Panel discussed various options for a moderator at the summit and began consideration of a tentative list of those who will need to be invited. The members of the logistical and program planning team were also identified.