

**Journey Toward Wholeness Transformation Committee**  
**Conference Call Meeting Notes**  
**April 2, 2009**

**Present Members:** Tracy Ahlquist, *Staff Support*; Taquiena Boston, *President's Representative*; Catie Chi Olson; Bob Gross; Janice Marie Johnson, *Co-chair*; Julio Noboa; Michael Sallwasser, *Co-chair*; Arthur Tackman; Wendy von Zirpolo

**Not Present:** José Ballester, *Board Liaison*

**Start Time:** 12:00 PM Eastern Time

**End Time:** 1:10 PM Eastern Time

Topic	Discussion	Decisions/Actions
Opening Words – <b>Catie</b>	<b>Catie</b> shared a reading from Ursula K. LeGuin's <i>Life Prayers</i> with the group.	
Reading from Our Covenant – <b>Bob</b> and <b>Arthur</b>	<b>Bob</b> and <b>Arthur</b> read the following passages from the covenant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ respond, give input, assist, clarify, offer a break or give support - <b>Bob</b></li> <li>▪ continue to learn more about the diverse perspectives of those who experience discrimination in our community - <b>Arthur</b></li> </ul>	
Check-in – <b>Michael</b>	Committee members checked in.	
Approve Minutes / Agenda Review – <b>Janice</b>		Committee will discuss minutes on the next call.
Thanking/Recognizing C.J. for service – <b>Janice</b>	Other than including C.J.'s name in the official report, what has the committee done to recognize him? Has he received a letter of thanks, etc? Everyone agrees that making contact with him to check in would be appropriate.	<b>Janice</b> will contact C.J. to check in with him.
Planning for GA Plenary – <b>Janice, Wendy, and Arthur</b>	<b>Janice</b> sent out thoughts on the Plenary presentation. <b>Catie</b> reminds the committee that <b>Julio</b> and <b>Bob</b> have equally long terms on the committee and it would be useful to get their input. The JTWTC only has 5 minutes during Plenary. <b>Bob</b> would like to begin with <b>Taquiena's</b> history of the committee and to use it as a starting point. <b>Arthur</b> spoke to Deb Weiner, who suggested using slides with photos & names of each committee member, rather than a group photo. Are there other photos from past years that could be incorporated?	<b>Janice</b> will contact Deb Weiner via email with an official request for past video stills, photos, etc. and will ask about resolution requirements.  <b>Wendy</b> will contact the GA Planning Committee to find out when the Plenary slot will be, and will generate a timeline of due dates.

		<b>Bob</b> will draft a suggested script and send it to <b>Julio</b> , who will suggest changes.
Planning for GA Workshop – <b>Michael, Catie, (Julio)</b>	<p><b>Michael</b> reviewed the outline that <b>Catie</b> and he created.</p> <p>Keith Arnold suggested four musicians for music at GA: Sarah Dan Jones, Katherine Mathie, Bill Childress, and Leon Burke. <b>Michael</b> heard Leon Burke preach on the importance of right relationship in music and worship.</p> <p><b>Bob</b>'s and <b>Arthur</b>'s words will be made available in print form—at the service, and possibly on the website.</p> <p>Sermonettes will be 2-3 minutes each, 350-400 words.</p> <p><b>Michael</b> asked members to consider submitting photos of themselves engaged in AR/AO/MC work.</p>	<p>Committee members will decide within a week what metaphor, and what intention, will motivate their sermonettes. They'll email <b>Catie</b> &amp; cc the committee with that info.</p> <p><b>Tracy</b> will find out the GA Truck deadline and let folks know when they'll need to get their written statements in.</p> <p><b>Michael</b> will reach out to Leon Burke re: music.</p>
Current Assessment – <b>Julio and Wendy</b>	Members still need to agree upon an interviewing & survey process. <b>Julio</b> notes the difficulty in placing the weight of interviewing on one person; perhaps committee members should interview in pairs? Recording interviews requires transcribing them afterwards. <b>Catie</b> suggests that 4 people work on interviewing: 2 on NomCom calls, and 2 on ComCom calls. <b>Janice</b> would like to consider having an “outsider” perform the interviews, given the committee's investment and possible bias. <b>Michael</b> has advocated the opposite view in the past, but is open to trying something new. <b>Wendy</b> suggests Susan Gore as an interviewer.	<p>Committee members will send suggested changes to <b>Julio</b> and <b>Wendy</b> within a week.</p> <p><b>Wendy</b> will contact Susan Gore and the Panel on Theological Education to inquire about the process and cost of hiring an outside interviewer.</p>
Communications – <b>Michael</b>		Deferred to a future meeting.
Review of Action Items – <b>Janice and Tracy</b>	Tracy read the recorded action items.	
Covenant Observation – <b>Bob and Arthur</b>	<b>Arthur</b> offered process observations ( <b>Bob</b> had to sign off at 1pm)	

Respectfully submitted,  
Tracy Ahlquist  
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