

Journey Toward Wholeness Transformation Committee
Conference Call Meeting Notes
February 7, 2011

Present Members: Michael Sallwasser, *Co-chair*; Arthur Tackman; Jonipher Kwong; Wendy von Zirpolo, *Co-chair*; Connie Brown; Helen Boxwill (late); Taquiena Boston, *President's Representative* (last 5 minutes)

Not Present: Scott McNeill; Natalie Fenimore; José Ballester, *Board Liaison*; Alex Kapitan, *Staff Support*

Start Time: 7:05 PM Eastern Time

End Time: 8:05 PM Eastern Time

Topic	Discussion	Decisions/Actions
Opening words – none		
Reading from Our Covenant – Arthur and Jonipher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Arthur: speak directly with persons with whom we have a concern or question ▪ Jonipher: clearly state our needs for a response, input, assistance, clarification, break, and support to each other as soon as possible 	
Check-in – Michael	Committee members checked in.	
Status update: Process/teambuilding – Wendy	<p>Wendy offered that the process/teambuilding group had not had a chance to talk, but suggested a focus group for the next meeting and an emphasis on teambuilding. Arthur asked a question about whether that would mean waiting until after GA, and Wendy shared the opinion that whatever we're able to do at GA wouldn't be the amount of time Wendy would hope the JTWTC could spend on teambuilding. Arthur expressed that hope that first steps could happen at GA, during the agreed-upon 4 hour meeting. Wendy is in favor of using some of that time to start something that would continue later and discuss in person what we want the teambuilding in the fall to look like. Folks who are willing to be on a planning team include Arthur, Wendy, Connie, Scott, and maybe Helen. Wendy suggested that the first week in April that subgroup could convene and talk.</p>	Wendy will send a Meeting Wizard for a teambuilding subgroup conversation the first week of April.
February board meeting report – Wendy	<p>Wendy shared that she thought it went well, the JTWTC falls into a category that the board needs to look at and think about. They know we have some urgency about it and asked if we could meet with them at their October meeting and we pressed back and asked for a time sooner; they will meet with the co-chairs in April. Questions about where we fit were heard well and the board was right there with the conversation and interested in hearing where we imagine we might go next—one thread that Wendy kept strong in the conversation was accountability to the accessibility part of the JTWTC portfolio. Michael shared that the board is expecting two things at the April board meeting: what is the future of our committee (looking for our input), and presenting our October report.</p> <p>Wendy shared that the Committee on Committees is the one that would move forward if there was going to be a change to JTWTC. The right relations committee is what used to be the ARAOMC</p>	All JTWTC members will reflect on 3 things they feel passionate about the board hearing re: the October report.

	<p>accountability group of the board.</p> <p>Michael asked if there were things that committee members wanted to offer additional input into what Michael and Wendy bring to the board. Connie suggested that if Michael and Wendy made an outline of what they planned to go over the rest of the committee could look it over. Wendy hopes that committee members could sit with the report and reflect on 3 things they feel passionate about the board hearing, while Wendy and Michael get more information from the board about how much time on the agenda they'll have, etc.</p>	
GA update: Travel Logistics	<p>Michael went over travel and housing logistics—see email from Alex.</p> <p>Wendy clarified that JTWTC doesn't pick up coverage for housing until Wednesday night and for folks who aren't staying for the ARAOMC training getting out on Sunday would really help the budget.</p>	
GA update: Plenary Presentation	<p>Wendy reported that they were asked to ask again in March regarding the Plenary Presentation.</p>	
GA update: Presentation of JTWTC Report to NomCom and CoC	<p>Michael met with Nancy Bartlett, chair of Committee on Committees. Michael shared that the conversation with NomCom and CoC at their joint meeting can be about what we learned from the report, hear from them about what they've gleaned from the report, and have a robust conversation about the recommendations—for us to flesh them out, ask what they think of our recommendations and ask clarifying questions. Wendy suggested we ask how much time they're thinking we'll have for this.</p> <p>At the second event all the committee chairs attend, and we might be able to give a quick report about what we think they as committee chairs should glean from the report and whet their appetite for reading it. Wendy added that highlighting the process-observation form and a couple other easy things they can take away and use immediately would be great. Wendy also suggested that it might be worth sending an email to KokHeong McNaughton asking if NomCom has engaged with the report yet as a committee and whether there are specific things they might be hoping we'd cover.</p>	
GA update: 4 hour GA meeting	<p>Jonipher shared that he and Arthur were thinking that a formal survey might not be the most efficient use of our time, so Arthur suggested three possible areas of discussion at the June meeting: 1. process issues around how JTWTC could run more efficiently and workload could be more evenly distributed—including improving coordination and operation. 2. What our next project will be based on the effectiveness of our first report. 3. How we could better address accessibility. Jonipher and Arthur are trying to determine how to best engage the rest of the JTWTC in their thoughts on these and other possible topics.</p> <p>Michael asked if there might be a way to get some preliminary next steps brainstormed before the April board meeting, because they're interested in hearing some of our thoughts for next steps. Helen asked a clarifying question about whether anything will be decided at the April board meeting, and suggested that if something did get decided we could discuss that in June. Wendy offered that during her and Michael's conversation with the board the two of them were very clear about needing direction and</p>	<p>All (especially those absent or quiet) are encouraged to put down in writing what their ideas are for the JTWTC's next steps and email them to Michael and Wendy.</p>

	<p>hoping to leave the April meeting with it. The board liked the idea of the two of them arriving at the April meeting with some ideas for next steps. They need to put boundaries around the scope of what JTWTC does before we can move forward, but we should bring ideas for areas that we want to move forward in and preliminary thoughts of what that could look like. In June we could take the feedback we get from them and plan for the next step.</p> <p>Discussion of how to decide what Wendy and Michael will present at the April board meeting. Arthur shared that the membership should be consulted. Connie suggested going around the phone lines and asking people what they think we should be doing next. Wendy suggested that folks commit to getting their thoughts down in an email within the next week to Michael and Wendy who would disseminate them and turn them back around for discussion. Helen has a problem writing everything down and would rather talk about it on the phone. Wendy was concerned that so many people were missing from the call. Michael invited Helen to share her thoughts.</p> <p>Helen shared that she's for working on accessibility. Connie offered the idea of following up on the first two reports to check on progress, and also the idea of a survey to the congregations asking them where they think they are in relation to ARAOMC, what they think they need in order to further their goals in that area, and how can the UUA/JTWTC be of assistance. Jonipher was thinking along the same lines of coming up with a congregational toolkit for making the work we do accessible on a more concrete and doable basis. Michael shared that he was ready to write up his thoughts.</p> <p>So, 4 hour meeting at GA will involve teambuilding and discussion based on feedback received at the April board meeting.</p>	
Process Observations – Arthur and Jonipher	Arthur and Jonipher offered process observations.	
Notes for next meeting	The next meeting will be Monday February 28 at 7pm Eastern.	

Respectfully submitted,
 Alex Kapitan
 February 10, 2011