

Journey Toward Wholeness Transformation Committee
Conference Call Meeting Notes
May 23, 2011

Present Members: Wendy von Zirpolo, *Co-chair*; Michael Sallwasser, *Co-chair*; Arthur Tackman; Taquiena Boston, *President's Representative*; Jonipher Kwong; Scott McNeill (for half the call)

Not Present: Connie Brown; Helen Boxwill; 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
Check-in – Wendy	Committee members checked in.	
Opening words – Wendy	Wendy read “Descent Into JFK” by Mohja Kahf	
Reading from our covenant – Wendy	<p>Wendy wanted to read two covenant pieces and invite all to check in at the end of the call about how we are doing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognize the work we do together is sometimes difficult and that our overall goal is to stay at the table together. Recognize that we are each and collectively works in progress and that there is no one right answer. <p>Wendy shared some frustration around lack of attendance at conference calls, and that the committee probably needs to revisit the conference call meeting time.</p>	
Meeting times at GA – Wendy	Wendy shared that some committee members asked that meeting times at GA be revisiting. A discussion ensued about possible new times.	<p>New GA meeting times:</p> <p>Thursday 10:30-2:30 (incl. joining NomCom/ComCom lunch 11-12:30)</p> <p>Friday 2-4</p> <p>Sunday 7-9am (if needed)</p> <p>Other JTWTC things at GA:</p> <p>Friday 6pm: Gathering of ComCom & committee chairs, JTWTC presence</p> <p>Sunday between 2-3 (during Plenary): JTWTC report</p>

<p>Topics for conversation at GA – Wendy</p>	<p>Michael liked what had been suggested so far, would like to see JTWTC think about how we might divide up the work of next steps and set out milestones and a plan.</p> <p>Wendy asked if the committee was in agreement that we would like to leave GA for a vision of how we want to spend the next year, given the fact that JTWTC has affirmation from ComCom that any one or more of the 3 areas discussed would be appropriate work for JTWTC to engage in.</p> <p>Arthur voiced remembering that an important topic for GA was our process and how we work together. Jonipher reminded the group that Connie won't be at GA and had strong opinions on that topic. Wendy shared that Connie had considerable input but then said she wasn't interested in continuing to talk about it. Wendy thinks it would be important to seek her input and also keep in mind in the fall that we aren't done with the topic.</p> <p>Arthur and Michael shared that they thought the committee could do both process and next steps.</p> <p>Wendy suggested spending 12:30-2:30 on Thursday discussing how we have been together, how we are together, and how we want to be together in the future; spending 2-4 Friday talking about our next steps; and saving Sunday for what feels needed after those conversations.</p> <p>Taquiena asked if the group could engage in pre-GA reflection questions to prepare the way and make things feel more manageable at GA. Also shared a desire to anticipate how different next year might be (with Justice GA 2012) and how it will impact the UUA and JTWTC.</p>	<p>Taquiena and Wendy will touch base over email about reflection questions.</p> <p>Michael and Wendy will put some energy into the details of the agendas for the GA meetings.</p>
<p>Collective process observation – Wendy</p>	<p>Arthur shared that he thought the process of the call went well.</p> <p>Michael shared frustration that more people weren't on the call, and that the folks on the call used a good process.</p> <p>Taquiena shared that she almost wished a subset could be going to Linda Stout's workshops because she felt like JTWTC tends to have to jump into work before building a community, and that's gotten in the way of the committee feeling whole.</p> <p>Wendy invited Taquiena to share a reading or other piece with the committee, and/or some exercise she might consider leading.</p> <p>Jonipher shared that he agreed that the community-building piece needs to take place in order for JTWTC to prioritize the work we do together. In terms of the call itself, it was great to be able to come to consensus about switching the times around for GA meetings.</p>	<p>Taquiena offered to look at Linda Stout's new book on collective visioning and see if there was a chapter that might serve the JTWTC well.</p> <p>Taquiena and Wendy will check in about a possible exercise Taquiena might lead on visioning/community-building.</p>
<p>Notes for next meeting</p>	<p>The next meeting will be at General Assembly! See above.</p>	

Respectfully submitted,
 Alex Kapitan
 June 8, 2011