

Journey Toward Wholeness Transformation Committee
Conference Call Meeting Notes
October 24, 2012

Present Members: Wendy von Zirpolo, *Co-chair*; Taquiena Boston, *President's Representative*; Benjamin Gabel; Carrie Stewart; Tracey Robinson-Harris; Walter LeFlore; David Slavin

Not Present: Scott McNeil; Jonipher Kwong; Alex Kapitan, *Staff Support*

Start Time: 5:30 PM Eastern Time

End Time: 7:00 PM Eastern Time

Topic	Discussion	Decisions/Actions
Check-in – Wendy	Committee members checked in.	
Post-General Assembly training – Wendy	<p>Wendy: Jonipher crunched some numbers for us in a way that it looks like we may be able to be strategic about attending a part of GA. However, since then it came up that there is a post-GA anti-racism/anti-oppression/multiculturalism training this year, which is mandatory for newly appointed/elected members of UUA committees. Not clear to Wendy whether JTWTC budget is responsible for the cost. Taquiena reported that Nancy Lawrence is in charge of the budget question.</p> <p>Wendy plans to request additional funding to cover attendance at the training. Also suggests that if we do a workshop, we request that it get scheduled Saturday or Sunday of GA.</p> <p>Committee members who have not participate in this training (Ben, Walter, David, Carrie) need to plan to be there for a full day Monday after GA. Tracey may or may not need to be there since she's served as a trainer before. Taquiena shared that there's been changes in the focus of the training; Tracey may find it interesting to be there. Tracey will look into attending.</p>	<p>Wendy plans to request additional funding to cover attendance at the training. Also suggests that if we do a workshop, we request that it get scheduled Saturday or Sunday of GA.</p> <p>Ben, Walter, David, Carrie need to plan to be there for a full day Monday after GA. Tracey will look into attending.</p>
Sidebar: David having a hard time hearing folks	Wendy wondered if we might look into instant messaging options.	
General Assembly workshop? – Wendy	<p>Wendy: Need to make a decision regarding whether to submit a GA workshop proposal and need a volunteer to get it submitted by the deadline, November 1. Do we want to do a workshop? A continuation of last year? Something different? Something having to do with our future work?</p> <p>Taquiena: Has any spoken with Wendy about using the process from last year's workshop for the GA reflection groups this year? It came up during a recent GA grid meeting. Wendy hasn't been approached about that idea. Wendy will check in with Walt Wheeler about that.</p> <p>Walter: Being at GA might be a good opportunity to do some data-gathering. David and Carrie agreed.</p>	<p>Wendy will check in with Walt Wheeler about reflection group process/facilitators.</p> <p>Wendy will create a draft of the GA workshop proposal discussed and will send it around to the committee.</p> <p>Ben volunteered to submit the proposal when it's final, and will request that it be scheduled as late in</p>

	<p>Ben: Would next GA be too soon to share preliminary data we've collected, e.g., on energy centers?</p> <p>Walter: Perhaps we could put out a couple questions around who we believe we are vs. who we really are. But getting self-selected people might give us a biased perspective. Carrie: that could just be part of the limitations of the report.</p> <p>Ben: It might make sense to take one of the focus areas we've established and work with that in our next GA.</p> <p>Tracey: Doesn't the theme of this GA have to do with covenant? Wendy: Yes. Tracey: I wonder if there's a way to take Walter's idea and share it along the lines of covenant. A question about the covenant that we made around becoming more anti-racist, anti-oppressive, and multicultural and how our identity has influenced our capacity to honor the covenant. Walter and Ben like it.</p> <p>Taquiena noted that the theme isn't just what we promised each other as individuals but also covenants and commitments we've made as a community. Ben thought that fits well. Wendy noted that we do have an opportunity to tweak the content of the workshop after it gets accepted.</p> <p>Carrie: The title of GA 2013 is "From Promise to Commitment"—sure fits with our mission!</p> <p>David brought up the topic of accountability, and wondered whether the next step from the GA theme is "from commitment to accountability." Who we are and who we think we are as a guiding question might bring in an element of reality check.</p> <p>Committee discussed the who and how of submitting a proposal.</p>	GA as possible.
Fall meeting – Wendy	<p>Wendy previously sent around a draft agenda.</p> <p>Note from Wendy: Just met with the Committee on Cross-Cultural Engagement, a task force moderated by Gini and formed after GA 2006, at which some painful things happened that involved the UU Musicians Network. Convenes once a year. This year the conversation about narrative came up, and what is our dominant narrative. Feels like an important intersection here, and would love more time to talk about this at our meeting but it's not on the agenda yet.</p> <p>Another thing not yet on the agenda is our agreement to do some spiritual exercises, suggested by Jonipher.</p> <p>Wendy invited thoughts on the draft agenda. Tracy asked a clarifying question about Parts 1-3 of the JTWTC Focus items Saturday afternoon. Wendy had imagined that subgroups would meet beforehand and decide how they are going to facilitate the larger group stepping more deeply into that topic. At the end of that day we will have thus spent an hour on each one.</p> <p>General conversation ensued about some possible flexibility when it comes to what subgroups end up needing. Folks agreed that the agenda looked good as a starting point.</p> <p>Wendy would like to add a check-in at the beginning of Saturday for subgroups to share (and possibly make adjustments at that point to the agenda), and also make sure to stop and assess at</p>	<p>Wendy will send a reminder to folks to set up their subgroup phone calls prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Ben volunteered to lead a brief worship Saturday morning of the meeting.</p> <p>Wendy will email an ask for a worship leader Sunday morning.</p>

	<p>the end of each of Parts 1-3 Saturday afternoon to make sure it's okay to move on.</p> <p>David: We need to set up some sort of phone conversation with our subgroups. Wendy suggested that one person from each group take responsibility for scheduling a phone call.</p> <p>Conversation about dinner Saturday night. Dinner will be from 6-7 as a group.</p> <p>Wendy asked for volunteers to do a brief worship in the mornings. Ben volunteered to do Saturday morning. Wendy also noted that Alex won't be with us during the meeting, so we'll have to find a way to take minutes during the meeting.</p> <p>Tracey won't be able to be there Sunday morning—unable to avoid preaching—but will be there by lunch.</p>	
Minute of silence – Wendy	Committee had a moment of silence in honor of Rev. Jack Mendelsohn, who recently passed.	
Note from David	David asked for help working on his workshop proposal (emailed around previously). Also sent an email around regarding a campaign to decrease the cost of phone calls from behind bars.	
Process observations – Carrie	Carrie found the process observations checklist confusing, and asked for us to review it. Carrie offered process observations.	

Respectfully submitted,
Alex Kapitan
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