

**Minutes**  
Commission on Appraisal meeting  
Oct, 2006, in Washington, DC

THURSDAY EVENING

**Check in**

**Review and approval of minutes**

FRIDAY MORNING

**Centering**

**Conceptual conversation about the project**

**Review of information from GA hearing**

**Process observations**

LUNCH

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

**Hearing planning**

**Discussion of GA hearing data**

**Discussion of responses from UUA staff**

We received a number of responses from UUA staff members to our questions about the practical implications of making any changes to the Principles. We discussed these at some length. In particular, any changes would affect a number of pamphlets and publications of the UUA, as well as the series of curricula currently being developed by the RE department. The Principles are used in many ways by the staff of the Association.

**Process observations**

SATURDAY MORNING

**Discussion of project timeline**

The deadline to put things on the agenda for GA 2009 is February 2009. We discussed the timeline of the project from now until then.

## **Further discussion of project**

We formed three task forces, to study the questions:

-   changes in American culture, and the implications for us, over the past 25 years
-   changes in UUism: theological, sociological
-   previous revision(s)' process of statement of principles, including CUC

These task forces will consult with people inside and outside the denomination. They will report in January about what they hope to have accomplished by April, and will give a final report in October 2007.

We discussed the possibility of having focus groups at GA.

Scheduling: At some point we should re-visit the usual schedule of meetings, especially around the October meeting, because of the difficulty of booking P/E in October.

LUNCH

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

## **HEARING**

### **Hearing debriefing**

### **Discussion of congregational workshop**

We discussed the workshop that is being developed to be sent out to all congregations. There are two versions, a one-session and a three-session version, as well as a version to do with youth and one to do with children. Further revisions will be made, and we hope to send it out in early January.

### **Process observations**

DINNER

SATURDAY EVENING

### **Further discussion of congregational workshop**

### **Discussion about future leadership of the Commission**

The “senior class” will serve as the Nominating Committee. They will meet in January, and present a slate at the April meeting.

### **Discussion of other communications received**

### **Process observations**

## SUNDAY MORNING

### **Future meetings**

Jan 07 – San Diego, CA

Apr 19-22, '07 – leaning towards Denver, CO

Oct '07 – currently booked for Oct 18-21, but P/E is full. Discussed staying elsewhere in Boston, and meeting at 25. Plan to have part of this meeting be group-building with the new Commissioners.

### **Task lists**

### **Process observations**

### **Checking out**