

Minutes
Commission on Appraisal meeting
Jan. 2007, in San Diego, CA

THURSDAY EVENING

Check-in

October minutes

Mark will send them out for approval over email prior to the next meeting.

Update on congregational packet status

The congregational packet (with the workshops or RE sessions for congregations to do) has been mailed out. Some congregations have received it.

FRIDAY MORNING

Worship

Mark led us in worship.

Reading the covenant

Working groups

We separated into working groups for an hour, and reconvened at 11:10.

Reports from working groups

Process observations

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Hearing planning

We spent some time planning the hearing. The basic outline is as follows: have participants pair up and interview each other with the first question first, then get into small groups and discuss the next three questions, and then report back to the larger group on their conversation. Then we will have an open discussion about the last several sections of Article II (the parts most people forget or aren't aware of), and end with an open hearing for people to air their general concerns.

Work on study: Discussion of various “external” documents

We discussed several documents from writers outside the Commission.

Process observations

SATURDAY MORNING

Final hearing planning

Wrapping up a few last-minute details about the hearing.

Hearing

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Debrief hearing

More work on study

Report on EOTD status

EOTD is not going to be re-printed. There was the suggestion of having it as an audiobook or as mp3/podcasts, but it was suggested that this would take more bandwidth than we have at the moment, and also it seems unlikely that there are many people who would be more interested in an audio format than PDF.

In general, we are dismayed that the report was not re-printed last summer or so, but at this point we are not going to pursue this any further.

Barbara's adult RE class

Barbara reported on the adult RE class she is running in her congregation, which is an expanded version of the workshops we sent out in the packet to congregations. We will add this workshop to our website, for congregations who wish to use it, to enable deeper conversations than in either of the models in the packet we sent out.

Work on study: Reflecting on reflection papers by CoA members

Process observations

SATURDAY EVENING

Treasurer's report

We briefly went over the financial statement from the UUA, and had some discussion about expenses.

April meeting

The Commission will be meeting April 19-22 in Denver, CO.

GA

If we want to meet with groups at GA, we need to start contacting them now.

Task lists**Other business**

Nominating Committee (for CoA leadership) will report in April.

Process observations**Check-out**