

General Assembly Planning Committee

July 28, 2019 Monthly Zoom Meeting



7pm - Opening Words - Debra Boyd *Invitation to create a brave space*

Check-in -

Maria McCabe - she/her/hers

Thomas Earthman - he/him

Greg Boyd- he/him/his

Chelsea Surfus - doesn't use pronouns

Jolanda Walter - she/her/they

LaTonya Richardson - she/her

Debra Gray Boyd - she/her

India via phone

Brief introduction of the GAPC - Debra (video)

Susan Richie - [Video on the history of the GAPC](#)

Responses & Questions for Susan Richie:

What would it look like if we leaned into the conference side as a committee? - Chelsea

Covenantal Clarity - Jolanda

Current General Assembly Planning Committee Covenant

As a member of the GAPC, I commit to bringing my full self to each meeting by:

- *Speaking my truth with compassion in ways to support others capacity to listen;*
- *Being aware of how white supremacy will interfere with who we want to become; and*
- *Understanding the passion of others as a practice of grace.*

I will listen with an open mind, valuing and listening to the experiences that everyone brings, and staying at the table, always with respect.

We will practice self-care, know our limits, and look after one another while doing this work.

We will recognize and honor the struggles and accomplishments of our respective pasts in an effort to heal old wounds and create new, vital experiences.

We have entered this work voluntarily, and will try to honor our commitments. May hope be our guide.

When the covenant is broken, the committee will take time to recognize and work toward healing.

Responses: Holding our faith in the center of the work, more religious language & naming multiple oppressions rather than just one

Commitment Clarity - Chelsea

- Rules around being on the committee need to be updated
- New behavioral agreement; it hasn't been updated in 9 years
- Updates around communications, email responses should be quicker
- We need to incorporate Microsoft Teams into our agreements
- We would like to look at the updates for the September meeting
- It's relational work, showing up for meetings, responding to emails, etc.

GACS update - LaTonya

Planning for Sept, GAMAP & Grid meeting; survey has been sent; Providence visit tomorrow; Staff retreat went well, visioning work and new initiatives; continuing to work on budget; no results at the end of the closing of the books. Spokane was possibly a 6 figure loss.

400th Anniversary - Rev. Susan Fredrick-Gray

400th Anniversary of the Mayflower and telling the story from a different vantage. SFG has been holding this work for the past year.

In Nov. 2018, SFG gathered a small group of Indigenous UUs: Clyde, Danielle D. Karen Gramer (climate justice) Karen Von Faucet

Conversation around advanced materials, reading and potential curriculum with Faith Development prior to GA2020. The 2012 Justice GA voted to repudiate the *Doctrine of Discovery* which is still used today as legal precedent to undermine treaties and sovereignty rights of indigenous tribes.

Meeting with Leaders in Providence & 3 Indigenous nations is scheduled for the fall of 2019 to explore ways people can be brought together.

Possible Visual presentation (exhibit hall or pre-GA materials)

Roxanna Dunbar Ortiz - Indigenous writer published by Beacon may work with us.

Emails from Rev. Bob Murphy should be forwarded to SFG as she has already been directly in contact and is taking the lead with this work. If Rev. Murphy approaches individuals committee members, they should reply that Rev. Susan is the correct contact & let the GAPC Exec know.

General UUA & GA 2020 Update - Rev. Susan Fredrick-Gray

We have decided not to say anything about Rev. Todd's book (Gadfly Papers) in order to not add to the controversy

Rev. De Bono - Service of the Living Tradition

Ware Lecture & Sunday Morning - ??

In GA 2014, GA sponsored WaterFire (Providence), it was expensive & very inaccessible

Checkout, Q&A