

August GAPC Zoom Meeting
2-3:30pm, 8/20/18

Present: Debra Gray-Boyd, Ila Klion, Rev. Marta Valentin, Rev. Jenn Gracen, Chelsea Surfus, Tuli Patel, Jolanda Walter, Denise Rimes, Jan Sneegas

Opening

Check-in

Updates from Jan:

- Financial Summary: Moral victory - we lost about 281,440\$ which was in our reserve. We didn't hit the UUA budget. This is better.
 - Next year is going to be challenging. We are not going to have a reserve. We have about 8,000\$ remaining in the reserve.
 - Final results in September meeting
- Stacey took and passed the certified meeting planner exam!
- Jan will be retiring. This year she will be full time and next year she will be half time.

Requests for September Packet

- Liaison reports from 2018 need to be submitted to Jan before September 1st.
 - If they are submitted later they can be distributed but not as part of the packet.
- We will be calendaring in September.

September Planning Committee Meeting

Wednesday -

- Arrive at 24 Farnsworth at 3pm on Wednesday for orientation.
- We will do some getting to know you exercises and go to dinner.

Thursday

- We will meet all day Thursday
- ½ of that day will be with Rev. Marta
- We will work on a covenant together
- We will report from Grid and GAMAP
- Dinner will be together

Friday

- We will meet all day on Friday
 - Discuss sustainability
- We will begin the budget work
 - There may be a Youth and Young Adult presentation
- We will work on calendaring
- Dinner on Friday will be on your own (or in your own groups).

Saturday

- We will end at 5pm on Saturday.

- We are trying not to do any deep chair work at night.

GAMAP/GRID: What, why, & GAPC role

- General Assembly Mission of the Association Partnership (GAMAP) meets on Monday before the September meeting.
 - It has representatives from a variety of groups.
- They get together to talk about the mission and vision of the association. There are decisions made at GAMAP makes decisions that can't be changed because it is a partnership between the board, administration, staff,
 - We are moving forward with having a General Conference rather than a General Assembly this year.
- General Conference is on the agenda

- GRID: Is when some groups (PDG, GAPC,) comes together to form the grid that creates the overview of what the GA will look like. Some things can be changed but it would require communication with a number of groups.

- These are the areas at which we have collaborated with other groups in the past.

Other:

- Rev. Marta would like to hear from everyone about what they would like to see happen.
- Tuli is going to send out an NPR link about an interview with Robin DiAngelo
- It is really important to have read the materials (GAMAP, GRID and Packet) before the meeting.
- Everyone bring readings for opening or closing pieces in the agenda.

Approval of Minutes from 8-1-18

- [Approved](#)

Information of Importance:

- Oshara Meesha has resigned effective immediately.
 - The committee expressed its concern for her.

Check-out

Closing Reading

Resources:

Link from Tuli on the NPR interview with Robin Diangelo: <https://www.npr.org/2018/08/18/639822895/robin-diangelo-on-white-peoples-fragility>

Here is some information that Kathy Burek provided to the Board that may help better frame the concept of a General Conference. The Task Force on Reimagining Covenant, led by Rev. Dr. Susan Ritchie led a lot of this work.

Attached are links to the reports from the Task Force on Re-Imagining Covenant.

- Report to Board April 2017 https://www.uua.org/sites/live-new.uua.org/files/re-imag_cov_tf_04122017.pdf
- UUA World article on General Assembly 2017 report <https://www.uuworld.org/articles/covenant-task-force-report-2017>
- Post-2017 GA Report https://www.uua.org/sites/live-new.uua.org/files/renew_cov_tf_rpt_102017.pdf
- January 2016 file:///C:/Users/Owner/Documents/UUA%20Covenanting%20TF/Reports/2016-Jan%20Report%20to%20UUA%20Board.pdf

The April 2017 report is the final report, and contains the rationale and history of general conferences. The GA Report is shorter and more general. The January 2016 report contains a discussion of a process for priority setting used by the American Baptist Church. We were interested in this process as a way to get broader input into the Ends of the Association. However, the mechanics would work well for building a vision/mission, new principles and purposed, etc.