



**Commission on Social Witness Meeting
Notes
June 20-25, 2017**

Tuesday, June 20

Susan Goekler, Caitlin Cotter, Kat Casebolt, Jyaphia Christos-Rodgers, and Christina Sillari met starting at 7:10 p.m.

We reviewed the CSW's agenda for GA.

We discussed the mini-assembly process for the statement of Conscience, including how to handle the off-site delegate chat.

We discussed the set-up of the booth and volunteer orientation.

We agreed to meet Thursday after the mini-assembly with a possible meeting Friday morning during the General Session, if needed.

Adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 21

No Meeting

Thursday, June 22

Susan Goekler, Caitlin Cotter, Jyaphia Christos-Rodgers, Kat Casebolt, and Christina Sillari met and were joined for the first part by David May (former CSW Chair) and for most of the meeting by in-coming Commissioner Meredith Garmon -- starting at 5:00 p.m.

We debriefed the SOC mini-assembly and then read, considered, and made decisions about each submitted comment – of both on-site and off-site delegates at a mini-assembly. We began with the Actions section that David May facilitated during the mini-assembly so he could leave after that. We broke at 6 for a dinner break and resumed at 7:15 p.m. when we started at the beginning of the SOC with comments.

We adjourned at 9:30 p.m., agreeing to reconvene Friday to complete the work

Friday, June 23

The Commission on Social Witness convened at 9:00 am with Susan Goekler, Caitlin Cotter, Jyaphia Christos-Rodgers, Christina Sillari and Kat Casebolt

We continued reviewing comments and making decisions about which proposed amendments to incorporate and which to leave unincorporated. Then we prioritized the unincorporated amendments and finished by preparing the CSW Alert for Saturday morning. We finished at 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 24

No meeting.

Sunday, June 25

We met for dinner, joined by Meredith Garmon and the spouses of Susan, Jyaphia, and Meredith, plus some of the volunteers and UUA Staff liaison Susan Leslie. Kat gave Susan G notes from the exhibit booth. The consensus was that people were engaged in the exhibit area and that having the spiced pecans that Jyaphia had prepared in advance was a great enticement. The workshops gathered good information, although were not well attended. People interested in the social witness process came, so those giving input were those well informed about the processes and issues.

Susan Goekler thanked Caitlin and Christina for their service and welcomed Meredith.