

## **Western Region Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes, January 28, 2017**

**Present by Zoom:** Annette Schmeling, Irma Dillard, Mary Kay Hunyady, Kathy Dolan, Paula Toner, Marcia O'Dea, Maura Kelleher.

**Chair:** Annette

**Harvester:** Mary

**Prayer:** Thank you to Irma for an impassioned prayer beseeching us to proclaim that we need revival, to become repairers of the breach, moral defibrillators for our time. (Reverend William Barber) (sent separately)

**Check-In:** How are you? How are you staying engaged and whole through the Trump transition?

Responses such as: powerful experience of Women's March, deep care for each other, new moment and hope, bad news in the world, fear, justice and injustice, interconnection of all, darkness cannot put out the light, speaking truth to power, possible failure of our political system and democracy, need for wise action, peaceful action of millions, alternate facts, creative ways of participating/responding, correlation between levels of depression and watching of news, meanness/distrust even within the family, need to live Cor Unum, stand up together and care for each other, doing what is right, every small thing possible in spite of attempts to silence and shut people down...

### 1. Response to 12/19/16 Letter to the region

- Few comments, some lack of clarity re Blue Ocean Process, Regional Task Force has disbanded due to each region being in their own process/place, desire for shared cross-pollinated Communications Committee for three regions, encourage new ways of communication/engagement/connection happening spontaneously,
- Each region did different processes. What to do next with Blue Ocean info in our region?
- What are we learning about the development of three regions as they emerge? Where are we now? Naming the need to engage, to know each other better, to start/nurture some fires.
- What is our understanding of shared leadership? How is it connected to communications? To JPIC?
- Annette will keep us up to date on Task Force.
- How are we as Province moving/growing with the flow of the changing world of

religious life and leadership?

## 2. Coordinators' Reports:

Getting committees going was planned to happen by mid-February, accounting for no January updates from some of the committees.)

- Community Formation -- has touched base and recognized the reality of few persons able to serve actively, so perhaps there is a need to join/link with other committees? There are points of intersection with other committees. There are things happening spontaneously/naturally.
- Communication & Technology – password change issue resolved, working on website, possible “refrigerator door” sharing, need to be sure all are receiving information, laundry list of feedback on issues, continue to build trust, possible modification of info sharing at Oakwood as necessary, possibility of trying short/simple/focused Western Region Vidyo conversations re political moment and/or debriefing Blue Ocean.
- Health & Wellness – sending out email to gather H&W Team.
- Vocation – overlap with province vocation ministry, involve all. There is a plan developing for a life directions retreat in Berkeley in late in February.
- Spirituality & Mission – plans to connect team re how spirituality informs/relates to mission and what others are doing.
- Cars & Transportation – no report yet.
- Financial – connecting with community treasurers re topics for conversations and building from the ground up, how to help each other in their service in simple ways.

## 3. Next steps or new business.

- Irma and Annette will continue to work on WR website, to be run by WRCC, then launched to WR by March (?).
- Irma and Annette to set up WR Vidyo conversation calls with dates.
- WRCC to reach out to interest groups.
- Brief email to WR from WRCC to say that we met, things are happening.

## 4. February Conference Call – Annette to send out Doodle with possible dates.

- February Chair: Mary Kay
- February Harvester: Paula

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