

ONE BODY

November, 2017

West Gathering Table Evaluations

Coming from gratitude For what am I most grateful about this time together?

Recognize people face to face and hear their point of view/where they come from

Coordinators being open and flexible, adjusting schedule – UNANIMOUS

Hospitality of Oakwood including staff – so gracious and welcoming

Comfortable group to be with

Flexible way with agenda – more open to the Spirit

Nice to see people and reconnect

Good to be informed on the process as it is proceeding.

We feel heard, listened to.

Jigsaw puzzle still in process as we figure out how to put the pieces together.

Love and openness among people at the table.

Getting to know one another.

Sharing and listening to one another.

Deeper understanding.

Inclusion.

Catching up with some people.

Grateful for Terri Monroe's intervention.

Image of midwifing.

Organization of day well done & flexible.

Espacio time & then the picture of tables and questions posted about without talking.

Team worked well together.

Meal well done.

Liked the music. Grateful for the Liturgy.

Quality of table conversation (which we are committed to continuing together).

Organizational order of meeting.

Time for reflection and sharing of them.

Quality of prayer was catalyst for sharing.

Depth of listening to one another.

Depth of listening from members to co-leaders.

Respect for the input from one another.

Work of kitchen and staff (out did themselves)

Bonding, reconnecting.

Flexibility to meet the needs of the group.
Remember what people look like.
Smoothness in moving from one topic to another.
Morning prayer – the oil.
Grateful: flexibility, trust, hearing other people’s ideas & thoughts, for being here, wasn’t hard/painful, life, vitality
Not as stressed to get things done.
Table conversations.
How in-depth people listened.
Preparation of espacio and reflection questions.
Silence and prayer integrated into weekend.
Seeing each other, increase Cor Unum.
Many people taking initiative to move us forward.
Grateful to the Spirit.
Hospitality and care of Oakwood.
???? of quiet, speaking, meeting in small group.
Appreciated seeing the Blue Ocean results again.
Grateful to the group – each open to share & to take time to share.
Friendly and open for expressing ourselves.
Grateful for prayer interludes & music provided for spiritual renewal throughout the meeting.
Searching/positive attitude/re-connectedness to RSCJ, enlightened information received.
Felt at home.
Needs met. Express/share where individuals and group are.
Fascinated possibility of being connected.
Clarity given on where we are in relationships.

What needs were met?

Need for inclusion
Need to get to know one another better
Inclusion,
Connection,
To be with San Diego folks on anniversary of Marie McHugh’s death (2003)
Remembrance of our teachers, friends & RSCJ

Honoring our pain ... What remaining questions, concerns, unmet needs do we want to share with the Planning Committee and Leadership Team?

Do not want a 'virtual region'

Some months from now, check it out, how are we doing?

How can small group suggestions be brought to the whole?

A clear path for raising concerns from the grass roots to the coordinating committee

Pace: very quick.

Happy with movement, but incomplete. Keep going.

Not enough time to share.

Time too short.

Not enough time to wrap up or reach conclusions.

Not aware of the Council or the website.

New to area. Unable to access the website.

Hearing issues. Difficult to hear each other at tables.

Coordinating committee will need to be replaced at some time – what is the process – how will we move.

Topics of interest groups need to change over time – keep fluid.

How will we learn what will happen in other Regions.

We need e-mail alerts when new information is posted on the West website.

We need good microphones (anger!!)

Still cannot understand what is happening. (one person) "I'm not with the program."

Limitations of how many people we could get to spend time with by being at one table. This is a short gathering had more benefits than disadvantage.

More attending to Oakwood people.

Further integration from Oakwood into the process. So far so good.

Some people might have a stereotyped view of Oakwood – as if all are mentally limited. For those who can, can they be more a part of the Redwoods?

Time to re-evaluate if the Leadership Team's service to the members (to determine the needs of the members).

Confusion of roles with the Leadership Team and the membership.

Further clarification: when is Oakwood part of the committees or not?

Within Regional Plan, as it is now, how do we animate life in the local areas?

Would like more to respect each other and staff.

How can we build more Cor Unum in the Region.

Refine the microphone system more.

Technology gaps affect us, leaving people disconnected and isolated.

Email more broadly.

Shout out to Trudy Considine for all of the tech help.
Grass roots initiatives to build Cor Unum.

Seeing with new eyes Have any new awarenesses arisen regarding our experimental structure since we began on Friday night?

[following from Terri] willingness to look internally rather than trying to fix the world

Must now think in terms of symbols.

Message is more important than the skills to read the message.

Parts of the process were confusing, in part because of the shifting agenda and process.

Freedom to ask questions of each other.

The awareness of new topics for interest groups would lead to deeper discussions.

The opportunity to begin something – be the starter and not wait for someone else to start it.

What we are trying is shared leadership. This committee is the embodiment.

We need to focus on living.

A little clearer on what committee sees as their job as leadership.

Leadership team needs to clarify their roles and how the structure energizes the membership.

I learned how much is on our Western Region website.

12-page Organizing Document (dull) – we got out of that box this weekend

Congratulations to leaders of leaderless group – great job.

We understand that there is shared leadership – we could see it happening.

Uniqueness of each Region is clearer.

How this compares with other parts of the Society that are needing to reconfigure. This could be one model.

We're mid-stream in our development as a Region.

Coordinating Council very flexible – responsive at this meeting.

Priority of relationships over more abstract structure.

Spirit can and does work in our relationships and helps keep us fluid in our structuring.

Balance of leadership (effective in this meeting) is very important.

Our process is more “structuring” (an on-going emergent evolution) than establishing a “structure.”

There is a structure, which I never knew about.

Highlighted a general need for more communication and intimacy between members.

Taking the initiative to develop relationships and to communicate.

General need for education/working with the website to get information.

Conviction: structure not more important than personal communications.

Perhaps questions for two groups (Oakwood and others)

We need to be personally responsible to take next steps – to be connected- relationships.

Going forth What do I most want for myself and for us as we prepare to leave this meeting? What message do I want to send to our other two regions in the spirit of One Body?

Deeper sharing of all aspects of our lives

Move forward from here and not go back – go forward to different things

Building on what we did here

“Not then, but now”

“Not someday, but today”

Make efforts to stay in touch

In light of former, well liked dialogue, across regions [like Spirit on Fire,]

What kinds of gatherings – prayer, sharing, dialogue, play – can we come up with

‘fun time’ together

Meet in Canada

More communication: better help and access to help to computers.

Keep in touch.

Important to engage with each other after the meeting.

Take more initiative to connect with people intimately.

Being adaptable to needs (re: vision issues, working with older sisters, etc.)

Taking the initiative to initiate communication.

Continue the conversation and deepening respect for other’s experience.

Meeting in our table group in the future (December).

We feel more united with the other two Regions now – learning from them. No desire to “compare” in any competitive way.

We respect and appreciate what they have done – are living – and who they are.

How is the 3 Year “EVALUATION” going to be done? Will it relate organically with the developmental process of the Region?

3 Regions mirror what’s going on in the cultures of the parts of the Province where they are located.

How diverse, and in what ways are possible to BE diverse, can the 3 Regions be so that we still can be One Body?

Other Regions should get a website.

Continue organic connecting e.g., drive to see, participate in connecting with other groups like Omaha.

Hope we can go down deeper into our love with each other.

Are we having fun being RSCJ?

Keep written communication simple.

We hope we will receive suggestions of other groups.

I would like to suggest that a team (Annette, Mary Kay, Diana) help look at ways Oakwood people could be more in step with the Region.

At this point, we want opportunities for membership's engagement with Leadership.

For us to continue to do what we agreed to – on-going connections and communication and not wait for others to bring us together.

Shared Leadership focus.

Try to contact each other more – maybe meet by facetime or Vidyo.

Be more creative to connect – plan more ahead.

Most appreciate one-on-one.

We have an insight that for so many of us the last big decision we made was to enter the Society and then the vow of obedience was the way decisions were experienced. Our struggle/challenge is to change our mindset so that we are free to initiate something without the fear of being “shut down.”

Continue to listen and adapt as we move forward. This way we are more connected and happy.

Continue to connect the dots as we really listen and understand each other.

Staying better connected.

Whatever helped you as a Region, please share it with us (West).

Hear about newer vocations.

Grateful for recent email from International Noviceship.

Celebrate International community.