

SCLCEF teleconference  
Minutes: Draft

March 23, 2008

7 p.m. EST

Attending Commission members & TEC staff

Mr. Keane Joel Keanuenu Akao (Vice-Chair) / 2012 – Hawaii, VIII  
The Rev. Valerie Bailey Fischer (Secretary) / 2012 – Massachusetts, I  
Ms. Hisako Miyazaki Beasley / (Executive Council Liaison) – Olympia, VIII  
The Rev. Eddie Michael Blue/ 2009 – Maryland, III  
Ruth Ann Collins Staff officer, Children's Ministries and Christian Education  
Dr. Scott Evenbeck/2009 – Indianapolis, V PEALL & Liaison for the Pres. HOD  
Dr. Frederica Thompsett Harris / 2012 – Massachusetts, I  
Ms. Iris E. Harris/ 2009 – Washington, III  
Ms. Sarah Eagle Heart/ 2009 – Central Gulf Coast, IV  
The Rt. Rev. Carolyn Irish (Chaplain) / 2009 – Utah, VIII  
Mr. Robert Charles Laird (Chair) / 2012 – Minnesota, VI  
Ms. Joyce Fletcher Menard / 2012 – Northern Michigan, V  
The Rt. Rev. G. Porter Taylor/ 2012 – Western North Carolina, IV  
The Rev. Mary Trainor, / 2012 – Fond Du Lac, V

1. Introductions

- 1.1. The meeting was an opportunity to check-in an review the progress from the November 2007 meeting in the Dominican Republic
- 1.2. Introducing new standing commission member Dr. Frederica Thompsett Harris

2. Updates

- 2.1. Changes at National Church Center – Ruth Ann Collins
- 2.2. ECCE: Episcopal Council for Christian Education has formed two groups, one for adult education and other for children. ECCE will meet twice a year, the entire group will meet in the fall, but the groups will meet separately in April. (need clarification)

3. Priorities

3.1. Province IX

- 3.1.1. A key goal it to develop the process for curriculum development in Province IX so that it could be used in other places.
- 3.1.2. Hisako and Keane will be working with Ruth Ann on this goal.

3.2. HBCUs

- 3.2.1. Iris – She is looking into what is happening at these colleges in terms of formation. The task is much harder since they are not dealing with Episcopalians
- 3.2.2. Black Seminarians meeting: April 13, Atmore Alabama, 50 miles north Ports Creek

- 3.2.3. Sarah has volunteered to attend this meeting of Black Seminarians
- 3.3. Liturgy and Formation Dialogue
  - 3.3.1. RC: Has a great deal of interest in adult catechumenal formation
    - 3.3.1.1. Will look into emergent church models
  - 3.3.2. Hisako will look into
    - 3.3.2.1. The Associated Parishes for Liturgy and Mission Church of the Holy Apostles, Fremont
    - 3.3.2.2. St Mark's Cathedral Compline service
- 3.4. Lay Professional Accreditation
  - 3.4.1. Eddie is looking into information about the following lay professional accreditation programs:
    - 3.4.1.1. Safe guarding God's children
    - 3.4.1.2. Anti-racism training
  - 3.4.2. Scott: Concerned about the reduction in diocese lay Christian education professionals. Hopes to look into why this is happening.
- 3.5. Episcopal Schools and Colleges
  - 3.5.1. Will work on a resolution to affirm the work of Episcopal schools. Further discussion about what is our understanding of Episcopal school's mission. Will work with association of schools, share the data and a resolution of support.
- 3.6. YASC
  - 3.6.1. Sara: Affirmation for YASC, commend to convention service internships (including domestic service programs). Plans to contact the supporting networks for domestic service programs
- 3.7. Seminary Formation Ethos
- 4. Additional comments
  - 4.1. Bishop Taylor: interested in investing his energies into catechumenal work, (helping people become more equipped to become ministers to carry out their baptismal promises), the charter for Lifelong Christian Education and Formation, and the Adult Formation Charter.
  - 4.2. Bishop Taylor: Province Eight bishops's program – "The green vocation" to encourage people to live responsibly and to advocate for environmental sustainability...a different kind of formation.
  - 4.3. Valerie Standing Commission for Ministry Development would to co-sponsor a joint meeting between their commission and the SCLCEF, Commission on Ministry Provincial Representatives and Provincial Representatives for Christian Education (and possibly other provincial representatives for youth, young adult and adult education.)

#### Working Priorities

1. Province IX Curriculum Development Process – Hisako and Keane
2. Episcopal Schools - Scott Evenbeck
3. Liturgy and Formation Dialogue - R.C.

4. Lay Professional Accreditation - Eddie?
5. HBCUs - Iris, Scott?
6. Episcopal Schools and Colleges -
7. YASC – Sara, Iris, Valerie
8. Practical Resources – Ruth’s office
9. MDG Resources -
10. Called to Teach and Learn – Ruth’s Office
11. Seminary Formation Ethos Thing - Eddie and Joyce
12. Adult Formation Charter - Ruth-Ann is going to brief us
13. Commission Name Change - tabled until June.