

## **Standing Commission on Ministry Development**

**February 26, 2010**

**Present:** Nancy Key, Julie Lytle, Luisa Bonillas, Jack Finlaw, June Gerbracht, David Jones, Jay Phillilli, Anne Watkins, Catherine Roskam, Brian Thom, Fred Vergara

**Approved Absence:** Joseph Pae and Gary Hall

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### **1. Welcome, Check In, Confirm agenda**

- \* Reminder that we have accomplished a lot relative to CCABs
- \* Reminder to review files in GCO Extranet and in this space in the Files Pod

### **2. Housekeeping**

- ♦ Adobe Connect? Fred-WebEx??
- asked Fred to keep us posted on progress of WebEx shift at 815
- we want to be sure that VIDEO is available for our electronically-based meetings.
- ♦ Progress on HIV tutorial - tutorial is now available; Brian and Jay have tried it; We are reminded to do it by the end of MARCH 2010; GO TO: [www.neac.org](http://www.neac.org) (see SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY purple box) and [www.episcopalhealthministries.org](http://www.episcopalhealthministries.org)

### **3. Executive Council**

#### **3a. revised Strategic Plan**

- ♦ Anne has posted a file in at the extranet site providing updated Strategic Plan
- ♦ CCABs were assigned to one of each of five groups of Exec Council - shifted SCMD to Mission from Advocacy
- ♦ returned resolutions we had questions about for review by Greg Straub

#### **3b. Haiti Resolution Proposed by the Standing Commission for Anglican and International Peace with Justice Concerns**

- ♦ SCMD listed as a co-sponsor; Nancy will review process for getting our feedback on issues with tight timelines

### **4. Sub-committee reports: Accomplishments, next steps, timelines**

#### **a. Ordained Ministry Formation (A191) - Jack Finlaw, chair; Julie Lytle, Gary Hall, Luisa Bonillas, Joseph Pae**

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- ♦ lack of funding to gather stakeholders led to decision to meet with individuals/groups electronically using interview question list and having at least two members of the subcommittee present
- ♦ will look at Episc seminaries, non Episc seminaries, private schools, and local training processes (i.e. recommendation to stay in touch with groups within Living Stones re: models); also following Emergent Church efforts and include House of Bishops Theological Education Committee, General Board of Examining Chaplains, and Council of Seminary Deans
- ♦ Cathy recommended contacting General Seminary Hispanic Educ coordinator Virto Danerea; Jack will bring to subcommittee meeting in March
- ♦ draft instrument/questionnaire; reconvene March 26 to review
- ♦ will draft report for Blue Book; possibly propose resolutions using data
- ♦ expand SCMD collection of Episc Sem reports to include other prep programs/processes
- ♦ report posted on Extranet

**b. Pastoral subcommittee (A186) - David Jones, chair; Anne Watkins, June Gerbracht, Brian Thom, Barbara Bender-Breck**

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- ♦ committee has not met
- ♦ David sent info re: amendments to Title 3 for review by committee; Proposes new section 21 - radical amendment - currently rector or vestry can identify impairment; David is suggesting we add right for standing commission with 3/4 vote make recommendation to depose; this would give BISHOPS DUTY AND RIGHT to intervene - full amendment is on Extranet
- ♦ significance of amendment reinforced with personal experiences in VA and NY
- ♦ alcohol abuse, drug abuse - likely easier to define than mental health; will require care as we draft
- ♦ Barbara Bender-Breck confirmed willingness to be part of subcommittee
- ♦ Can subcommittee meet electronically?? YES - David will coordinate with Julie re: time

**c. Ministry of the Baptized subcommittee (C080)  
Jay Phillipi, chair; Nancy Key, Fred Vergas, Catherine Roskam**

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- ♦ committee has not yet met
- ♦ responsibilities primarily gathering information/resources
- ♦ total ministry concept growing and supported by KJS
- ♦ committee will focus on reading history and determining next steps as part of subcommittee meeting

**d. Conant Grant subcommittee - Gary Hall, chair; Brian Thom, June Gerbracht**

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- ♦ Conant grant decisions for 2010-2011 have been posted on Extranet
- ♦ 14 grant requests from \$2,000-\$15,000
- ♦ awarded just over \$90,000 of \$232,000 available (not being fully utilized)
- ♦ is the grant being fully promoted? appears to be yes
- ♦ what needs to be done to encourage greater spending of resources? permission? encouragement? time?
- ♦ guidelines offered - requires connection to EPISCOPAL Seminary
- ♦ most of what was denied did not comply either by timing or by function

**5. Province Commissions on Ministries -Status of contacts - see action items**

- ♦ goal was to have member of SCMD go to local Province meeting and/or connect to member of the Provinces Commissions on Ministries - BRIDGE- BUILDING function which replaces gathering that used to be held with them F2F
- ♦ hope was to keep us from operating in a vacuum - "what are you doing; how can we help"
- ♦ see as shareholder in process we are responsible for
- ♦ HOW DO WE KNOW WHO THESE CONTACTS ARE?? -- many provinces have only part time person...
- ♦ WHAT IS PURPOSE FOR RELATIONSHIP WITH THEM -- David and his staff member will assist
- ♦ Prov 1 - Anne/Julie; 2-June; 3-David; 4-Jay; 5-Gary; 6-Jack; 7-Fred; 8-Fred; 9-Luisa

**6. Next meeting - FRIDAY -- April 16, 2010 11 am ET**

November 2 – 5, 2010; Determine location - Brian will find location... check with Fred/Patrick at General Convention Office (Salt Lake City/red Lion Hotel; Baltimore/Maritime Institute Conf Center)