

**Task Force on the Theology of Money Resolution A061 Web-Conference Meeting
Summary April 30, 2019 6:00 -7:30pm v2 5-15-19**

Next Web-Conference Meeting Tuesday, May 28 7:00pm EDT

In Attendance: Evan Garner, Kevin Brown, Gawain de Leeuw, John Dyer, Bill McKeown, Kirk Smith, Steven Tomlinson, Celeste Ventura, Doug Walker

Opening Prayer – Led by Evan.

Introductions: Highlights as heard by the note taker:

Evan – Parish Priest now in Arkansas – was in Alabama

Celeste – Layperson Diocese of El Camino Real, CREDO Finance Faculty since 2002, Retired Merrill Lynch VP/Financial Consultant, Author *Deeper Simplicity, Broader Generosity: Images of Financial Wholeness* published by CPI

Kirk – Retired Bishop of Arizona, home in Sedona and Green Valley, will be teaching at General Seminary NYC

John – Was Priest in Minnesota; now CDSP's VP-Chief Operating Officer; had been on the Financial Committee in Diocese Washington

Kevin - Bishop Diocese Delaware for a year and a half. Was in corporate finance.

Gawain – Parish lost endowment in the in the crash. Author: *The Body of Christ in a Market Economy*; Parish Priest

Steven – University of the South Professor; Diocese of Texas; was in Finance and Economics and started a business in South Carolina; In process of publishing a book: *Body of Christ in Market Economy - Money as Metaphor*

Bill – Layperson; Attorney for Non-Profits for over 35 years, NY; Involved in Social Responsible Investing

Doug – Professional Fund Developer mostly with private schools.

Gayle and Martin not able to be with us – hopefully next time

Evan spoke to the **limitations of web-based vs. in-person**. If any of us have a problem with ZOOM and/or Extranet, please call/email/contact him.

The group read the **Resolve A061** Create a Task Force on Theology of Money.

Sources mentioned: **GC Archives** for previous action; **CPG** for their Centennial publication on Social Responsible Investing and for their current practices. **CEEP** might have resources from past and/or a few of our team might attend next CEEP Conference. Just thought of another as I type: **FORMA** – talk with Sharon Ely Pearson; Candice Frazer and Pamela Gomez were mentioned as sources.

Some comments that stood out: Struggle to find Language on how to use resources. What is the theological basis for our actions?

Continuing List of Some Comments That Stood Out

Practical Theology – We react to Practical Steps

A draft timeline would be helpful. Evan will explore and “bring” a draft to our next call. The term “Moments of Decision” was used.

Invite people to talk about what they are already doing.

What is the language of Stewardship?

“People come to Church to find a better god than money.”

Trellis is needed to produce “fruit” like a Rule of Life.

Translate words to use as a resource across the church.

List ten traditions around money – personal audit.

Suggest approaches to help other take this seriously...not prescriptive but descriptive.

After some discussion, it was decided to create one Google doc on which individuals would share their own reflections on the theology of money, including scriptural, liturgical, and other running list of theological resources that have been important to them. Everyone was asked to post by 5/14, giving 2 weeks to write and everyone 2 weeks to read each other's reflections.

Suggested Next Steps:

Offer our list on certain subjects however be prepared to be criticized as others contribute.

Over the next week or 2, those who contributed thoughts during the “meeting” are invited to summarize their high points – especially if not above or nor as thorough above as might be helpful. In other words, share our reflections so all can read.

Commit to personal reflection by next conversation – would someone kindly expand on this? Thanks!

Our Timeline: September 2020 or Dec. 2020?