

Minutes of the Task Force on Theology of Social Justice Advocacy
May 8, 2020, via Zoom

Present: Sarah Lawton, Anne Hodges-Copple, Prince Singh, Brant Lee, Ruth Frey, Susanne Watson Epting, Lallie Lloyd, Guy Leemhuis

Susanne offered a prayer.

We discussed the offer from the GCO to meet in person in August (laws allowing) and decided that for various reasons it will not work for us to meet in person that soon even with precautions. Regretfully.

Discussion of next steps:

Taking into account Reuben's note to us this morning about having enough data, what do we want to do with the questionnaire and wisdom circle interviews? Following much discussion, we agreed that a good first step is to interview some of the people on our list (faith-based/Episcopalian theologians, educators, practitioners) to check in our work and ask them if the questionnaire is asking the right questions.

We agreed on the following questions:

Questions to guide our discussion with our interviewees:

Start by sharing our mandate and the draft questionnaire, and share a bit about our working themes/definitions.

- Are these the right questions?
- What is missing?
- Are there others we should talk to?
- What resources exist for this formation that we should know about?
- Is there anything else he/she would say or offer about this work?

For anyone in a seminary or university setting: is there a student who might be interested in working with us to analyze and interpret the responses, perhaps as part of a student course or project?

We have started a google doc with names to call – Anne will be in touch with Dora to fill her in on today's meeting and see if she can do any of these interviews. Lallie will send us her draft for an initial email. We will create a Google doc for summarizing each of the interviews.

For the theology group, several of the smaller groups have been in touch and have been developing language around themes and definitions which are circulating as Google Docs. Susanne and Anne have been looking into the archives as well. It's possible that the interviews will inform this work as well.

We will meet again on June 12.

Notes by Sarah Lawton