

Task Force on Communion Across Difference

March 26, 2020 | Zoom Meeting

Present:

Task Force members: Megan Allen, John Bauerschmidt, Gregory O. Brewer, Fred Ellis, Thomas Ely, Scott Garno, Mary Gray-Reeves Jordan Hylden, Susan Russell, Tanya Wallace, Christopher Wells, Miguel Escobar, Anna Haeffner, Moises Quezada Mota

Interpreter: Dinorah Padro

The meeting was convened by co-chair Susan Russell

Originally scheduled as a preparatory session for our in person meeting in St. Louis April 21-23, we met on March 26 in the wake of the shut-downs and cancellations due to the COVID19 pandemic.

In response to the recognition that our work and timelines were going to be dramatically altered, we spent this meeting time checking in with each other about the impact of COVID19 on our families, ministry contexts and what in particular role our Communion Across Difference ministry might have to play in a time of global pandemic.

We were all enriched by the depth of sharing and the opportunity to pray for and with each other.

Two action items emerged out of this meeting:

- An assignment (suggested by Bishop Tom) for each TF member to craft a paragraph offering priorities for the form and content of the Task Force report to General Convention: recommendations, resources and/or resolutions and bring to our next meeting.
- Susan will send out a Doodle poll to determine the best time for our next Zoom meeting and connect with the GCO about any options for rescheduling our in-person meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
(The Reverend Canon) Susan Russell