

## ***Oversight Working Group meeting minutes, April 30, 2009***

Participants: Susan Winn, Paul Gehrs, Lydia Laku, PJ Hobbs, Henriette Thompson (chair, notes)

Regrets: Margaret Cornish, Peter Fenty, Caroline Chum. Florence Ayban sent recent email updates on the human rights situation in the Philippines and on her work.

1. Sue opened the meeting with prayer.

### **2. Planning Process Outline**

*The following dates mark important program and budget decision-making occasions at Church House.*

**May 14 (possibly May 21 instead)** – Partnerships team and program priorities drafted and sent to PMEJC members for review and input.

**June 2, 2-4pm EST (details below)** -- PMEJC conference call to comment on Partnerships 2010 budget and plan; plan Fall PMEJC meeting

**June 10** – Management Team: presentation of first draft program budget for review

**September 9** – finalized Church House budget for 2010

### **3. Oversight WG discussion highlights:**

- To move the PMEJC planning process along, staff are asked to consider and respond to: What do staff need from PMEJC to further the Committee's work (progress on GS 2007 resolutions; Working Group activities and goals, etc.)? What will staff need from PMEJC in the October meeting? What suggestions or roadmap can staff provide to help the Committee achieve its work objectives? How would increased integration of ELCIC and ACC programs help us move toward *fuller* communion?
- Triennium considerations: Will October 2009 be the *last* PMEJC meeting in this triennium? If so, this means one last chance to give significant input into PMEJC vision in the next triennium. How will we celebrate our work if October is our last meeting? The May 8-10 CoGS meeting will be an opportunity to hear the wider discussions about meeting frequency for all Committees.
- Size of PMEJC -- what are the governance guidelines that affect the size of PMEJC? What do we need to know to explore a reduction in the size of PMEJC? Who is eligible to be on the Committee for a second term (check protocols)? Does it matter that PMEJC did not equal PiM and EJ? Sue and Henriette to follow up at CoGS with the Chancellor.
- In the June 2 conference call (details below), all PMEJC members are requested to participate in advance by email or on June 2 by conference call their thoughts on: Will the draft agenda for the Fall meeting support Committee work objectives? What are the implications for time spent in

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meeting workshops? What are the implications for time spent on local exposure visits or events?

- General Synod 2010 questions for consideration – How do we prepare for GS 2010? Reserve agenda time in October for this? What about inviting an international partner to GS – what are the process and protocols? Sue, Henriette and Rob Marsh (PMEJC delegate to CoGS) to report back their learnings from CoGS.

### **2. Fall 2009 meeting agenda:**

2a. We discussed Paul's April 6 email requesting the participation of 1-2 local Lutherans in the PMEJC Conference to strengthen Full Communion opportunities through relationship and capacity building, and through the development of local connections during our time in Vancouver. Also, we agreed that an invitation to the BC Synod Lutheran Bishop Gerhard Preibisch to participate in our visit to the diocesan office/Bishop Ingham would be another opportunity to strengthen relationships. More discussion to follow re. protocols for bishopric (is that a word?) relations!

2b. Request from Vision, Theology and Worship Working Group for three sessions.

In April, Jonathan Schmidt on behalf of the VTW WG, sent a proposal requesting three separately spaced sessions of 1.5 hours in length for theological reflection.

Question to Jonathan and the Working Group: do you have particular local speakers in mind, and if so who are they? Also, please provide a cost estimate for the local speakers.

We affirm the Working Group's 1<sup>st</sup> principle questions. We agree to the request for three sessions and suggest they run from 9 to 10:30am each day with close observation of timelines. We understand that worship time will require separate agenda time and suggest that evenings be considered for worship.

***We request the Vision, Theology and Worship Working Group to hold their planning process until after the CoGS meeting ends (May 10) and relevant proceedings are shared*** so that we will have a clearer understanding of the number of meetings left before GS 2010 and the effect of this on the October meeting agenda.

### **3. PMEJC Conference Call**

***When:*** Tuesday, June 2, 2-4pm EST                      ***RSVP***

***Who:*** Co-chairs, staff, all PMEJC members (participation in advance by email or by phone or in person on June 2)

*Draft agenda and background documents to be sent out by May 27.*