Coordinating Committee Meeting by zoom
June 29, 2020
7:00 pm

Present: Sarah Katreen Hoggatt, Mike Huber, Gil George, Dave Cundiff, Roy Gathercoal, Peggy Hanson, Chuck Fairchild, Judy Maurer (clerk)

1. We spent time reading and reflecting on the newly approved Minute for Black Lives. The following are some of the ideas, resources, reflections, possibilities that were brought up. We enter them here to create a sense of accountability for ourselves to follow up. They do not (yet) reflect minutes or decisions:

- We will make mistakes; we can not wait for perfection to settle upon us before we begin.

- The Minute for Black Lives seems to flow into the arc of justice by first a call to own our legacies, then allying ourselves with and listening to leaders in the Black, Indigenous and People of Color communities, and into action to reverse racism. LISTENING is a key word.

- Create lines of accountability to communities of color by partnering with other organizations led by BIPOC.

- Seek out and hire consulting organizations led by BIPOC to show us the patterns of our decisions, behavior; how what we do tends to exclude BIPOC in SCYMF churches. This may open us to many changes and end up encouraging participation at all levels by individuals with varying backgrounds who have been excluded in the past.

- The text on reparations may inspire a fundraising effort for donations raised as a community to benefit organizations working to reverse the generational impact of racism.

- We cannot predict the path forward; it's as if we are facing a messy pile of thread; we pull one, then another, and see what becomes of it.

All Coordinating Committee members on this call were enthusiastic about the substance of the “Minute for Black Lives”, and are personally committed to carrying out this minute faithfully. The Minute appears to Coordinating Committee members to be both wise and timely.

Resources mentioned during reflection time:

Below are queries from Baltimore Yearly Meeting to consider each time a decision is made: https://www.bym-rsf.org/publications/yearbooks/0819attach.html?fbclid=IwAR0sxcPWIMsU_xJI8VBnr oZpJ4hsqKp_bzGvb9_WDk9vILCtyWcBzPTU#antiracistqueries

1. How could this decision affect those who have been harmed by racist behavior?
2. To what degree have privilege, class, stereotypes, assumptions, and our ability to include other perspectives affected this decision? Will this decision promote equity, diversity, and inclusiveness? Will it enable us to be more friendly and whole?

3. How will we provide opportunities for those most likely to be directly affected by our decision to influence that decision?

4. How does this decision support the declaration of our Yearly Meeting that we are an anti-racist faith community?

American Friends Service Committee workshops on zoom in July:

Register for AFSC’s online workshop: Radical acting in faith for white people
Thursdays 5:30 - 6:30 Pacific Time, July 9 - Aug 27 (link includes details and registration form)
https://www.afsc.org/action/online-e-course-radical-acting-faith-white-people?fbclid=IwAR1PusD0DqxQMvZb10jESE4abcJQNwBLXN751r4fBBKeDidQ1kQij00sMxc

Learn about The Project Voice Immigrant Rights Program: enhancing the ability of immigrants to affirm their human rights and impact public policies that affect them and find resources for action including Covid related action.
https://www.afsc.org/office/salem-or

Possible organization: https://www.ourturnpdx.com/

2. Deepening communications between business sessions

Minute approved: Coordinating our whole yearly meeting requires good communication. We’d like to ask the Communication Committee: What do you think our communication strategy should be? How can we be effective in increasing engagement by providing our people with the information they need in whatever form is most effective for them? Is there a way to gather data on who is opening our emails or engaging in other communiques to know which strategies are effective?

3. Liaison from Coordinating Committee is needed for the youth, quarterly gathering and Equity and Inclusion committee