

Commission on Reconciliation Report for March 11th Gathering

At the December 2nd COR meeting Guy Moody, Steering Cabinet Chair, approached the COR to see if we would be willing to get involved in a project to insure that we have a diversity of opinions in all decisions being made by the Presbytery. COR voted to embark on this conversation with Guy and conversations continued at the January and February COR meetings. An Equity Task Force was created to continue this discussion. Members of the group are Guy Moody, Chrystie Adams, Jose Lopez, Susan Khrebiel, Jennifer Barchi, Audrey Trapp, Yvette McEchern, and Karen Brown.

The Equity Task Force has met and discussed the issue of equity in decisions made by the Steering Cabinet. The original intent seemed to be that COR would come up with an instrument/statement that the Cabinet would be voting to accept and follow in future decisions. However, after much discussion, the Equity Task Force has decided that the conversation of equity and clarity around this issue needs to be brought back to the Steering Cabinet for a deep and meaningful conversation. A report from the Equity Task Force will be given at the COR meeting on March 17th and the recommendation to return the issue back to Cabinet will be shared.

In other COR news, the Youth Initiative Task Force is in the process of being organized by the capable hands of Karen Brown and Susan Khrebiel. COR partnerships – Baltimore Dakota, Cuba and Gautama - continue to seek ways to strengthen connections with their partners during the pandemic. The Dismantling Racism Team has been in conversation and a separate report has been provided by that group. Also at our March COR meeting we will be reviewing and making plans for the 2021 Community Engagement Grants.