

## General Conference Delegation Meeting Minutes: June 20, 2020

### Agenda:

- Worship
- GC and JC dates
- Frequency of meetings
- Response from our delegation in regard to the racial crisis we are in.
- What should we know/share with the delegation from caucus groups
- Other...

Present: Russ Abel, Ronnie Bell, Meg Lassiat, Adriane Curtis, Duana Carlisle, Albert Hidalgo, Jill Moffett, Aleze Fulbright, Carolyn Johnson, Chris Hancock, Mike Womack Mary Fridlund, Brett Lloyd, John Lomperis, Rob Fuquay, Ian Hall, Shirley Dominick, Shannon Priddy, Chris Nunley, Kim Arnott, Marti Lundy, Nathan Lundy, Chiyona Bourne, Derek Weber, Dennis Adams

The delegation met over Zoom. Part of the meeting was set aside to discuss the possibility of putting forth a statement about racism from the group

Conversation was held about whether we should or should not put together a statement, involving perspectives from members of the delegation.

There were ideas presented about having a group study on the books *White Fragility* or *How to Be an Antiracist*. Comments were made about the concern for persons of color on the delegation feeling burnt out on such conversations.

The consensus was that many in the group felt that we had a lot to learn. Comments were also made about how this important topic of race and racism relates to the divisions around human sexuality in the denomination.

The end result was that the delegation chose not to present a statement about racism at this time. Several offered to put together smaller groups within the delegation to continue discussion and learning around issues of racism. Albert Hidalgo sent a follow up email to convene a group for this purpose.

Discussion around caucus groups reported that not too much new has come about regarding conversations or plans for the future of the UMC. An upcoming movement/conversation was mentioned about "Out of the Chaos." More information is available on this website: <https://www.umc-outofchaos.org/about>

Future meetings: there is a team that is working on future meeting dates and will report back to the group