

Governing Board of Contemplative Outreach
Conference Call/Zoom Minutes
May 4, 2021
12:00 – 1:30 pm ET
Approved

Governing Board Members Present: Jenny Adamson, Kathy DiFede, Maru Ladron de Guevara, Phil Jackson, Pat Johnson, Julie Saad, Tom Smith, and Carol Quest

Also Present: Mary Jane Yates, Administrator

1. **Opening reflection:** Jenny offered a reflection from Richard Rohr's May 4, 2021 email on being *invincibly established in God as a mysterious Presence*.
2. Approval of minutes for April 20, 2021. Jenny moved to approve the minutes and Phil seconded. All approved.
3. Administrator's Report
 - Prayers for Kathleen as she continues to work part time during her recovery.
 - The Prison Outreach survey generated 88 respondents and interest in becoming a service team.
 - Technical support is updating CO Facebook presence and supporting Prison Outreach communication.
 - Plans continued for the Circle of Friends summer gathering with Vincent Pizutto as presenter.
 - Korean translations are now included in [Translated Materials Round Up.xlsx \(sharepoint.com\)](#)
 - The Sub-title Working Group suggests compiling a glossary of Centering Prayer terms and concepts with recommendations for how they should be translated.
 - Staff is interacting with service teams in their current efforts to share centering prayer and its contemplative vision as widely as possible.
 - A Community Conversation Guide is being prepared to stimulate conversation throughout the Contemplative Outreach network about what serves our current reality and how Contemplative Outreach can best support the changing needs of Christian contemplatives at this time.
4. September 2021 Conference – Content plans are evolving to provide enrichment to support Centering Prayer practice and opportunities to listen and respond to voices from all corners of the Contemplative Outreach network. The planning team interacts with staff for technical support.
5. The extended June board meeting will be Friday and Saturday, June 4-5. The staff is invited to join on Friday. On Saturday the top agenda item will be new member selection.
7. Next Board Zoom call is May 18, 2021 at 12:00 pm EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Quest, Secretary