

**Governing Board of Contemplative Outreach**  
**Conference Call/Zoom Meeting with Staff**  
**June 4<sup>th</sup> 2021 Minutes**  
**Approved**

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jenny Adamson, Kathy Di Fede, Maru Ladron de Guevara, Phil Jackson, Pat Johnson, Carol Quest, Julie Saad, and Tom Smith

ALSO PRESENT: Mary Jane Yates, Administrator; Pamela Begeman, Communications; Coordinator; Emily Carroll, Social Media and Technical support; Mark Dannenfesler, Program Coordinator; Kathleen Gilgannon, Financial Administrator; Marie Howard, Coordinator of Volunteers; and Matt Scrimgeour, Technical Support Specialist.

NOT PRESENT: Donna Cole-Struck, Office, Donor and Database

Friday-6/4/2021 Governing Board and Staff combined meeting

Morning:

Centering Prayer and check in.

Afternoon:

Centering Prayer followed by discussion of **our progress towards our Vision as a non-hierarchical, self-managing organism.**

Pamela Begeman pointed out the need for a unified priority, so that we all have the same understanding of what one or two things we are devoted to. She offered this metaphor to help guide the process:

There are three streams to guide us

—sensing what is emerging (the trends)

—sensing what am I called to give my time to (what awakens in my heart)

—making choices as a total team

As the discussion progressed the Governing Board and Staff agreed on these steps:

Begin by generating a list of what we are sensing:

—Each person will list what they are sensing to be emerging (Note: just the first stream)

—Pamela will provide common document to which each person can add their list

—On June 15 the Board and Staff will meet together to review the list and determine the next step.

Remember we are staying with the first stream for this first round.

The list will be a composite of what each of us is recognizing and sensing from the groups we are connected to. We are to pay particular attention to what we hear repeated.

Eventually information from other sources including the Conversation Stories to be submitted by July 15, Conference participants comments and stories, information from ECI, the International Team, Service Teams, etc.

We will continue to ask have we listened broadly? Are there other voices yet to speak? Remember this is our first step: the information from the the conversation guide and other sources will be added as other rivulets entering into the stream.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Quest, Secretary