

Rolling the Stone Away Conference Call

Justin Tanis, Debra Peevey, Nickie Valdez, Troy Perry, Irene Monroe, Marco Grimaldo, Renee McCoy, Marnie Warner
June 15, 3:00 EST

Agenda:

Opening Prayer/Reflection: Rick opened in prayer after introductions at 3:21p

Introductions: (Mark) (15 mins.)

1. Name, location & organization or historical connection
 - a. Marnie: Boston, she/her, UCC, Open and Affirming coalition
 - b. Renee: Seattle, she/her, MCC 1976, Doc. In anthropology, started first African American LGBT church in Harlem
 - c. Irene: Cambridge, she/her/hers, weekly segment called "All Revved Up," CLOUT, Public Theology,
 - d. Marco: He/him Presbyterian AIDS network and More Light; Bread for the World, in DC
 - e. Nickie: Texas, a founder in San Antonio
 - f. Troy: LA, Founder of MCC, outreach into religious communities of the world, including Cuba,
 - g. Debra: she, her: Surprise, AZ, DoC, LGBT in public square
 - h. Justin: At Berkley then to Tucson, UCC
2. Where did your energy/passion come from?/ What do you want to be remembered for?
 - a. Debra: Standing and being counted when it counted
 - b. Troy: Being faithful and fearless
 - c. Renee: Empowering other LGBT people of color
 - d. Nickie: Energy came from being a marginalized and minority person, latina, lesbian, get energy from that to speak up for herself and others, wants to be remembered to help others find their voice
 - e. Irene: taking the bridges –Troy and Renee
 - f. Marco: Being an out gay man and standing up anyway

Goals/schedule (Judith) (5 mins.)

Review document attached with goals and program outline. Any general questions on this?

REFLECTIONS ON CONFERENCE (30 mins.)

1. Looking at the program outline—what excites you about this?
2. Where do you see yourself participating or contributing in some way? What is missing? What might you add?
 - a. Troy: How names? Before the conference we will be asking for names
 - b. Renee: What time do the days begin? 8:30 – would like that to be reconsidered

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- c. Troy: Excited about them all, but particularly: Tensions between secular and faith activists, role of sex, changing of marriage
- d. Irene: EDS and Andover Newton – last graduating classes, Carter Heyward etc., really shaped theology. Where do we go from here when a lot of the progressive schools are closing? How to keep progressive theology a part of the academic world
- e. Renee: Incorporate health for aging bodies, how to take what we know and do more
- f. Debra: What holds us together? What do we have to offer as we age?
- g. Marco: Particularly within the realm of public theology, how do we define values and ethical leadership within an LGBT faith community – how do folks access resources and questions?
- h. Renee: How to make connections as Global citizens
- i. Nickie: Session 3
- j. Troy: Agrees with Globalization and Health, thinks we need to invite younger people

3. Anyone else you recommend to be an invited guest & presenter?

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Logistics (Lauren) (10 mins.)

Send Mark titles of your books in print or sale in bookstore.

Send Mark a childhood pic and some pics of early activism (with descriptions).

We will book travel and hotel for you—details coming in a few weeks.

- We will contact you
- In your invitation you will be covered for your travel
- Roommate – if you don't have a roommate

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Organizations to Expo – Shower of Stoles etc.

CLOSING PRAYER/REFLECTION

The meeting was closed in prayer at 4pm