

Rolling the Stone Away Conference Call

Megan Rohrer, Ann Craig, Brian McNaught, Janie Spahr, Becky Allison, Freda Smith, Leo Treadway, Nicole Garcia
June 16, 11:00a EST

Agenda:

Opening Prayer/Reflection: Rick opened in prayer after introductions at 11:05a

Introductions: (Mark) (15 mins.)

1. Name, location & organization or historical connection
 - a. Brian: Adirondacks, Catholic church, public education on LGBT issues, started Detroit chapter of Dignity
 - b. Freda: CA, MCC first woman ordained, first female elder, co-chair for sexual law reform in CA
 - c. Becky: AZ, Cardiologist, Southern Baptist Deacon
 - d. Janie: GenderQueer, involved in many LGBT groups early now with San Francisco
 - e. Nicole: She, her, hers, Lutheran, Mdiv in 2013!, raised Roman Catholic, was divorced
 - f. Leo: he, him, his, Lutheran Concerns, wingspan, public policy work in Twin Cities and later Minnesota
 - g. Megan: SF, they, their, them, ELCA
2. Where did your energy/passion come from?/ What do you want to be remembered for?
 - a. Freda: We're never going to give up, but we're going to win out...
 - b. Leo: Draft on statement of ministry for Minnesota Council of Churches
 - c. Becky: Affirming that a person doesn't have to give up faith to be a transgender person, might have to modify current beliefs
 - d. Brian: Being fired, letter to Anita Bryant, more want to be remembered for being an instrument for saving lives through a book, a talk, a video... like having been used
 - e. Janie: Being remembered for doing her part
 - f. Nicole: Preaching the radical Gospel of inclusion
 - g. Megan: Holding principles of non-violence despite changing times

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. Leo: Role of Ecumenical/Inter Faith working together amongst organizations

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- b. **Brian:** Discussion about gay, lesbian, bisexual people of the diaspora, left for theological reasons and in the process encountered thousands of others who don't associate with religious people
- c. **Leo:** Archives and relics to be able
- d. **Brian:** Involved in Stonewall archives – would like to create artifacts of that. And be able to archive/display later
- e. **Janie:** Remembers getting gifts from people who couldn't be out. Then would send to downtown church in Rochester – also interested in archival work
- f. **Brian:** Videotapping entire conference? Yes! Considered having the pioneers write a short story and sell at the event? (**Brian, have an idea of who to publish with?**)
- g. **Freda:** Read poem Dear Dora – session 7 – read before CA legislature; ritual of remembrance – include hate crimes of Scottan MCC and murder of Ed Sheryl (sp?)
- h. **Becky:** Trans* identities – “**race matters**” “**the greatest of days**”
- i. **Brain:** talk about tension between religious and secular activists; where are we going? What gifts do we bring to the table? Video that has quick stories, photos, etc.?
- j. **Leo:** Ritual of Remembrance: don't forget our straight allies many of whom opened doors to come in and advance work further
- k. **Megan:** Happy to help however, experience with digital archiving, trans*, collect 5 minute stories
- l. **Brian:** Interview 4 or 5 people in chairs? Good questions of folks so the highlights are done in different formats – Leo seconded
- m. **Nicole:** Tensions between religious and secular activists, racism in LGBT Christian movements (currently only person of color on the call); mainstream; **Lutheran holiday? (cut off for a second – something about a door?)**
- n. **Janie:** Feminism in its second and third wave; church trials – what have learned, what insights do we have from that? Race
- o. **Leo:** What is the goal we have been moving toward? Is it only for LGBT people to feel welcome in congregations? Is my gay identity some composite of gifts I bring that changes the mix of things I bring to a congregation?
- p. **Brian:** Experience the divine through orgasm

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

Specific place you want to participate in? Topic or decade?

- 1. **Leo:** **Jeff Ford** gay man – he and partner early leaders with local ministry to bring people out of homosexuality
- 2. **Brian:** Charles Chigerelli (Sp?) to tell of his partner

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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

Like our page on Facebook and share with your friends!

Organizations to Expo – Shower of Stoles etc.

- Rainbow Roadshow – Stonewall (Brian)

Idea: Media: In a lot of denominational groups

CLOSING PRAYER/REFLECTION

The meeting was closed in prayer at 12:00pm