

# WCC - World Connections Committee Meeting

## Minutes

**March 11th, 2022, Friday 07:30 PST (GMT-8)**

This meeting was patchwork since it was late getting started and RSRs arrived at various times, and where there are no notes, that section was not covered.

**Opening Readings:** (skipped)

**CoDA Opening Prayer:** In the spirit of love and truth, we ask our Higher Power to guide us as we share our experience, strength, and hope. We open our hearts to the light of wisdom, the warmth of love, and the joy of acceptance.

**Service Concept 3:** Decisions about service work in the Fellowship and all CoDA affairs are made through the group conscience decision making process. For this spiritual democratic process to work, every member of the group is encouraged to participate, consider all the facts and options concerning the issue, listen respectfully to all opinions expressed, then reflect and meditate to find a loving Higher Power's will. Finally, we deliberate honestly and respectfully to determine the proper course of action. Unanimity in the group is the desired outcome; a majority vote is a group conscience. - \_\_\_\_\_

**Tradition 3:** The only requirement for membership in CoDA is a desire for healthy and loving relationships. - \_\_\_\_\_

**Promise 3:** I know a new freedom. - \_\_\_\_\_

**Minute Recorder:** Carole

**TIMEKEEPER:**

**Attendance/Round Robin** (in order of arrival) **(RR):** John, Carole, Rossana, Cammi, Hanna

**Regrets:** Jeanne, Kris, Dawn, Helmut, Florence, Margareta, Michael, Pouria, Saskia

**Feelings check in (RR).** (1min)

**Recording to Cloud** – not recorded

**Consent Agenda and Minutes:**

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of February 7, 2022 Minutes – approved end of February meeting

Meeting minutes – [February 7, 2022 WCC Minutes.docx](#)

Minutes uploaded to CoDA website – posting confirmed

## **Reports:**

### **Acting Chair's/Vice Chair Report (John) (tabled):**

- Attended Chairs Forum 3/10/22 and reported:
  - World connections from Uganda, Turkey and UK in process.
  - Committee member rotations in process.
  - Reviewing and understanding international complexities of intergroups to best advise ways to grow fellowships
- Two large-scope topics ongoing from Chairs Forum include:
  - Continued translation of CoDA literature to world array of languages
  - Evolution of online meetings as a usual and customary part of CoDA including:
    - Etiquette and behaviors in-meeting
    - 7<sup>th</sup> tradition collections
    - Intergroup definition where geography is not primary to meeting
    - Voting entity definition where geography is not primary to meeting

### **Chair's Report (Kris):**

- n/a

### **Secretary (Carole) (tabled) -**

- encouraging Committee members, Liaisons, and Regional Service Reps, before the meeting, to write their reports in the agenda which becomes converted to minutes after the meeting
- Clarification of the terms Liaison and Regional Service Reps (RSR) - see Policy and Procedures for WCC here: <https://coda.org/service-info/world-connections-committee-wcc/>

- The RSR role is to be in contact with each continent (Geographical area) and the countries who live there. Their role is to establish communication with their countries and share information.
- Liaisons: are from other Committees – This service role is to stay connected with each committee and bring back any essential information in relation to WCC. They might need to attend the other committee's meetings or get reports to and from them.

### **CoDA World Teens Task Force (Cammi) -**

- NSC - National Service Committee - for UK would like to support CoDA Teens
- NCS needs to become a charity to support CoDA Teens (under 18yrs)
- Launched Neuro group, small with good response
- Launched a CoDA parents WhatsApp group and hoping to turn that into a registered group as well
- Joining forces with a similar group in USA, non-registered CoDA group associated with ACA, with future aspirations of becoming registered

### **Regional Service Representative (RSR) Reports: (if I have the wrong name associated with country or language, please make the change, ty)**

- **Italy (Rossana):** The situation in Italy looks very unsteady due to lack of servants for meetings and for a change in the law and fiscal regulations. We count now 23 meetings all over Italy. As anticipated in our previous meeting, I have contacted Coda Board Chair Gail and they are checking with attorneys the possibility to avoid the closure of the meetings. In Italy to be part of CoDA means being a member of an Association and to keep open this association there are charges that a single member is not willing to accept. We hope to find a solution soon. Keep you posted in this matter in the next meetings. Next month Italy has a National Conference. Without being an Association the CoDA literature would not be translated or available to the newcomer and groups would be independent.
- **Question:** are other countries having similar experiences? Not unique. CoDA Canada Steering Committee may be a model to look at since legal requirements may not be as stringent.
- **Ukraine (Margareta):**
- **Russia (Saskia):**

- **Iran** (Pouria):
- **Taiwanese** (Michael):
- **Dubai** (Dawn):
- **UK** (Hanna): UK's National Service Committee (NSC) Group Conscience needs to confirm Hanna as a Regional Service Representative; Hanna' service work with NSC is Literature Secretary, liaising with Literature publisher and those ordering; ordering coming from South Africa CoRE shipping is too high for them; sharing ESH from other countries processed through CoRE; in the process of becoming a charity to provide charity status.
- Question: UK representation at world, what are the expectations? There are UK fellows who would like to work towards this goal. More needed for service. Speaker series, ie service work what it looks like, to grow service workers. Neurodiversity. Regional group online/Fellowship Development Committee – how to make a group CoDA and safe, drawing together resources; a recording on what a meeting looks like; F2F helping to connect with other groups in the area, same for online, ie meeting at one meeting location/online per month to encourage fellowship outside of home groups. Publishing from US does not fit the same size as in UK, also with envelopes; could CoRE reformat size before shipping? Hanna is researching this possibility
- **New Zealand** (Helmut):
- **Turkey**: in progress
- **Sudan**: in progress
- **Uganda**: in progress

#### **Unfinished Business/Business arising from minutes:**

- Review what is up on the web site WCC page, <https://coda.org/service-info/world-connections-committee-wcc/> **ACTION:** All to review the website page for awareness, look for glaring inaccuracies related to content and not design
- Looking at moving forward to ensure WCC is carrying out what it says it will do
- CoDA expressions would be helpful to have for each language/country's official language; TMC (Translation Management Committee) may be working on this already. **Action:** John will connect with TMC

- Need to let all countries know changes to the tradition text etc. Arising from CSC (CoDA Service Conference) 2021. Search for the documentation on the changed Traditions and send globally via active WCC countries **ACTION:** John

### **New Business:**

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### **Goals:** items from Oct 1 meeting:

- Possibility of workshop for example sponsorship to Communications Committee (comms) that are looking at topic-based PSA (Public Service Announcement) (support comms) Share workshops (UK/Germany) translate workshops for use in other countries. Possibly work with Events so national workshops could be interpreted. And look at developing relations with all new and existing countries and languages (invite liaisons/RSR to WCC)
- Meeting list calendar (approach web committee) use of a connected calendar which shows meetings and online in their own time zones. So, let us say India can look for an online meeting in USA and show in their own time zone (less confusion/) plug-in from online excel spreadsheet (this may be done now...check coda.org website)
- Finding new countries where no or little presence of CoDA and support ~ on going.
- WCC webpage placed in menu drop down
- Make on-going spreadsheet of intergroups and contacts in respective countries and languages for communications WCC
- Previous work: [https://nonprofit12steorganizational.sharepoint.com/:x:/g/personal/wccchair\\_coda\\_org/EeMIRZ-act1NIYPiSPXh\\_7sB2h0Blm15I5DV8\\_DjPdT1og?e=nAfWYf](https://nonprofit12steorganizational.sharepoint.com/:x:/g/personal/wccchair_coda_org/EeMIRZ-act1NIYPiSPXh_7sB2h0Blm15I5DV8_DjPdT1og?e=nAfWYf)

### **Minutes approval:** next meeting

### **Next meeting date:** April 4, 2022, 7:30am PDT

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The 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month

**Closing:** Serenity prayer 11:55pm EST