

Report to U.S. Grail Council from International Council Representative

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GLOBAL NETWORKS IN 2019

EARTH—Coordinator Sara Mabanja (Kenya)

GRAIL LINK TO THE UNITED NATIONS (GLUNN)—Coordinator Abida Jamal (Mozambique)

MIGRATION AND REFUGEES—Coordinator Ticha Vasconcelos (Portugal)

SPIRITUALITY—Coordinator Patricia Gemmell (Australia)

TRADE & JUSTICE (GLOBAL JUSTICE OVERCOMING POVERTY)—Coordinator Mary Boyd (Canada)

US GRAIL MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION

Any Grail member can join a network. To do so, she would contact the coordinator. The IC Rep can help with contacts if needed.

In some cases, membership in the network means she receives a newsletter, such as the Trade and Justice Network that publishes the bi-monthly GJOP newsletter, and may write articles for it if she chooses.

The GLUNN network has many US members as well as from other countries; there are concentric circles of levels of involvement. A recent planning meeting included seven US Grail members as well as four others by ZOOM from three other countries. The US members were Mary Kay Louchart, Sharon Joslyn, Joy Garland, Cindy Cheyne, Maureen Tate, Margarita Cabrera, and Lucy Jones.

On the Spirituality Network, Terri Carter is an active member who represented that network at the Networks Forum.

Deirdre Cornell is a member of the Migration and Refugees Network.

Ieva Zadina was invited to join the Earth Network.

There likely are other US members on networks that I don't know about. This is something we can ask members on the annual survey.

EXCERPT FROM INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL MANUAL

2.1.4 Global Networks

2.1.4.1 Global networks are means of linking together Grail participants who are involved in specific areas of life or action which have been identified by an IGA as important for the Grail. Networks may be formed with national, regional or international participation.

2.1.4.2 A network may emerge out of the living reality of the Grail at any time. As it takes shape and direction, its animators should submit a statement of its vision and intentions to the ILT for affirmation until it receives formal approval from an IGA. It is the responsibility of an IGA also formally to dissolve a network when it judges this to be timely or necessary.

2.1.4.3 The purposes of a network are:

- to stimulate exchange on common concerns
- to develop common goals for collective action which has global significance
- to strengthen, and enlarge the scope of the work of Grail participants at the local level
- to bring greater depth and dynamism to local analysis and planning.

2.1.4.4 Each network is expected to:

- develop and maintain its own system of communication among its participants and with the ILT
- ensure that one small group takes responsibility for facilitation
- implement and evaluate its own program, including financial planning
- provide evaluative reports to the ILT at least once a year and present a full review and evaluation of its activities to the IGA.

2.1.4.5 At least once in the period between Assemblies, representatives of the active networks will meet with the members of the ILT in a Forum.

2.1.4.6 These representatives of the networks must be responsible participants in the Grail who are active in their networks, capable of a global vision and ready to undertake the responsibilities of the Forum.

2.1.4.7 The responsibilities of the Forum are:

- to study reports from the networks;
- to reflect on the vision and purpose of each network;
- to evaluate the progress of each network in terms of program of action, communication and resources;
- to explore connections, as they emerge, between the goals and work of the different networks;
- to offer the participating networks further insights and impetus to their activities;
- to evaluate the interaction of the networks with the other structures in the Grail and with Grail participants in general and to recommend ways of developing this interaction;
- to provide a report of the proceedings and outcomes of the Forum to the ILT, the participating networks and the IC.

INTERNATIONAL TEAMS

CARRY OUT THE ORGANIZATIONAL WORK OF THE INTERNATIONAL GRAIL

There are currently 12 International Teams and US Grail members are on 9 of them:

“Big Meeting” 2021 Team:	Sally Timmel
Communications Team:	Maureen Tate
History & Archives Team:	Carol Webb, Mary Gindhart
International Assistance Funds:	Theresa Czerwinski
International Leadership Team:	Mary Heidkamp
International Finance Team:	Mary Farrell
Leadership Reflection Team:	April Goering
New Countries Team:	Rosa Ruiz
Nucleus Team:	Martha Heidkamp

The other international teams which do not currently have US Grail members are:

Formation Team

Review Structures Team

Higher Education Fund

ACTION AND PREPARATION ITEMS FOR U.S. GRAIL COUNCIL

1. Materials will be sent out this fall for a reflection among membership on International Leadership. We will need to gather information and summarize it for reporting back by June 2020.
2. A finance team “Think Tank” is scheduled for February 2020 probably to be held in Portugal. Two US members have expressed interest in attending. Agenda is in the works.
3. A book of Grail Stories (The Histories of 18 Grail countries from 1980s to 2017) was distributed to a small number of people earlier this year. We should make it available more broadly. Can we have print copies made for sale to cover costs? It is 175 pages.
4. International Annual Report: We will be required to provide information to International for the creation of a proper NGO Annual Report. The National Office has provided this to the Secretariat in past years when we receive the form.
5. The Young Women’s Leadership Program in Mexico is on the international schedule for September 2020. A budget was prepared by organizers and presented to the International Finance Team. I propose that we earmark funds to support this effort. The proposed budget is approximately 56.000 Euros.
6. The Capital Foundation which manages the funds that support the International Grail has two trustees who are Grail members. One or two of the trustees’ terms will end next year and new members will be needed. Are there persons we would like to recommend?
7. The Nucleus Team is exploring a new category of relationship with the Roman Catholic Church. This is a matter of concern for some members and Council should feel well informed about the process. See the IC Report and my preliminary report for details.
8. Jubilee Celebration beginning November 1, 2020—one year in preparation of 100 year anniversary. We may want to think about this as we plan our GA next year. “Big Meeting” will be July 18-22, 2021 in Brazil.
9. Next year (fall), we need to put out a call for nominations for a new I.C. representative. She will need to prepare and attend the IGA with the current IC rep, which will be in Brazil following the “Big Meeting.”