



DAY 1 – NOVEMBER 11, THU: *Gathering of Grail Sisters*

- 1:30 pm EST** **Zoom Opens** Opening of Assembly for gathering, talking and sharing
- 2:00** **Opening: Welcome and Acknowledgements by elmira and Rachel**
Overview of the Theme: The Importance of “Touching Common Ground”
- 2:15** **Making Zoom work at the GA ~ Members of the GA Tech Team**
- 2:25** **Opening Ritual** (Facilitator: Fran Frazier)
Ritual Team: Judith Brown Leigh, Sharon Thomson, Fran Frazier
- Drumming Circle - AKWAABAA
 - Lighting of New Candles - Fran
 - Opening Prayer - Judith
 - Opening Dance – Elder Aziza West of the Imani Dancers
 - Honoring of Our Grail Ancestors - Sharon
 - Getting Rid of What May Get In the Way of Us Touching Common Ground - Fran
 - A Grail Song: *Touching Common Ground*
 - Gifts We Bring to the Circle of Grail Sisters - Fran
 - Closing Song: *We Are Family*
- 3:25** **Virtual Group Agreements -10 minutes** (Facilitator: Tina Kalala)
- Listen carefully and with respect. Its ok to disagree
 - Each person gets a chance to talk
 - Seek first to understand rather than to be understood
 - Be open and honest
 - Ask for clarity
 - Speak for yourself, not as the representative of any group. Remember others are speaking for themselves, too
 - If something someone says hurts or bothers you, say so, and say why
 - Be aware of your body language
 - Stay focused.
 - Keep your screen and phone on mute when you aren't speaking
 - Enjoy the Process! Remember, we are all growing
 - Other Group Agreements? (from the GA attendees)
- 3:35** **Sharing Hopes & Expectation – 15 minutes**
- Our Hopes and Expectations for a Successful GA/ Solicitations from GA Attendees (Facilitator: Cynthia Bernardez)
- 4:10 pm** **BREAK**

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- 4:15 pm** **VIDEO: The Third Opinion: Why Jews Value Dissent** by Rabbi Angela Buchdahl
(Introduction by: Deborah Sullivan)
- 4:45** **PANEL DISCUSSION:** *What does Democracy look like for women today? How do we support each other?*
- Reflections on the Video Presentation and its Value to the future work of the Grail (Moderator: Carol Skyrn)
 - **Panelists:** Judith Brown Leigh, Mary Farrell, Nancy Richardson
- 5:30** **BREAK**
- 5:40** **CEREMONY of Induction of NEW Grail Members (Facilitator: Carol Siemering)**
Explorer and Mentor:
- Veronica Guajan Sanchez / Carol Siemering
Elena Rojas Martinez / Mary Kay Louchart
Mary Fordham / Sharon Joslyn
Doreen O’Sullivan / Mpanda Kalala
Lynn Boyle / Viana Muller
Rachel Hershberger / Terri Carter
- 6:40** **Reflections of the Day** (elmira & Rachel)
- 6:50 pm** **Closing Prayer** (Mpanda Kalala)