

PASCAL Faith, Spirituality and Learning Cities Network

Agenda

Thursday 6 June 2019 11:30 am (EST)

Present: Margaret Sutherland (U Glasgow, Scotland), Maria Liu Wong (City Seminary of New York, USA)

For June 13 tbc: Lina Toth (Scottish Baptist College, Scotland), Rob Mark (PASCAL LCN Director, Ireland/Scotland), Orna Mager (Modiin, Israel Learning City), Zimra (Modiin, Israel Learning City)

1. Welcome (Margaret)
 - a. Welcome
 - b. Introductions from participants of the Zoom meeting
 - i. Margaret - overseeing PhD students (189) and EdD (111), School of Education, emphasis is on inclusion (learning difficulties, high ability, gifted and talented children), high intelligence and spirituality (sensitive to existential ideas), friend from Finland (plus Patricia King's work, USA).
 - ii. Justice Seedbed Project
2. Review of FSLCN Purpose and History (Maria)
 - a. Who we are, what we have done
 - i. Connecting people doing interesting things; chat and develop
 - ii. What sustains people's interest in a network?
 - iii. Challenges - people are busy but may need to have something to work towards. Establishing groups of like minded people who then continue the conversations.
 - iv. Edited book as tangible outcome (eg. university engagement; Manchester University Press) - reach out to Mike Osborne. Topical issues (health, quality of life, inclusion etc) presented through the lens of faith and spirituality
 - v. JACE special issue - reach out to Mike Osborne

- vi. WERA - context for cross-country comparison research?
 - vii. Acadia University, Nova Scotia - Stewart Blythe (preaching and worship associate prof); <https://acadiadiv.ca/staff/stuart-blythe/> - possible person to connect with (previous work in Scotland, Amsterdam)
 - viii. Focus on publications rather than conferences (because of budgetary concerns)
- b. Recent gathering at Global Learning Cities Pre-Conference@International Transformative Learning Conference
3. Update on PASCAL network membership
- a. Name, brief bio, photo, institutional information
 - b. Prioritize adding Scottish Baptist College, University of Glasgow, Municipality of Modiin
4. Monthly blog rotation (names/topics) on the [PASCAL LCN blog](#)
- a. Blog towards possible topical journal (so entries link with articles and authors); if working towards paper / publication - more incentive (possibility of special issue journal: global issues in lifelong learning through the lens of faith and spirituality)
 - b. AEQ call for learning cities / learning societies - Qi
 - c. Sun (ed)
 - d. JTE journal
 - e. PASCAL - joint paper presentation - inclusive lifelong learning / what does that mean?
5. Discussion of Areas of Focus building
- a. Faith/ Spirituality and Quality of Life - Maria Liu Wong (Sarah) / Lina Toth
 - b. Interfaith / Multifaith Engagement, Learning and the City - Henry Goldschmidt
 - c. Faith/ Spirituality and Public Health
 - d. Religious / Theological Education and Learning Cities - Maria Liu Wong

- e. Faith/Spirituality and Inclusion - Margaret Sutherland
6. Schedule of 2019-20 meetings
- a. June 6 and 13, 2019 Zoom
 - b. September Zoom
 - c. October - UNESCO Medellin, PASCAL Cork/Skellig (in person)
 - d. January Zoom
 - e. May Zoom
7. Close and thanks
- a. Next steps
 - i. Contact Mike - email re journal (Margaret)
 - ii. Contact Steve - members info (Margaret)
 - iii. Follow up with June 13 meeting attendees (Zimra, Orna, Lina, ?)
 - iv. Possible conference presentation / article on inclusion and lifelong learning (Maria/Margaret)
 - v. Follow up with Qi Sun re AEQ journal (Maria)