

USA National Conference Advisory Team

The USA Apostle Team seeks the participation of two members from each mission center to serve on a special Advisory Team to review and provide feedback throughout the process that leads to the USA National Conference in July 2012. This Advisory Team will work with the USA Apostles to ensure that diversity of perspective on issues about relationships, marriage and ordination (e.g. same-gender marriage and ordination) is included in the experiences and resources developed to assist the membership in the discernment process. All Advisory Team meetings will take place via teleconferencing, email and web streaming. At times the Advisory Team may function in smaller sub groups to accommodate different time zones or to address different task responsibilities.

SELECTION PROCESS:

Members of the Advisory Team will be elected by each Mission Center at the 2010 Fall Conferences. Those elected should reflect the diversity of thought in the mission center as it relates to same-gender marriage and the ordination of members in same-gender relationships.

EXPECTATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:

- Willingness to listen to and work with others who have a different perspective on same-gender marriage and ordination
- Ability to share perspectives in a respectful manner that honors the diversity of thought among the different team members
- Commitment to participate in the discernment process and to attend, when possible, mission center or regional gatherings for sharing and discerning
- Commitment to keep confidentiality when personal perspectives are shared among the Advisory Team
- Ability to receive email information and respond to questions in a timely manner
- Ability to take part in evening or weekend conference calls when feedback is needed (once a month or quarterly).

If you have nominations for the USA National Conference Advisory Team, please notify your Mission Center President by **October 28, 2010**.

More information about the USA National Conference can be found at the following website: <http://www.cofchrist.org/USAConf/>.