

**Church in the World Committee
Meeting (Zoom) of Thursday, April 22, 2021 3:00 PM
Minutes**

Attendance: Ted Brandt, Paul Dugan, Joyce Maxwell, Marcia Risher, Chuck Curtis (Chair)

Excused: Jim Witty

Paul opened the meeting with prayer.

We approved the minutes of the March 25 meeting.

We spent the bulk of the meeting going over our adaptation of "Rising to the Moment." The purpose in this is to have a curriculum of "Rising" for adult or teen groups. The draft we discussed is attached. Ted led this portion since he had agreed to be the compiler/editor of the series. In place of *Barber Shop* as the second of two movies we will use *Hidden Figures*. We are making the two movies into separate sessions, so the number of sessions will now be seven, not five. Note that the first movie, *I Am Not Your Negro*, may require two sessions to unpack, resulting in an 8-session series. Each of the five of us had submitted discussion questions for our assigned session. We went over those submissions. Before our next meeting we will go back, make desired changes, and resubmit on a master document, which can be accessed either through Google Docs or as a Word doc via Dropbox.

The May 15 meeting of Presbytery is an important date for us. We will meet in just two weeks, May 6, to finalize our "Rising" curriculum so that it can be announced, described, and promoted at the Presbytery meeting.

A few meetings back Chuck mentioned that a follow-up series on Brown racism would be worthy, and the committee agreed. We discussed this a bit, but no tangible progress has been made.

Marcia closed the meeting with prayer.

Next meeting (Zoom): **Thursday, May 6, 3:00 PM**

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Curtis