**CARAVAN DISCUSSION** on 3-15-24

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Topics

* Common Table
* Coming together as in *Stirring the Fire* and the assembly with *Bridge for Youth*
* There is hope when we are larger in scope – though not sure who is there (who is actually/actively engaged)
* Historically, we react to certain words (e.g. authority, power) so we might use different words for the ways we make decisions and reach consensus. We need to articulate and come to agreement on what authority resides in the Community-based Leadership Group. Need to describe/determine how decisions are/will be made, who will be involved, etc.
* Formerly, focus groups were interest groups that brought resolutions to the Sisters’ assembly.
* The new small/engagement/focus groups might be “porous groups of continuity” (a core group with others coming on irregular basis) such as the groups arising from the August Emergence Event, Martha’s Table, lunching together, the Poetry groups; also, Sharing of the Heart groups and Second Sunday and Signs of the Times and more.
* The one-year experiment should “sunset” with thoughtful review and purposeful next steps.
* It was suggested that each commission do a state of the house report.
* “Our decisions will be made by consensus”….are they?

*Notes respectfully submitted by Barbara McIlquham*