THE GRAIL AT CORNWALL TIMELINE

Cornwall Think Tank meets several times but focus shifts away from Cornwall to membership issues.

2011

2013-2014

Dream Quest meets four times with up to 20 participants and develops four possible scenarios. In absence of follow-through it is agreed to work toward "responsible transition."

2016

Cornwall Futures Task Force formed to explore and recommend options for the Center. Simonetta Romano and Lucy Jones give notice of retirements in September 2017 and May 2018 (Sharon having retired in 2014.)

2012

Call goes out to begin Dream
Quest: "Essential for us to plan
NOW, not in a time of crisis, but in
a time of fullness."

August 2013

Grail Leaders Think Tank meets in prepartion for 2014 General Assembly. Cornwall Management expresses urgency for planning Center's future.

April 2018

Council accepts report of Task

Force and a ballot to sell the
property is put out to the
membership. New York group asks
for time to make a proposal to use
Cornwall for permaculture
education and as International
Center.

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1972

Purpose stated "to build a

community among Grail members, to reach out and incorporate new people into that community and to provide opportunities for exploration of religious forms and values of life experiences." (Mary Kane)

1979

Fire (due to careless use by rental group) damaged the Main House requiring rebuilding of the third floor -- and leading to the new name of Phoenix.

Late 1990's

More non-Grail employees needed as core group ages. Expenses and deficits increase.





1963

Property gifted to

the Grail through

the Archdiocese of

New York.













1963-1971

Josephine Drabek lived alone in the Grey House (called Burton House at that time) to establish Grail presence there -- no Grail programming took place.

1972-1979

Jane O'Donnell and others in the NY region lived at Center and maintained it for use on donation basis.

1979-1984

Staff initiated a Metanoia year of reflection, (which became three years). A core group of permanent staff residents emerged: Ann Burke, Cay Charles, Ruth Chisholm, Alice Gallagher, Peg Linnehan.

Mid 2000's

A team of Grail members is formed to envisio new possibilities. In 2005 Women's Institute of Social Transformation begins with Simonetta Romano as Coordintor. Sharon Thomson becomes Director of Grail Center.