



## PLANNING FOR OUR FUTURE

### PROMISE GROUP UPDATES

#### May 2020

**PROMISE: We promise to live radical hospitality in all relationships, especially with people made poor, through our commitment to contemplation, service, advocacy, dialogue, communication, and education.**

Committed to the Promise to live in radical hospitality with all, members of the group continue to share about personal relationships with others of diverse ethnic or cultural groups. The Promise Group continues to gather resources to learn about our own racism and to explore ways to share these resources with the wider community. The group plans to offer a future workshop on racism for all interested sisters and associates. The presenter would help workshop participants to name personal biases and prejudices and to learn effective ways to confront systemic racism.

**PROMISE: We promise to practice non-violence of mind and heart, speech and action as we address injustice directly and systematically.**

We gathered on zoom for our nonviolence meeting on Friday, May 15th at 11:00. Sr. Ann keeps in contact with Alan Heisterkamp regarding the Courageous Conversations workshop. At this time it will be November, 2020 before we can address any rescheduling. We discussed a possible format for our June 4th presentation. Srs. Suzanne Gallagher will do a 10 minute update about our Groups' activities. All members will field questions and offer comments as Carol Crepeau leads us through the process. Our next Meeting will be Friday, June 26th at 1:00 pm.

**PROMISE: We promise to form partnerships and utilize resources for the purpose of mission.**

The Partnership and Resource Promise Group met on the evening of May 20<sup>th</sup>. The group discussed process and responsibilities for the community Zoom conversation on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Sister Laura Reicks, RSM lead the promise group in a discussion to refine and own the Commitments section of the Guiding Principles draft previously written by members. In preparation for this discussion members met to review questions based on an article written by Albert Fritsch, SJ entitled Property and Decision Making. Before the next meeting members will develop criteria to evaluate and measure Commitment statements.

## **PROMISE: We promise to implement governance practices that foster dialogue and communication in decision-making.**

The Promise group refined the *Implementation of our Promise* that will be shared during the June 11, 2020 zoom gathering of sisters and associates. We reminded one another of the importance of curiosity, imagination and a broad openness to ideas, questions and wonderings. Sr. Corine will talk with Associate Co-Directors Cindy Pfiffner and Sr. Joan Brincks regarding the best time to share the Chapter module with the associates.