



PLANNING FOR OUR FUTURE

PROMISE GROUP UPDATES

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 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.

Discussions: (1) How the Promise Group has succeeded in meeting goals and initiatives over 18 months. Responses included awareness of racism relevant to current U.S. and world scene; confronting our own racism, anti-racism, non-racism; interior experience of personal growth; mindfulness of what the Black Community has encountered for generations; general plan to host a day on anti-racism for the larger community. (2) How the work of this Promise Group is related to that of the other Promise Groups. Responses included the close tie of the work on racism and the work on non-violence; a commonality in all four groups of the way people relate to one another, the need for careful listening and acceptance toward others, recognition and awareness of our biases. (3) Discussion on Jan. to July 2020 use of resources beyond the Promise Group and continued sharing with the larger community; sharing on the Ignatian Racism Challenge; update on plans for a CrossRoads training on anti-racism (4) Organization for schedule and roles for the next phase/year of Promise Group. The next meeting will be on September 9, 2020, 6:30 PM.

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

Sr. Rita updated us relating to the instrument being designed for the Convener Group's and Promise Groups' evaluations. She also told us the video that the Promise Groups are making should be no longer than five minutes in length. We further discussed the organization of the Reflection Booklet and decided to add a cover letter and table of contents. The booklet will be made available in various formats to all the Sisters and Associates with a tentative release date set for some time in September, 2020.

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

Our Promise Group met on August 20, 2020 and developed standing and ad hoc teams to address and facilitate the upcoming work. New standing teams are a) Planning Team, b) Communications Team, c) Ritual/Spirituality Team. Current ad hoc teams are a) Standardization of the Criteria for Measurement of Commitments and b) Articulation of “care of members”.

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

We have two committees that will explore the Chapter Preparation Committee make up and essentials. We will disseminate the Chapter education module for associates via Community Notes and the Listserv. We will listen to or read Jane Helmlinger’s LCWR assembly address.

Next Meeting Date – September 22, 2020 at 6:30 PM