



# PLANNING FOR OUR FUTURE

## PROMISE GROUP UPDATES

### AUGUST 2019

**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.**

**GOAL: We will create opportunities to become more hospitable and engage in radical hospitality as we go forth each day to receive and be received, to care and be cared for.**

#### INITIATIVES:

- Investigate and provide ways to educate our Presentation sisters, associates and staff about our personal feelings and experiences regarding racism by August 20.
- The Radical Hospitality promise group is committing ourselves to getting to know at least one person/family of different racial and ethnic backgrounds and forming a relationship with them to broaden our knowledge and experience of diversity. Be accountable to each other at our meetings.
- In response to the needs of our country regarding unaccompanied minors at the border, research will begin to help reunify young children with their mothers with humane living situations for those in detention centers using resources from:
  - a. Catholic Charities
  - b. LCWR
  - c. ACLU
  - d. Kino Institute
  - e. Ruben Garcia and others at the border

Sub-committee: S. Paula Schwendinger, Cindy Pfiffner and S. Marge Healy

**The following members of the Wisdom group will be praying, especially for those working on the promise to live radical hospitality:**

S. Annette Skyles Cady Windish  
S. Dolores Moes  
S. James Marie Gross  
Mary Ricci  
S. Cheryl Demmer

S. Damian O'Brien  
S. Dolores Zieser  
S. Josita Zieser  
S. Maura McCarthy  
S. Virgie Luchsinger

S. Deborah Paige  
Gino Pacetti  
S. Lois Lehmann  
S. Mery Cari Paz

S. Irma Ries  
S. Mary L Cota  
S. Raeleen Sweeney

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

**GOAL: To become authentic practitioners of non-violence.**

**INITIATIVES:**

- Educating and practicing non-violence towards ourselves
  - Read *The Nonviolent Life by John Dear*
  - Notice when and how we practice non-violence towards ourselves
  - Invite the community to have a mantra of non-violence
  - Host a speaker/training for the entire community
- Educating and practicing non-violence toward all others and all creation
  - Offer a prayer service/reflection
  - Practice with other and teach this in our locale
- Practicing active non-violence by engaging/joining global grassroots movement of non-violence
  - Engage/partner with grassroots movements

**The following members of the Wisdom group will be praying, especially for those working on the promise to live non-violence:**

S. Cecelia Marie Auterman  
S. Marie Barth  
S. Rene Laubenthal

S. Dolores Moes  
S. Mary Jo Leifker  
S. Raeleen Sweeney

S. Hermann Platt  
S. Mary L Cota

S. Louann Doering  
S. Mery Cari Paz

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

**GOAL: Within the context of mission sustainability, care of members and legacy, we will study, research, develop and initiate implementation of a phased plan for property and resources of Sisters of the Presentation, Dubuque, Iowa.**

**INITIATIVES:**

- We will meet monthly using zoom and face-to-face.
- Members of the group will contact various religious communities who have done strategic planning. These communities will be asked specific questions in order for our group to synthesize helpful information as we move forward.
- We will complete these interviews by our September 18 meeting.

**The following members of the Wisdom group will be praying, especially for those working on the promise regarding Partnerships and Resources:**

S. Anne McCormick  
S. Louann Doering  
S. Rene Laubenthal

Cady Windish  
S. Mary Jo Leifker  
S. Rosanne Rottinghaus

S. Joellen Price  
S. Mery Cari Paz

LaVeta Jarret  
S. St. James Lickteig

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

**GOAL: We will implement opportunities for dialogue in communication that involves decision-making.**

**INITIATIVES:**

- Create spaces and opportunities among Promise Groups and others to engage in communication about our shared future. For example, internal blog; Promise Notes edition; closed Facebook group.
- Gather personal experiences from associates and sisters that reflect their decision-making experiences.
- Research models of leadership and governance to identify and propose practices that promote dialogue and communication in decision-making.

**The following members of the Wisdom group will be praying, especially for those working on the promise regarding Dialogue and Communication:** S. Marian Sweeney S. Mery Cari Paz