



## PLANNING FOR OUR FUTURE

### PROMISE GROUP UPDATES

#### SEPTEMBER 2019

The members of the Convening Group met on September 17, 2019 at 8:00 am. The focus of the meeting was to establish some organizational patterns for the group as we move forward with the Direction Statement and Promises.

Meetings – the group has decided to meet via ZOOM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 8:00 am CDT. The meeting will ordinarily be one hour.

1. Members will prepare the prayer and take notes for the meetings. Agendas will be prepared by Elena Hoye and Marilyn Breen, the conveners of this group.
2. The purpose of the meeting is to communicate with each other about the work of the group and to determine ways that we can collaborate in guiding this process.
3. Communication with all is an important part of the Convening group's work. An update will be sent to sisters and associates following each meeting. This information, as well as the minutes of each group meeting, will be posted on the internal website. Copies are also provided for those who cannot access the site. At times the notes will include information and at other times they may include work that needs to be completed by all.
4. Monthly meetings with employees also include information about the Direction Statement and Promises.
5. Shared leadership is a goal that we continue to explore. We know that this is messy and that are all working together to make this a reality.
6. Since this was an organizational meeting, we did not discuss the work of each Promise Group, however Linda Dolphin reported that their group is considering the possibility of a workshop to be held April 17-18, 2020. The workshop, Violence Prevention Strategies Training, will be led by Alan Heisterkamp, the Director of the Center of Violence Prevention at the University of Northern Iowa. More details will be available after the group's October meeting.