



PLANNING FOR OUR FUTURE

PROMISE GROUP UPDATES

January 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.

Radical Hospitality: The group has developed a two-part module called *Learning About Our Racism* to be used in one-hour sessions for each part. Group members have formed local teams to gather in February or March to use the first part and to invite others in their local area to join them to pray, reflect and share. At the March Promise Group meeting there will be a review of the local gatherings and a sharing from those who attended the January Crossroads Anti-racism workshop in Chicago. The possibility of making the module and other resources available to all Presentation Sisters and Associates will also be discussed. The Promise Group continues to be committed to broadening relationships with persons of diverse cultures by listening to and learning from their stories. The next meeting will be on March 7, 2020.

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

Our Nonviolence Group continues to organize the Violence Prevention Workshop day which will be held at Mount Loretto on Saturday, April 18th from 8:30a.m. to 4:30 p.m. We are contacting our liaison, Sr. Rita, for direction as we need to involve Mount Loretto Staff. Committees are being formed to accomplish the preliminary work. The brochure is in process and will be sent out by the end of January. Dr. Heisterkamp will provide all materials such as pens, name tags, etc. We will locate pertinent articles for attendees to read in preparation for the workshop. Our next zoom meeting is Sunday, March 1, 2020.

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.

The Partnership and Resources promise group developed a vision statement and distributed it to all sisters and associates. On January 9, 2020 the sisters at Mt. Loretto and surrounding area met to discuss the statement. The promise group is also developing guiding principles as we begin our work. Before community days a face-to-face meeting is being scheduled in order to develop clear next steps.

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

We came to consensus on a good definition of governance and stated current examples of governance practices and plan to add a third initiative of associates. We will begin to address Chapter planning and the committee charged with this responsibility in our next meeting.