

Designing Relationships for Mission

PHASE ONE:

"See"

Observe reality, identify what is happening, seek insights in light of faith

August- November 2015:

First process: "SEE" demographic reality of sisters, present and future; consider future possibilities.

January – Early April 2016:

Second process: "SEE" a snapshot of how ministries have developed, from foundation of each vice/province to today's ministerial landscape.

TRANSITION

April – July 2016:

Time to study "contemplative dialogue" and "shared discernment" through articles and video. Opportunities for cross-unit conversations.

PHASE TWO:

"Reflect"

Consider, analyze, compare, evaluate through the lens of faith (theological reflection).

Late July –

Late October 2016:

Sisters participate in Dialogue Retreats held across the congregation; some travel to another unit for the retreat experience; all listen and learn from each other.

By mid-2017:

An extraordinary chapter will be convened to deal with the results of the consultation and the deliberation of CLT with CLG. The purpose of this extraordinary chapter will be to make a decision about governance across the congregation.

November/ December 2016:

A special meeting of the CLG, during which the CLT will share what they have discerned from the consultation and their recommendation(s). All will engage in a prayerful discussion of how to go forward.

November 2016:

CLT prayerfully analyzes the responses, identifies patterns, consults with experts and brings their experience and knowledge of the congregation as a lens for understanding this information and forming an initial recommendation.

November 2016:

Flowing from feedback from the Dialogue Retreats, CLT initiates a process of consultation that offers individual sisters the opportunity to state the results of their personal discernment about the best direction to take with regard to governance.

PHASE THREE:

"Act"

Arrive at a "decision for action" regarding governance across the congregation.