ADDITIONAL CHAPTER DECISIONS

Amalgamation of Hawai‘i with Los Angeles

In December 2014, the Vice Province of Hawai‘i submitted their request to the Congregational Leadership Team to amalgamate with the Los Angeles Province. Since that time, the leadership teams and members of both the Vice Province of Hawai‘i and the Los Angeles Province have worked together and with the Congregational Leadership Team to assure that the lives of all sisters involved will be enhanced by this move. The Congregational Leadership Team recommended the approval of the amalgamation of the Vice Province of Hawai‘i with the Province of Los Angeles, effective July 1, 2017. The members of the Extraordinary Congregational Chapter affirmed this recommendation by acclamation.

Reconsideration of the Composition of the 2019 Congregational Chapter

The 2013 Congregational Chapter determined the composition of the 2019 Congregational Chapter. The delegates at the 2017 Extraordinary Congregational Chapter supported, through a “leaning,” the concept of increasing the number of voting delegates identified in 2013 for the 2019 Congregational Chapter. The members of the Extraordinary Congregational Chapter asked the Congregational Leadership Team with the Congregational Leadership Group to consider ways to increase the number of sisters participating as voting delegates at the 2019 Congregational Chapter.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR CHAPTER IMPLEMENTATION

We commit ourselves to:

- Make changes incrementally.
- Provide for ongoing communication, evaluation, and adaptation.
- Give special consideration to the inclusion of younger members in the decision-making process.
- Honor the uniqueness of the cultures within our congregation.
- Assure coordination and attention to the life and ministry of sisters and their CSJ presence in local, civic, and church communities.
- Honor the themes, concerns, and fears that emerge in the process of designing a new structure.
- Honor any unit’s desire not to join a newly imagined structure at this time.
The committee will be appointed by and accountable to the Congregational Leadership Team in consultation with the Congregational Leadership Group. There will be opportunities for ongoing dialogue and consultation throughout the congregation as models for governance are developed.

The committee will be composed of sisters having diverse necessary skill sets and will include at least one member from each province and vice province.

2. The Chapter approves the establishment of an Animation Committee that will develop processes and offer experiences for intra-congregational sharing for the purposes of deepening relationships across the congregation and offering opportunities for personal and communal transformation. The committee will be appointed by and accountable to the Congregational Leadership Team in consultation with the Congregational Leadership Group.