

LOS ANGELES PROVINCE

RESPONSE TO THE CALLS TO ACTION 2013

GENERAL

Connected the Calls to Pope Francis's encyclical, Laudato Si
Focused on implementing the Calls
Published weekly articles on a specific Act of Chapter

EARTH

Are conserving water and protecting all Earth's resources
Used the congregational resources on food, water, ecological Lenten and Advent practices, especially the unit on Laudato Si
Became committed to making Laudato Si a reality in our lives
Given workshops on the effect our lifestyle has on indigenous people's land, lifestyle, health and culture
Helped raise \$10,000 to weatherize 3 homes on the Lakota reservation
Sponsored a project which provides purified, safe, potable water to an area in a third world country and invited the collaboration of others
Become discouraged when we write important statements and then ignore them completely
Speaking ecologically the beasts say, "We are being ruined; this is still going on. *Please stop.*"
Advocated against pesticides
Are struggling to quit eating beef
Subscribe to and support environmental groups, signing their petitions
NO plastic bottles of water
Gave talks on Laudato Si
Educated people on God's oneness with all creation
Spread the word, especially by example, with co-workers & students
Wrote the script for the videos "Season of Creation"
Provided in-service in Hawaii on climate change
Use environmental friendly products
Buy fair-trade and organic

Committed ourselves to work against climate injustice

Collaborated with others and province leadership to have the carbon footprint of this Chapter and travel to Congregational Chapter offset thru donations to groups that plant trees

LIVING THE CSJ CHARISM

Worked to have the children of incarcerated parents see their moms and dads
Attended the Death Penalty Awards event to join the struggle of the people to create a government which represents all of us
Joined with Muslims, Quakers, Jews, and Christians of various denominations
Studying and sharing on the spirituality of Medaille
Expanded my heart and spirituality to see, act, pray more globally
Formed small groups for Sharing of the Heart across congregation, including Peru and Japan, using Zoom
"I felt strength in what we are capable of when we join together"
Joined a group in reading Sandra Schneider's book, Buying the Field: Religious Life in a New Millennium
Challenged to be active contemplatives that live and speak in response to the signs of our times
Became aware that my mother lived the CSJ charism and through her the charism touched many others
Have become awareness of how behaviors, beliefs, and values are changing for each of us
Participated in the Federation Event – coming closer to realizing our mission of unifying love
Shared our spirituality and mission with young adults
Work with young Dreamers, who are changed for life because of their connection with our Charism

Intensified community, extended relationships to other provinces, renewed the old and contributed to the building of the new
“I recognize more profoundly that we already live in communion, not only with those who share our charism and mission, but with all “terrestrials” “
Helping young women’s desires for personal growth and making a difference in our world
... and to discerning the action of grace in their lives
Strengthened my conviction to stand for and with the voiceless

CHURCH, THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Became empowered to speak out as a woman and religious with a wider view of beliefs,
Am making our common liturgical prayer more authentic and meaningful
Speaking up when “fall/redemption” theology cause obstacles for people’s lives
Entered more deeply into the mystery of the God of life as expressed in diverse and emerging theologies and spiritualities
Moved by the image of God the Migrant who moved out of God’s-self
Ministering to homebound men and women
Whenever possible, speak about evolutionary cosmology
Met monthly with a group of Christian women and another group of Moslem, Jewish and Christian women
Awakened to the diversity of God's People
Attended a Buddhist Service, Quaker Service, Ecumenical Catholic Service, Evangelical Christian Service
Immersed ourselves in a multicultural and gender neutral Church

PARTNERING WITH NEW EYES

Contributed to the parish food pantry
Spent some evenings at the Armory with the homeless
Through Alexandria House provided after school and neighborhood programs, vacation camp and safe housing and supportive services for families and single women,

Worked with the Ho’ola Na Pua: Stop Trafficking of girls in Hawaii and U
Assisted with the refugees at the border
Were humbled by their stories
Assisted on both sides of the border
Supported Catholic Charities and Joseph Workers
Partnered with a non-profit organization helping poor children and adults seeking citizenship
Recognized how difficult it is for most people to survive
Partnering with the Presentation Sisters in Watts
Partnered with stopthedebt.org
Distributed bread and fresh vegetables to area folk affected by environmental disasters
Committed to be prophetic, courageous, spirit-filled women in: Parish, community, society, letters to editors etc
Are teaching English, citizenship, and prep for GED to new immigrants
Working with Interfaith groups on advocacy, and economic and global justice
[Are accompanying poor women survivors of cancer in Nicaragua \(added 4/30/19\)](#)

CLAIMING OUR ONENESS

“Weaving” the Hawaii Vice Province with the Los Angeles Province
From our vulnerability we can experience truly mutual relationships
Trust processes that have led to the recommendations for claiming our oneness
Now all parts are moving, amalgamating, redefining, and morphing into something new
We came with the openness necessary for communal discernment
Primarily about setting direction related to mission
The key to a system thriving is in its smaller, well-linked circles
Maintain the sense of the local culture and history
By practicing the future, we prepare to be relevant in the future
Pray to Mother St. John for practicality and common sense

Realized that restructuring needs to be accompanied
by revitalizing our charism, spirituality, and
commitment to our mission

Worked so that ALL voices are heard

Met with the Initial Membership Committees from
Albany to share our common experiences of
welcoming Candidates into CSJ community