

February 6, 2020

Our dear sisters and all who share in our charism,

GO DEEPER. JOURNEY FARTHER. RESPOND BOLDLY. DARE TO BE PROPHETIC.

This is what we promised to one another when we gathered at our congregational chapter in July of 2019. Now, as we begin our service to you as the Congregational Leadership Team, we are so aware that what we were calling our “future direction” is NOW. As a team, we have taken the time to pray, dialogue, ponder, listen, and dream in order to arrive at some decisions in the way that we would like to walk with all of you in living out this direction. As we move into our future, we know that we will be evolving with the signs of the times and our lived reality. This is a beginning. We invite you to join us in prayer and action as we take these first steps.

We believe that the commitments expressed in the Statement of Future Direction ([2019 Acts of Chapter](#), p. 2-3) are of utmost importance:

- Respond to the crisis of Earth and global warming,
- Deepen awareness of our complicity and work toward dismantling interlocking systems of oppression,
- Articulate and authentically live our vows in ways that witness and speak to today’s realities,
- Walk with women as we claim our voice and work toward an inclusive church and society,
- Use our collective voice to accompany others in speaking their truth.

Therefore, we will connect as a team, rather than through a liaison, with the congregation’s Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) Working Group. We hope this new approach will help in deepening our understanding of the implications of these commitments, discovering strategies, and possibilities of increased partnerships and looking for creative ways to communicate our message to a wider world.

At this end of this letter, you will find a list of all of the congregational working groups, committees, and task forces and which CLT member(s) will serve as liaisons to each. Although there are persons and groups with specific tasks, every one of us must ask ourselves individually and in community: How can we GO DEEPER. JOURNEY FARTHER. RESPOND BOLDLY. DARE TO BE PROPHETIC?

May the Spirit guide us as we strive to make all decisions through the lens of unifying love.

Your sisters,

Mary

Patty

Sally

Sean

Therese

CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP TEAM

Working groups	CLT Liaison(s)
Archives	Mary
Communications	Therese and Sally
Development	Patty
Finances	Patty with Sean as support
Information Technology	Therese with Patty as support
Vocations	Mary and Sean
Formation	Patty and Mary
ACOF/Agrégées	Therese and Sally
Retirement Pastoral Care	Sean
JPIC	Sean

Other responsibilities	CLT Liaison(s)
Mission Coordinator/Mission Office	Mary and Sally
Ad hoc Resource Group	Therese
Ad hoc Finance Group	Sean
Takehashi	Mary and Sally
St. Joseph Workers in St. Paul and LA	Therese