



Transcript of the Congregational Leadership Team's report regarding the February 2020 Congregational Leadership Group meeting

Therese Sherlock 0:12

The St. Louis province showed great hospitality to the Congregational Leadership Group. They had arranged a tour for us of the Nazareth Living Center, but we couldn't go because there was illness there. We did have Eucharist and brunch and a meeting with the sisters on Sunday. And that event was live streamed; others got to see it too.

Patty Johnson 0:35

At the beginning of our meeting, we took some time for personal reflection and then came together for a real sharing of the heart about how the chapter directions had really impacted us and what we were thinking about and doing as a result of those of those directives.

Mary McGlone 0:59

One of the things that we of course want to do together is pray together. And the St. Louis Province had prepared wonderful prayers for us. That gave us ample time not only to think and put ourselves in the situation, but also to share with one another. Then we also had time to play together in various ways. But I think my favorite was going to a Bosnian restaurant. That was really fun and an opportunity to get to know everybody just a little bit more.

Sean Peters 1:32

Catherine Lucy [director of the Consolidated Congregational Archive] did a wonderful overview of the archives for us. She had a PowerPoint presentation, which told us sort of a little bit about the history of this consolidated archives and then what was available. And then she gave us a tour of the archives. So we got to see where our boxes are, and she had put out some interesting artifacts as well. So that was a delight.

Sally Harper 1:56

One of the things that was really meaningful at the meeting was that we heard from each of the units, the provinces and vice provinces, about the first steps in their discernment process that they're doing in response to the recommendation regarding governance. And it was lovely to see the diversity of things that are being done, but also the investment that sisters are making in this process and the timelines that they'll be following.

Mary McGlone 2:29

One of the things we did at the CLG meeting was talk about the whole role of the liaison and how this new team was going to be liaison to different provinces, vice province, and groups. So we had some ideas that we brought to the whole assembled group, told them what we were thinking, got their feedback, and now we're going to come back and make our own informed decision.

Sean Peters 2:55

One of the things that the congregational chapter talked about was continuing the intra-congregational gatherings. So we had a very lively discussion about some ways that we could do that. So keeping up some of the ideas that really worked and then some new ideas, so look forward to those.

Therese Sherlock 3:12

The Congregational Leadership Team has already scheduled three meetings with sisters in three of the congregation units, the first one in St. Paul in March. We will be scheduling the other two units so that by the end of the year, we'll get to know you all.