



May 26, 2021

Dear Sisters, Associates, Consociates, 'Ohana, Familia de San José and companions,

I have come to realize that I do not have the energy to continue as a member of the Congregational Leadership Team, and therefore I am resigning from this ministry. My last day as a Congregational Leadership Team member will be June 15, 2021.

I am proud of our team and of the work we have done together. I know Sean, Sally, Patty and Mary will continue to serve you well. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to know you, to serve you and to learn from you.

Your sister,

*Therese Sherlock, CSJ*

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Dear Sisters, Associates, Consociates, 'Ohana, Familia de San José and companions,

As Sister Therese Sherlock explains in her letter published here, she has reached the decision to resign from her position on the Congregational Leadership Team as of June 15, 2021. While this decision saddens us, the commitment we have made to one another leads us to trust and honor Therese's conclusion. We will sorely miss her contributions to our ministry as a team and her friendship and good company. We are grateful that she is willing and able to continue to serve for nearly a month of transition and then to be on call until her replacement can be named.

This is not the first time in recent memory that a council member has had to be replaced. The last occurred in 2010, when Sister Elizabeth Ney died in office, and Sister Helene Wilson was named to serve on the council when a deliberative vote was required. Our Constitution (#55) states:

*The congregational council is composed of the first councilor and at least three other councilors elected at the congregational chapter.*

Our Complementary Document #55-56 K states:

*In the event of the death, resignation, deposition or incapacity of a congregational councilor, the congregational director shall consult with the remaining councilors and the (vice) provincial superiors before appointing a new councilor to fill out the term of office.*

Following that guideline, Therese will continue to serve when needed for a deliberative vote of the council until the Congregational Leadership Team has the opportunity to consult with the Congregational Leadership Group about who to name and how she will serve for the remainder of this term of leadership.

We believe that the Spirit can draw creative new possibilities from every eventuality, no matter how unwelcome it may seem at first. We count on your prayerful support as we seek the best ways to work through this unexpected turn of events.

United in Prayer,

Sean Peters, CSJ

Sally Harper, CSJ

Patty Johnson, CSJ

Mary McGlone, CSJ