

COMMUNITY IN TRANSITION

Zoom Meeting, March 26, 2020

In attendance: Christopher Jungers, Tim O'Brien, Phil Paxton, Don Senior, Jim Strommer. Phil Laughlin was unavailable.

1. We reviewed our task as a Vision Perspective group. It continues to be important to remember that this is not the same as the work we did in preparing for the Chapter. Our job is primarily to advance the calls to action from the Chapter which were generated through the efforts of the Community Working Group.

2. Referring once again to the document entitled: POST CHAPTER REPORT FROM COMMUNITY WORKING GROUP, we reviewed the Calls to Action, 1 through 5. Each of them seem to already identify target groups in the center column of the grid who would be responsible for follow-through, for example the Association of Local Superiors (ALS), Province Retreat Center Board (PRCB), Provincial Council, Office of Mission Effectiveness (OME), Province Formation/Vocation Departments. It was noted that the ALS is very invested in the visioning process and has scheduled frequent Zoom meetings for faith sharing and visioning work. Several suggestions were made as to what should go to the ALS:
 - a.) Local community leadership needs to find a new model as our number of vowed members declines and laity become more a part of our life and ministry. Our group needs to connect with the Vision Perspective group on Leadership to advance this issue.

- b.) We noted the importance of convening regular meetings in our local communities. Perhaps the “Covenant Process” mentioned in Action 1 will bring new order and energy to our local communities.
 - c.) It was suggested that a “job description” for local leaders would help clarify what is involved and expected.
3. Some calls for action may involve the PRCB. Members of the PRCB are very connected to our local communities, particularly their ministerial outreach. They also interact with our communities at the level of charism and ongoing formation.
 4. There are some canonical issues that have to go to the Provincial and Council for further action.
 5. Some of our calls to action with regard to formation need to go to the OME and the offices of Vocation and Formation.
 6. It was decided that the next step would be homework for each of us. Working primarily off the document: POST CHAPTER REPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY WORKING GROUP, each of us will list our suggestions as to which action steps should go to which established group in the middle column of the grid. We can elaborate or clarify if we wish. Our work will then be e-mailed to each other by April 23, at the latest. Tim O’Brien will try to collate the material in advance of our next Zoom meeting.
 - 7. Our next Zoom meeting will be Thursday, April 30 at 12:00 noon Central time.**