

Laudato Si' Vision Fulfillment

May 7, 2020 Zoom Meeting

Present: Patty, Lissa, Claire, Tim, David, Marta, Alex

Prayer and reflection by Tim

Personal check-in

Minutes from April 30th meeting approved with two edits from Marta; she will send out revised minutes later today.

1. Discussion on progress of “**Laudato Si' Corner**” included:

-Claire began sowing the seeds of LS Corner with announcement in the recent Provincial Newsletter of the Earth & Spirit Center’s resources and offerings.

-David and Lissa shared the “LS Corner” graphic that they developed, and proposed that the corner appear in both the Provincial newsletter and the PSN newsletter. The Provincial newsletter would be more planting seeds, prayer, formation and the PSN newsletter would be more oriented toward concrete action suggestions002E

-The importance of thinking strategically and planning out the articles as part of a cohesive whole was discussed, including an introduction to the initiative with the initial launch. Lissa will email out to the team the 3 potential first articles for the Provincial newsletter.

2. Tim reported on the **upcoming assembly** on June 16-17 as follows:

-the planning team has outlined and will soon be getting the agenda finalized.

-All the vision fulfillment teams are being asked to produce proposals and send them to Tim by 29th of May.

-The vision fulfillment commission will collate and analyze the data from these proposals.

-The invitation will be going out next week; it will have a jot form for registration; still working out the details.

-A standardized format for proposals has been provided; easy to collate and do some analysis.

-Tim suspects there will be a lot of overlap; which is exactly what we want--to see how these initiatives are interrelated.

-The assembly packet will go out on June 5th to everyone.

- The theme of the assembly is vision fulfillment. The format of the Assembly will include:

The first day of the assembly is the plenary, celebrating jubilees, and each team will do a ten-minute presentation on their proposals and work. Tim and Jim Strommer will also be giving a talk.

The second day will focus on break-outs for all the resource groups--think tank work. The VF teams have come up with proposals, they will now be turned over to the resource groups to brainstorm implementation, not sure exactly how that is going to go...an opportunity to let the holy spirit work! The different resource groups will discuss what they've heard and where we might go from here.

A zoom consultant has been brought in to help with the complexity of the break-outs; she will also provide some training for people who would like it. She has a degree in educational technology and can be a good resource.

In answer to some questions, Tim gave examples of who the resource groups are and pointed us toward the "Vision Fulfillment Grid" at www.passionist.org/vfp/ (this is the central location for vision fulfillment documents/info). The 7 VF teams were originally called perspective groups. The VF teams suggest in their proposals which resource groups (middle column of grid) might best implement specific proposals. Each team has a member on the vision commission so hopefully each team is connected that way to holding the overarching vision of the vision fulfillment process.

There was also discussion that the organic nature of this process might shift the mandate of some of the resource groups. For example, let's say within the area of LS, we think there needs to be more formation--then OME might work with that. This will likely change or shift the mandate of OME in some way. We may even find that the LS team could continue as a resource group in some iteration to implement some initiatives—this would require approval of the Provincial and Council. The important thing is being open to the process at the Assembly. We don't know how it will play out—which is the point. We're moving into a distributive model and that is dynamic in its nature.

3. Alex reported that he had talked to **Fr. Steve Dunn**; he's willing to be a resource to this committee. Gratitude was expressed. Perhaps one area he might be helpful is "renewing content" where we address LS and the Passionist charism. He might also be great for a live/recorded panel or talk.

4. Thank you to Patty for her work in brainstorming **potential proposals using the "Fr. Joachim" structure**. David will create a **googledocs folder** where the LS team's docs can be shared and worked on. Homework for next week is to brainstorm proposal ideas on this shared document. David will send an email with subject line "LS vision team googledoc folder" so we'll know where to go to find the folder and doc.