

September 1, 2020

Laudato Si' Vision Fulfillment Team minutes

Present: Claire, Lissa, Patty, Fr. Alex, Tim

Opening Prayer: Lissa read a quote by Thomas Berry, CP, regarding the “Great Work” of our times.

Minutes of the August 25, 2020 meeting accepted as presented.

How are we doing? Lissa reported that Marta thanks us for the prayers for her and her family.

We then shared our reflections about Thomas Berry, which led to the following recommendations regarding our LS-VFT work and Thomas Berry:

---Tim said we need to find and share some videos of Thomas Berry.

---Alex mentioned that the conference entitled “Thomas Berry and the Great Work”, held at Georgetown in October 2019 had many good presentations about Thomas Berry:

<http://thomasberry.org/life-and-thought/georgetown-conference> Alex suggested we add this link to the webliography.

---Alex also mentioned that Thomas Berry did a workshop for the sesquicentennial, and maybe we could locate the video. Tim mentioned that the videos of Thomas’ talks are probably at the Jamaica, NY former retreat center, now being re-purposed into a Thomas Berry Center. Possible contacts there are Rob Carbonneau, CP and Steve Dunn, CP.

Laudato Si' web page

Claire said she plans to establish a Laudato Si' page on the HCP website. Claire asked for suggestions for the page: content, images, linkages. Tim stated that we should have resources for the Province. Patty suggested we have sustainability success stories in the Province, and Lissa said there are some already to lift up. Alex suggested some inspirational pieces and an “Earth Watch” section about late breaking ecology news, as well as news items from the province. Alex also said that the page should tie us into the initiatives in Rome and at the UN. The Passionists International NGO at the UN got a new leader in 2019: John Muthengi, CP

Claire and Lissa will meet to further plan the webpage.

Patty's article for Vision Fulfillment newsletter

Patty said she thought the article should come from the whole team, and there was agreement. Patty did not get a chance to look at the latest revisions to the article, so she and Lissa will talk after this meeting and finalize. After that, Lissa will send out the article to our whole team for a

final look. The article is due to Ryan Gold for VF newsletter by Friday. Claire took a picture of our Team to be sent with the article.

Progress Reports at upcoming Passionist meetings

Alex mentioned some upcoming community meetings where a report from our LS VFT may be needed: Interprovince meeting in Palm Beach, October 4-8th; Configuration with south zone (Brazil) starts October 9th; possible synod between chapters is October 11-23rd. Alex will find out if we need to prepare a report for any of these meetings, as well as the HCP leadership day, which is usually the first day of PRCB (dates??).

Lissa spoke of the work we are already doing/will be doing that we can report on in October. Lissa volunteered to put together a tracking tool for our work.

Contacts at Passionist sites

Lissa sent our Team the interim directory of HCP before today's meeting. We discussed the number and attributes of the people who would lead up the LS initiatives at the various sites in HCP. We decided that we prefer to have a vowed Passionist partner with a layperson at each site. We need people who are committed to social justice, as well as the nature-loving and conservation-minded. We also need to have a balance between the prophetic visionary and the action-oriented personalities. Lissa suggested we include all of the Passionist family, including those not at sites, e.g. Passionist alumni and Passionist Partners.

Our homework for the next meeting is to look through the directory and come up with suggestions of two people for each site. In the meantime, we volunteered/made preliminary suggestions for the following:

Fr. Alex and Patty—Detroit

David Horvath---Louisville

Sierra Madre---Marta

Claire---Birmingham

Houston---Ronan N., and possibly Cedric and Antonio

CTU---Lissa

Citrus Heights---Natalie and Jack Conley

New Business

Conversations on Race:

Lissa announced that she and David are hosting difficult conversations about race and anti-racism throughout HCP, starting September 24th every Thursday. As they contact people throughout the Province, they may identify people to serve as contacts for LS as well.

Alex mentioned that some vowed members meet regularly on Zoom, and Alex will promote LS at these meetings.

Closing Prayer offered by Patty.