

November 3, 2020

Laudato Si' Vision Fulfillment Team minutes

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

Lissa opened the meeting with a Buddhist prayer for peace, which all appreciated in the wake of the still unknown outcomes of the election.

Minutes:

Lissa asked if everyone had seen the chat notes and heard the recording from the October 27, 2020 meeting with Sr. Corinne Sanders, OP, Director of Sustainability for the Adrian Dominican Sisters. All said they were very good. The October 27, 2020 minutes are also in Googledocs. (Please see the "Meeting with Sr. Corinne" folder on our LS googledrive for the zoom video and saved chat of the meeting.)

Debrief of meeting with Sr. Corinne:

Those present debriefed our team's meeting with Sr. Corinne at our regular meeting time on Tuesday, October 27, 2020, which was a 90-minute meeting. We also looked at next steps to be taken.

Sr. Corinne mentioned the Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center in Seattle, which is supported by 22 religious congregations. Patty sent out the link to the organization:

<https://www.ipic.org/nwcri/>. The Center has resources for sustainable investments and assessments.

The next step for our LS Team is to look at assessment tools, and tailor them to HCP realities. Lissa and Patty will look at assessments and also possible consultants. David will ask the local Interfaith Power and Light group for what assessments they have. Phil Jackson has some solar contacts, and Lissa and Patty will follow up. Patty will check with Catholic Climate Covenant for their assessment tools.

Lissa wondered if Sr. Corinne and her team addressed the integral ecology aspect of LS, meaning the connection of human/environmental issues?

Tim reflected that religious communities of women have been far ahead for decades on social justice activities, something he observed when he attended meetings of the NACAR group.

Patty mentioned that Sr. Pat Daly, a Caldwell Dominican was responsible for putting together the Dominican Climate Solutions Fund with Morgan Stanley. Sr. Corinne mentioned Sr. Pat as a resource for socially responsible investing. Tim, who is chair of HCP's Investment Advisory Committee (IAC), is looking for input for an in-service meeting of the committee. Lissa asked Tim about the experience of women's religious communities in their investments, and Tim said they are doing well. David mentioned the possibility of HCP becoming an associate in Investment Advocates for Social Justice.

We reflected on Sr. Corinne's advice to "find the people who are moving that way". We took this as an affirmation of the development of outer circles which we have begun, identifying people in HCP who are parts of groups, residences, and ministries. We agreed that ongoing formation would be needed in this group. Patty suggested we develop a job description for these volunteers. Tim reported that the Leadership VFT has morphed to the Leadership

Commission. The commission will work to develop the leadership needs of HCP. This is an opportunity for the LS VFT and the Leadership Commission to collaborate.

Tim mentioned that Marci Madary's VFT is working on a rule for Passionist laity. Patty said she would send info on the two books by Sr. Elaine Prevallet, SL (mentioned at an earlier meeting) to our team, and to Marci. David has contacts with the Loretto Sisters, Sr. Elaine's community, and he will see if we can get copies of the books.

Report back on Fr. Joachim Proposal/Congregational LS Effort:

David reported on the October 23rd Zoom meeting with "curia" members: two members of the General Council in Rome, and some local PSN members (Fr. Joe Mitchell, David, Lissa, Paul Waddell, and Patty). The gists of the meeting:

---lots of questions about the responsibility of different parties to carry the program forward.

---we need buy-in from the entire CP community.

---current resources are North American, and we need to be international.

---there was good will and commitment to the program.

---we need other people on the committee, representing different parts of the world, and some names were surfaced.

Local PSN members who were on the October 23rd Zoom meeting are meeting tomorrow (Nov. 5th) to debrief and prepare for the next meeting, which is November 19th. Tim warned that sometimes there is push and pull among the CP family in different continents and cultures. Tim recommended John Muthengi, CP as a good ally for the international committee.

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Next Meeting:

Starting with our next meeting on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 1:00 PM, we will meet every other week, and work on projects in small groups in between meetings. Lissa and Patty will work on assessment tools. David, Claire, and Lissa will meet to work on the LS web page.

Agenda items for the November 17th meeting: prepare report for leadership day and follow up on developing LS circle contacts in HCP.