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I did like moving from table to table as often as we did.

"Organization of significant content

Excellent process and sequences

Quality of facilitator competence- ability to move things along, keep issues clarified in a context of respect for each sister and each concern

Planning and prior communications that gave input, reading material, and direction of where we were in the process and where headed

Accommodations in the house for daily liturgy, meals, and schedules "

"The one page monthly ""update"" and ""homework"" from the Chapter Committee. The reverence and prayerfulness of the entire Chapter allowing for discernment, processing, privately and in a variety of groups.

Catherine was an incredible facilitator with her gift of flexibility; challenging us to be focused, reverent, respectful, while still having fun. Amazing!

The Retreat Day was good timing and timely."

The process was inviting and everyone had the opportunity to be heard.

Being home with the sisters was so important. The round table processing opportunities were wonderful times of listening, interacting, and planning.

The contemplative atmosphere, and the times for thoughtful reflection were amazing. Enough time was left for prayerful consideration before doing any voting.

The respectful election process and all the pre chapter discussion materials that were sent out to us.

The work of the Chapter Preparation Committee really set the stage for a meaningful week. Catherine and Danielle were a gift to our gathering. I am glad that I had the opportunity to experience the discernment process for leadership. I knew what my decision would be, but I am glad I stayed open to the process. I also appreciated there was "time" to visit with others, especially with the nominees. It was also very meaningful to be part of the unfolding of the directional statement and our commitment promises. To me, "radical hospitality" has practical elements that will unfold within these next 5 years. It was also very meaningful to have the supportive participants such an important way at the table discussions.

The information from the committee from their meetings and suggested readings. The process for nominations and elections. The flow of the days. The facilitator was great and kept us moving.

I was amazed at the organization and procedure. It was somewhat like walking down an uncharted path. That is such as it should be. Open to the Spirit and movement of the community needs.

Most everything as the chapter of affairs was very well planned out and executed very well. The committee worked very hard as did Katherine as did all of us.

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Thanks to everyone who helped make this such a wonderful experience. The Chapter Preparation Committee was terrific! I felt the process included everyone. Each person had a voice and it was shared in a non-threatening way. The many times of reflection were very much appreciated.

"I so appreciated the inclusion of all in the entire process.

Catherine's guidance was superb. Thank you Catherine."

That the majority of us listened deeply to the whole on behalf of the common good.

"The prayers and rituals, the process for the entire time, the process for elections, moving from table to table, the retreat- all were very meaningful. "

I appreciated the many times that we changed tables to be able to carry on discussion with many of the Sisters.

The spirit among the Sisters and the way our facilitator listened and guided us

"Prayer Services Good Scheduling Table conversations"

I felt the power of the Holy Spirit during all the workings of the chapter. All sessions moved with deliberation and reverence for the process. The final document is very engaging and inclusive of all our members.

I found our focus on radical hospitality very meaningful. Including supportive participants in as many table conversations as possible was an expression of this within our chapter processes.

prayers, a process that led us to our commitment statements, and the depth of the commitment statements

The ritual prayers, Gathering with all the Sisters, facilitator kept us on task, the entire process just flowed and did not seem stressful, the facilitator was very good, I liked that names were always just put in alphabetical order

All the preparations that had been made so there was a balance in the flow of the time we were in sessions and the time to "take a breath." The growth that has taken place among the sisters in expressing what they are thinking/desiring in the presence of the group. The inclusion of supportive participants in sessions was a great option.

First it made us contact sisters and tell them why we thought they had gifts needed for leadership. When names surfaced during community days they had time to discern while others had time to pray and reflect. Liked the fact that sisters were free to explain meaning of new terms.

Rich prayer experiences, the IPA presentation, the leadership team sharing and good facilitation all led to deep dialog at the tables.

"The insistence on getting the appropriate expressions for the Directional Statement and the commitments was a work of art. I trust that we have a statement we can live into with conviction.

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I found the election process to be very in-depth and respectful. It allowed for conversations with a variety of people, hearing rationale and perspectives different from my own. This process was enriched by moving from table to table."

The wonderful preparation of Chapter Committee before hand. Catherine was very inclusive & gave all a chance to talk. Good information given by leadership team to begin deliberations

I appreciated our daily prayers and rituals. Catherine's presence and ability to facilitate our sessions in such a clear and respectful manner, was great. I appreciated hearing the present Leadership and IPA reports. I liked the way everyone (supportive participants and canonical delegates) were involved in the formulation of our Directional Statement and Commitments. Preparations for elections and the actual process itself, in Chapel, was helpful and meaningful. Hearing so many individuals speak honestly and with deep convictions, during our days together, was positive. Diverse roles, that included so many different individuals was very inclusive. I felt that everyone was heard and respected. Danielle was a fun and dedicated presence.

"The dialogue that took place about nominees was respectful, meaningful and helpful in the discernment process. The prayer was meaningful in its simplicity and elegance. "

The process that involved everyone and respectful of all. Very well planned and directed. I'm very appreciative of all the efforts given.

The closing video of the week; the printed daily minutes; how the facilitator kept the pace and pattern on task; our preparation during community days

Attitude of cooperation and listening, moving from group to group

"Parts were very meaningful, others were not. I think the rituals were very helpful in encouraging us to focus out on the world, not inward on ourselves. Some days the facilitator seemed confused about the details, ex. the day of the elections. Some days she just seemed off of her game.

The schedule of free nights was important.

The gentle approach to considering names for the Leadership Team was well done. The facilitator showed us how to speak about each other in kind ways.

We came together for our directional statement and commitments but I think we were a very divided house about who could help us live them out.

The supportive participants were included in so much. This was very good."

The prayer rituals. The processes that were used in PC for the discernment of leadership and the nominations. The honest and many discussions that happened as we were asked to move to different tables. The involvement of and voice that was heard from the supportive participants. The socials were fun and relaxing. Some free nights were appreciated. The retreat day was appreciated although I felt bad that it ended up to be a shorter time.

"The presence of the Spirit among us was so powerful. It seemed to me that every voice was heard and respected. The rhythm was peaceful, we did not feel rushed and there was plenty of time for sharing both within the process and during free times, like in the evenings during the socials.

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The frequency that we rotated to different tables also facilitated being able to share and receive input from the majority of participants."

I enjoyed the frequent "change tables" directive that afforded a great variety of conversations.

overall - flow was smooth and seamless; transparency of elections

I very much appreciated our days together - the pace was good; time for table discussion with good direction for outcomes; good process for arriving at our direction and commitments; Catherine was able to go with the flow; good amount of break time; nothing crammed into the evening (I know during community days those tend to be optional but they are often compelling and 'don't to miss' sessions.); nice socials; wonderful prayers/rituals. The Spirit among us was evident. I really appreciated the time and work the Chapter Prep Committee put into making this a successful experience resulting in lots of buy-in taking us forward.

I was delighted with the process and results from the commitments we made. It felt like there was good support for the directions we set which will be very important as we enter into some of the more delicate conversations about the future.

I appreciated moving tables so often during the process. It was helpful to talk with many different sisters.

The prayers and rituals were outstanding! It was evident a lot of time and prayer went into the planning. Each day the prayer was just what the group needed and deepened our conversation. I hope the ritual planning committee will get a formal thank you for all their work. During the oral thank you's they were put together with the helpers who passed out papers and were not even named.

The theme and logo fit where we are as a community.

A meaningful part for me was the way we reverently surfaced names for elected leadership. Also the change to hear from nominees after their discernment.

Rotating to tables was good also. .

The prayer preparation, the excellent work and guidance of Sr. Catherine and the Chapter Preparation Group. It fostered a spirit of openness and trust.

Prayer experiences were great and the quiet times.

I appreciate the sharing of the nominees on Jan. 1 and the activity of making potential teams and finding our leanings.

The sacredness of the whole experience - the climate of confidentiality, prayer and sharing promoted by Catherine Schneider.

The Leadership sharing what happened in their five years. Sr. Catherine leading us and keeping us on task and summarizing what we had done thus far. Free participation of the sisters as they shared. Times of silence.

Well-planned.

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I found the table sharing very meaningful and appreciated the opportunity to move and share with our sisters. I also found the process for elections, held in PC to be helpful.

Respectful and open discussion.

The sharing by our leadership Team on the blessings and challenges of leadership. Beautifully delivered by all four sisters. Also, the leadership of Sr. Catherine as facilitator. I feel she did a wonderful job of including the Supportive Participants as much as possible.

The greater openness among us to listen to and interact with one another with reverence and respect. I experienced the six days very simply as "full of grace and the Spirit."

Name (optional)

Mary Louise Scieszinski	Raeleen Sweeney	Jean Meyer
Hermann Platt	Marilou Irons	Joellen Price
Jane Conrad	St. James Lickteig	Jeanine Kuhn
Marjorie Loughren	Linda Reicks	Margaret Anne Kramer
Dolores Zieser	Carla Popes	Francine Quillin
Carrie Link	Annette Kestel	Lynn Wagner
Julianne Brockamp	Janet Stelken	Rosalyn Ulfers
Rita Menart	Janet Goetz	Pamela Quade
Joan Brincks	Suzanne Takes	Jessi Beck
Jennifer Rausch	Joetta Venneman	Richelle Friedman
Joy Peterson	Julia Wingert	Anne McCormick
Sheila Ann Dougherty	Louann Doering	Marie Barth
James Marie Gross	Paula Schwendinger	Barb Rastatter
Dolores Moes		