



## PLANNING FOR OUR FUTURE

### PROMISE GROUP UPDATES

#### November 2020

**PROMISE: We promise to live radical hospitality in all relationships, especially with people made poor, through our commitment to contemplation, service, advocacy, dialogue, communication, and education.**

The Promise Group met on November 11. Members agreed that a 2021 virtual workshop on racism would be beneficial to the community. The subcommittee will continue the planning the workshop with the CrossRoads sponsoring group. As preparation for such a workshop, it would be helpful to submit for Ministry Notes information about the CrossRoads bias test and to encourage sisters and associates to take the test. Members of the Promise Group have attended a November 9, 16 and 23 series of three webinars from the Catholic Theological Union in which persons of color shared stories of living in a society that exhibits systemic racism. The Promise Group agreed to continue sharing short activities and resources with the wider community that offer input, reflection and sharing on systemic racism. The group reviewed and accepted the 2019 initiatives for the Promise/Goal and discussed the feedback from Community Days 2020. Both documents will be revisited as needed.

**PROMISE: We promise to practice non-violence of mind and heart, speech and action as we address injustice directly and systematically.**

We discussed the Nonviolence Promise Group Evaluation topics during our November 19th meeting. Members who couldn't attend were offered the recording of the meeting. A summary of what the group concluded (regarding what was working for our group and what we wanted to develop further) was sent to Sr. Elena. We are continuing to plan for the Spring 2021 Nonviolence workshop and would like to confer with the Convener Group on this topic at our December meeting. Our next Promise Group meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 14th from 6:00-7:00pm.

## **PROMISE: We promise to form partnerships and utilize resources for the purpose of mission.**

The Partnerships and Resources Promise Group met on November 18, 2020 via zoom. Members were informed that the Requests for Proposal were sent out to four companies and responses are due on November 30. They will be reviewed by the Planning Team on December 7, 2020. After a lengthy discussion, the Promise Group will form a Communication Team and a Spirituality/Ritual Team. Further discussion is needed regarding the involvement of members of the Wisdom Group for this Promise Group.

## **PROMISE: We promise to implement governance practices that foster dialogue and communication in decision-making.**

October 27, 2020 Meeting

Recap of meeting: What do we want to remember? What do we want to communicate? – Carol  
(3 or 4 main things we did)

1. We reviewed and had conversations about Community Days and the feedback gained.
2. We decided to gather the facts about associate participation in past Chapters to consider their participation in the future.
3. We defined our next steps in creating a recommendation to the leadership team about the Chapter Preparation Committee.

Next Meeting Date – November 24, 2020