



## PLANNING FOR OUR FUTURE

### PROMISE GROUP UPDATES

#### March 2021

**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 February 10 and reviewed the Thursday evening “Let’s Talk about Racism” held on January 28 concluding that it was well-received by the 42 sisters/associates who attended. An update for the February 25 evening was shared. Possible topics, panelists and facilitators were suggestions for future months starting with April to be reported on at the March 10 Promise Group meeting. Suggestions for needed updates on the goal and initiatives were shared. A rewrite subgroup would present its work to the entire Promise Group for affirmation on February 15 and for updating on [www.dbqpbvms.org/intranet](http://www.dbqpbvms.org/intranet)

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

The Nonviolence Promise Group met Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. We discussed the April 10th Training Workshop at which time details were addressed and resolved. The group was in agreement that our goal and initiatives are clearly stated. Future initiatives will be added as the work of the group progresses. Previously we divided our initiatives into Year 1, 2 and 3. All were in agreement that our work should not be governed by time limits, so these Year markers will be dropped and our work will continue as ongoing. We are aware that future Town Hall sessions are in the planning stage and will discuss this after receiving further direction from the Convener Group. Our next meeting is Friday, March 12th at 6:00 pm.

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

Partnerships and Resources Promise Group

February 17, 2021

The committee met via zoom at 6:30PM. Members of the group welcomed Erin George, Jerry Gumbleton and Mary Pellegrino, csj of Plante Moran. The company has been engaged by our community as a consultant. Elena shared a summary of the work of this promise group since February of 2019. Promise group members introduced themselves followed by Plante Moran staff introducing themselves and sharing their personal professional backgrounds and experiences as consultors with religious congregations. Questions were entertained.

Information from the Convener's group regarding possible Town Hall Meetings was discussed. The intent of Town Hall Meetings being to keep communication as open as possible.

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

**Goal:** Develop a strategy/plan that will lead us to the implementation of governance practices.

### **What do we remember and want to communicate?**

- Sr. Carol Crepeau joined us to facilitate conversation about the work of our promise group and governance structures, and how governance structures help us to flourish.
- Creativity and other aspects come before canon law.
- Broad look at governance structures was very helpful.
- Going forward – We are here to examine the structures and the relationship we would like to have with governance.
- We have decided to each view the CARA study in preparation for our next meeting.

A decision was made at the January Convener Meeting to hold quarterly Town Hall meetings to update sisters and associates about the work of the groups. We look forward to beginning this initiative in April.