

January 2014

Happy New Year!

First of all, I would like to thank Mary Sue Kennedy for her shepherding of this fledgling organization, The Dominican Sisters' Conference. It has been no easy task to bring together two organizations, the DLC and the Federation, into one new and different entity. And she has accomplished this with grace. It has been my privilege to work with Mary Sue for the past three years while I was part of the Executive Committee. She has demonstrated her great love of the Conference and of the sisters, as well as great faithfulness to its life and goals. **Personally, I have appreciated her attention to every detail in making my transition to this new position as smooth as possible.**

We have much to look forward to in 2014: Area Meetings in which we study what Earth is asking of us; planning for our Leaders' Meeting in October in San Antonio; and the beginning of our planning for the 2015 DSC Convocation. **It will be here before we know it!!**

Today I opened a New Year's message from David Steindle-Rast, OSB, through Gratefulness.org. It is a wish for Joy in the New Year, through a Life of Grateful Living. Included was a Recipe for Grateful Living. I can't improve on such a recipe, and so I pass it on to you. May Grateful Living carry us forward gracefully in 2014 as we continue becoming The Dominican Sisters' Conference.

Recipe for Grateful Living

Stop! - - so that you will not hurry past the gift this moment offers you.

Look! – so that you will recognize this gift: the opportunity available now.

Do! - - - that means: Do something with this precious opportunity.



What is Earth Asking of the Order?

In just a few days The Dominican Sisters of Blauvelt will host the first Dominican Sisters' Conference Area Meeting – on January 11, 2014, at their motherhouse.

We eagerly await the feedback that our sisters and associates will give us, so that it can enrich future meetings. For a full listing of the sites where they are scheduled please follow [this link on the DSC website](#). In addition, you can find material to prepare yourselves for the meeting at [this link](#).

Please invite all who are interested in the topic to our morning process; the afternoon is for DSC members (sisters and associates) only.

DomLife News

Susan Oxley, editor of *DomLife* has been recuperating well. Unfortunately, she recently fell and broke her wrist. We pray for a speedy full recovery.

Dominican Sisters Conference Mission Statement

As we begin this New Year, we would like to continually put before you our proposed Mission Statement, so that we can live into it and affirm it. Each month we will put forward a thought from it for reflection. The entire Mission Statement and goals can be found on our [DSC website](#).

Since our Area Meetings begin this very month with the theme, "What is Earth Asking of the Order?", we offer the following for your prayer and reflection this month:

Acting both globally and locally, the Dominican Sisters Conference places the transforming grace of the Dominican charism at the service of our world and Church, especially in responding to the cry of the poor and to the urgent need to preserve Earth's integrity. . . Our preaching and action for justice are the fruit of our Dominican tradition of contemplative prayer and pursuit of truth through study and dialogue.

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Coming up

January 6, 2014	Convocation Planning meeting*
January 11, 2014	DSC Area Meeting, Blauvelt
January 15, 2014	"Zoom" DSC Staff Meeting
January 15, 2014	DSC Finance Committee Meeting*
February 1, 2014	DSC Area Meeting, Amityville
February 1, 2014	DSC Area meeting, Mission San Jose

**meetings are via conference call*



Congratulations to the new Leadership Team
of the [Dominican Sisters of Springfield](#):
Sisters Rebecca Ann Gemma,
Barbara Blesse, Kathleen Cour,
Kathlyn Mulcahy, and Kathleen Gallagher!