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I have been a Dominican Sister of Sparkill for 51 years. For the past 43 years I have been back in my hometown of St. Louis, MO. My ministries have included teaching, critical care nursing, quality management in a hospital, and for the last 13 years quality management/advocacy in a for-profit company that provides health care to prisoners. My current ministry is very justice-centered as I alert field healthcare teams to the patients who need attention and provide quality outcomes reports to the executive leadership that objectively demonstrate strengths and weaknesses in our healthcare delivery.

My experience in collaboration through the DSC has been involvement in the music for the last two convocations. I was one of five members, each from a different congregation, who made up the liturgy committee for the convocation in 2015. Through DSC I have become connected to many Dominicans and continue friendships through Facebook communications, emails, and phone conversations. I am also an active participant in the suggested justice actions as we advocate for the voiceless.

I would like to be part of the Executive Committee in order to serve the larger Dominican family and to deepen/expand connections with those who have so much more expertise in the promotion of justice than I do as a single voice trying to make a difference in one area of need within the global scope of marginalized people. I believe that collaboration within the DSC is the best avenue for the Dominican family to preach with one voice.