



## August 2013

*This is what we are about: we plant seeds that one-day will grow.  
We water seeds already planted knowing that they hold the future promise.  
We lay foundations that will need further development.  
We provided yeast that produces effects beyond our capabilities.  
We cannot do everything and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.*  
*from a homily of John Cardinal Dearden*



**The Executive Committee** of the Dominican Sisters Conference met on June 22-23, 2013 at St. Edward Convent in Chicago, Illinois. We were greeted with the gracious hospitality of Sr. Marie Michelle Hackett and the Springfield Dominicans who are in community at St. Edward's.

We gathered each day to meet and began the time with prayer. The first day we listened to Amy Chan-McFrederick's song, *Gather the Wisdom*, and, indeed, we did just that as we tackled the tasks ahead. Our agenda was very full discussing some of the following agenda items:

- Preparation for the Elected Leaders Annual Assembly to be held October 27-30 at Weber Center in Adrian, Michigan
- Finances and the operation of DSC including exploration of alternate ways to set the dues schedule for congregational members of DSC
- Regional/Area Gatherings for 2013/2014
- Speaker for Leaders' Annual Assembly for 2014.
- Convocation, 2015

Although we worked hard we certainly enjoyed our time together and socialized over breaks and meals and ended with a wonderful barbeque on the patio of St. Edward's Convent.

**The Regional/Area Planning Committee met on June 25th** via conference call. One of the items on the agenda was to put into words the theme for the gatherings. The one chosen is ***Dominican Sisters Conference Regional Gathering: Weaving the Threads of Contemplation and Action***. As mentioned earlier these will take part in various regions throughout the USA between October, 2013 and May, 2014. Keep an eye out for further details which will include the locations of the gatherings. The gatherings will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude by 3:30 p.m. If you have any questions please e-mail Mary Sue Kennedy, OP, at [sisters@domlife.org](mailto:sisters@domlife.org).

**Update on Survey sent in April:** 398 have now completed the survey with 18 of the 19 member congregations having one or more participants. One of the questions asked: ***In your opinion, which of the following best expresses the purpose of the DSC?***

The top three responses to that question were:

- DSC is a venue for networking with Dominicans across the country.
- DSC unites the sisters in their mission.
- DSC allows us to speak with one voice on justice issues

Another question asked: ***In your opinion, which of the following express your greatest hope for DSC?*** The responses in ranked order were:

- We might move towards Dominican Sisters USA
- We may find ways to share resources or create covenant relationship
- This could lead to international collaboration

Thank you to all who took the time to respond to the survey. It will help us to move forward.

**The Dominican Crosses** designed by Anne Lythgoe, OP are no longer available through the DSC office. The last ones were sold this week and a new order will take a considerable length of time to receive as they are made in Thailand. We will let you know when they are available.

There are tote bags with the DSC logo available (black with the colored logo) for purchase. They are \$3.00 each plus shipping. I would suggest if you desire one of these that you ask others and place an order for a few at a time as it would be more cost effective. There are also lanyards with Dominican Sisters Conference on them and they cost \$2.50 plus shipping. If you are interested in either of these items please contact me at: [sisters@domlife.org](mailto:sisters@domlife.org)

**Google Groups List-serve for the DSC** is slowly growing as Aneesah is adding names to the main list. There are over 2,000 added so far. Please remember that when you receive notice of being added to the group, there is NO need for a password to post to the list. IF YOU WANT to visit the list on the web, or you clicked the little blue box that says: 'visit the group'.... a screen will come up asking you for your password. *This password is NOT a DSC password -- but your own unique password for you alone.*

With this account you will be able to set up a google+ account, this is a whole world of sharing information with 'friends' and 'circles'. Many of us use this to connect, have online meetings and share documents --- as well as see archived messages and who is on the groups you subscribe too through Google.

PLEASE remember you DO NOT need to do this to post to the group.

IF you want to post to the group from your email program use this address:  
[dsc-list@googlegroups.com](mailto:dsc-list@googlegroups.com)

**NOTE:** you cannot post to the group UNTIL you have been added!

We are getting there....thank you for your patience as this comes into place!

Please email Aneesah if you have any questions or concerns at [opcomnet@domlife.org](mailto:opcomnet@domlife.org)

**Thank YOU!**

  
- Until next issue ... my Best to you, Mary Sue