



monthly connections  
*pat farrell, op. :: executive director*  
**dominicansistersconference**



### From the DSC Executive Committee

Here is your **DSC EC** hard at work (please note ladder in background). From left to right are: Marie Michelle Hackett, OP (Springfield), Honora Nolty, OP (Amityville), Pat Farrell, OP

(Executive Director – San Rafael), Margaret Mayce, OP (NGO – Amityville) Judy Brunnell, OP (Hope), Reg McKillup, OP (Sinsinawa), and Michaela Connolly, OP (Blauvelt).

Your itinerant Executive Committee (EC) met in River Forest – the soon to be home of the DSC. We opened our meeting with prayer that spoke about this being a new moment. We invite you to listen to the song, [“May I Suggest” by Red Molly on YouTube.](#) We welcomed one of our newest members, Reg McKillup, to the team; due to a family emergency, Sandy Delgado was not able to attend.

Among the topics discussed were: the Elected Leaders’ meeting in October, more effective ways of communicating with sisters and associates, and brainstorming ideas for celebrating the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the order. Stay tuned! We will look for your input.

## Celebrating Collaboration in River Forest

Every month in *In the Loop*, we would like to celebrate the many diverse ways that collaboration is happening all about us.

This month the DSC EC experienced first-hand the hospitality that St. Luke’s Hospitality House offers to Dominican and other gatherings. Mary Mueninghoff,

OP, and Mary O’Donnell, offer hospitality there through the support of the parish. Next month they will be hosting the boards of DVUSA. What a gift to the Family!

We invite **you** to share other examples of collaboration so that we can share them here.

## Area Meeting News

Our Area Meetings continue to be a meaningful way to bring sisters, associates, and Dominican Volunteers together for the mission.

We thank the Earth Council for their creative work that resulted in a process that is engaging and keeps us focused. The video that was produced was exceptional, and training for our facilitators was very well done. **Bravo!**

As the Earth Council looks over the comments and evaluations from the gatherings, they will bring to us some possible next steps. We look forward to **Speaking with One Voice** on what Earth is asking of us as Dominican Family.

### Thank You, Earth Council!

**Pat Daly, OP** (Caldwell)

**Nancy Erts, OP** (Hope)

**Margaret Galiardi, OP**  
(Amityville)

**Eileen Gannon, OP** (Sparkill)

**Jeanne Goyette, OP** (Caldwell)

**Didi Madden, OP** (Blauvelt)

**Margaret Mayce, OP**  
(Amityville)

**Monica McGloin, OP** (Hope)

**Mary Ellen O'Grady, OP**  
(Sinsinawa)

**Ellenrita Purcaro, OP**  
(Blauvelt)



### Upcoming Area Meetings

*April 5<sup>th</sup> –Live  
streamed from  
Adrian, MI*

*April 12<sup>th</sup> –  
Anaheim, CA &  
Sparkill, NY*

## Live-Streamed Retreat offered by the Dominican Alliance



### Another way to gather and listen to What Is Earth Asking?

Saturday, April 5, 2014, at 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. there will be a broadcast from Weber Retreat and Conference Center.

To register for the onsite or live-streamed retreat, contact Corinne Sanders, OP (<mailto:csanders@adriandominicans.org>) by March 15,

Consider hosting a small group in your area to participate in the retreat via live stream with other Dominicans or at a later date by accessing the archived program to be posted on the websites of Alliance Congregations.

## Feedback from the Sisters on Area Meetings



**Sister from Amityville:** I was happily surprised with the number of suggestions that were made and many of them seemed do-able.

**Sister from Caldwell:** Continue to create a voice together that calls corporations and govt. to act justly.

**Sister from Mission San Jose:** It was good to hear the suggestions of other Sisters from different groups. Glad we all were together.

**Sister from Blauvelt:** More than expected – very broad and unique as presented by each group.

## News from Our Representative at the NGO, Margaret Mayce, OP

Once again, Dominican Sisters International (DSI) is supporting, through the Solidarity fund, the presence of our Dominican Sisters from three of the five continental regions of the DSI (the Philippines, Latin America, and Africa) at the UN Commission on the Status of Women, which is in session March 10-21 in New York.

Also present is Jenn Schaff (Blauvelt novice), who is attending the Commission with seven students from Yale, where she is currently serving in Campus Ministry. You can read about the experience of our Sisters and the students from Yale in upcoming issues of *Domlife*. Hospitality for both groups is provided by the Dominican Sisters of Hope at Mariandale Retreat and Conference Center.

The theme of the Commission is *Challenges and Achievements in the Implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for Women and Girls*.

We want to let you know that our offices at the UN have moved. The address is now:

**UN Office, 246 East 46<sup>th</sup> Street, Apt1F,  
New York, NY 10017**

Sincerely  
Margaret Mayce, OP  
UN/NGO Representative

The following is the proposed Mission Statement which was presented at the DSC Convocation in October of 2012 in Chicago. Please keep this in your prayers as we grow into our Mission as a Conference.

## **Dominican Sisters Conference Mission Statement**

*The Dominican Sisters Conference unites  
the sisters and associates of U.S.  
Dominican Congregations in their mission  
to preach the Gospel of Jesus, standing as  
a clear voice for truth, justice, and peace.*

### **Who we are...**

As faithful daughters of St. Dominic, we are rooted in the rich tradition of the Order of Preachers, our global family of friars, nuns, sisters, and laity. 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. Like our sister Catherine of Siena, we embrace the prophetic call to speak truth in our day. Our preaching and action for justice are the fruit of our Dominican tradition of contemplative prayer and pursuit of truth through study and dialogue.

The rich diversity of our membership enables us to broaden our individual perspectives and bring our experiences to bear on the needs of our world. We engage in rigorous study leading to collaborative action. We are a sign of unity in our fractured world with a strong, collective voice that speaks effectively for justice.

**Win/Win is  
Coming**

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Look for our  
Raffle  
Annual Fundraiser  
on  
April 1<sup>st</sup>

**You got to be in it  
to win it!**



Thank you to the

**Dominican Sisters  
of Peace**

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through the

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