



## **DSC Public Statement Protocol Speaking With a Clear Voice**

This protocol is to be initiated when particular events, actions, or issues arise that warrant a timely, public statement by Dominican Sisters Conference. The statement and possible action steps may be issued to raise public awareness, express concern, offer a compassionate response, or add a Dominican voice to national or international incidents.

### Criteria

- Such statements reflect some element of the Dominican North American Call to Justice document.
- The issue addressed has national or international impact.

### Initiators

- The Executive Director of DSC
- The Executive Committee of the DSC
- Dominican Co-Promoter for Justice for North America
- Dominican N.G.O. representative to the United Nations
- Congregational Leadership Teams

### Process

- The Initiator contacts the DSC Executive Director with the proposed statement and rationale.
- The Executive Director sends an appropriate statement to the list below, after conferring with the Executive Committee for consensus, who must respond within 24 hours of the request.
- The statement should be supported by a majority of the Executive Committee.
- The Executive Director sends the statement to:
  - Appropriate national/international venue
  - Congregational Leadership teams, who sign on to the statement as members of the DSC in their areas
  - Congregational Communications Offices and Justice Promoters, who spread the message through their local social media networks, as well as send it to local newspapers, opinion pieces, etc. If possible, the statement should be contextualized to fit local circumstances.
  - DSC members via list serve
  - Postings on the DSC and DLC websites and Facebook pages