

## *Update from the Dominican Sisters Futuring Leadership Team*



April 13, 2022

Dear Sisters and Associates of the DSC,

Against the backdrop of our Lenten journey, the horrific Russian invasion of Ukraine and stumbling efforts around the world to return to some semblance of normalcy, the Futuring Leadership Team has grappled with the economic uncertainty that will impact the future of religious life in ways yet unknown. We recognize a return to “doing business as usual” is not feasible for us, nor for the rest of humanity. This reality was made manifest when our plans to meet for an in-person team building event were crushed by the excessive cost of flights and lodging. What we budgeted for this event in 2021 simply was not enough to cover the actual costs in 2022. Instead, we opted to gather by Zoom for a scaled back team building event and booked ahead for the in-person meeting with DSC leadership in Milwaukee in October.

The database is coming along. ZenaComp is in the process of adding the fields we need and getting our menus ready. Joanne Caniglia is designing the survey which will be sent to all sisters under 70 after the first week of May. We urge everyone in the Cohort to fill it out, so we have a more complete picture of who we are in all our variety. We are looking for a few volunteers to help enter the data, and we need one person from each congregation to volunteer to ensure that their congregation’s data is complete and correct. If you can help with either of these tasks, please email us at [futuring-leadership-team@googlegroups.com](mailto:futuring-leadership-team@googlegroups.com).

Four of the affinity groups that launched in February agreed to meet regularly. The topics under discussion are *Justice: Care for Creation & Immigration*, *New Members*, *Unlearning Racism*, and *Seeing with New Eyes - Science and Theology*. Group conveners will be receiving an invitation this month to let us know how things are going and if help is needed promoting their ideas. Conveners will prepare a brief video clip telling the Cohort what they would like us to know about their groups. Those clips will be shown at the next quarterly meeting in May. Sisters under 70 are asked to mark your calendars now for that meeting and plan to attend one or both!

Peace,

Sisters Pat Magee (Hope), Lorraine Reaume (Adrian), Kathleen Tait (Springfield), Mai-dung Nguyen (Peace), Donna Moses (Mission San Jose), and Carol Dempsey (Caldwell)