

Update from the Dominican Sisters Futuring Leadership Team



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Dear Sisters and Associates of the DSC,

Through the months of July and August we have all been involved in chapters, retreats, vacations, congregational shifts, and changes of leadership. We have a growing recognition as a leadership team that although we are committed to the same mission and have the same initials after our names, we have multiple patterns and different ways of doing things. We share a sense of the uniqueness of our congregations and found some similarities, but also many differences. Each story is sacred. We want to hold all these sacred stories while creating a unified future story together.

The data entry continues and is being cross checked by congregational leadership for accuracy. Once it is complete, we will work out access to it for all the members. By September we hope to have a pdf directory available to all for reference. We are also working on creating a dsc.org listserv for the cohort that can be updated annually.

The prototype for the Google site entitled Dominican Universe is under construction. Affinity Group Conveners will be invited to use the site to share content for their section. There will be seven people with editing privileges. We hope to have it ready to share with the Cohort in September and with the DSC leadership in October.

It uses colorful cosmic imagery and is divided into four basic areas: Envisioning the Future – What’s Next? Background Orientation, Timeline, Expanding Membership); Building Opportunities –Affinity group reports on Intercommunity Life, Ministry Opportunities and New Members; Furthering the Mission –Affinity group reports on Seeing with New Eyes: Science and Theology, Care for Creation, Immigration and Unlearning Racism; Open Forum – Blog posts from Graced Crossroads: Pathways to Deep Change & Transformation and open forum for chat

Peace,

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