

Update from the Dominican Sisters Futuring Leadership Team



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Dear Sisters and Associates of the DSC,

At the Open Space night in February, the Under 70 Cohort floated ideas and organized affinity groups around the topics of Imagining Opportunities for Inter-Congregational Community; Justice, Care for Creation, and Immigration; Outreach to Young Adults, Seeing with Both Eyes: Science and Theology; Return to Our Founding Charism and Welcoming New Members to the Order.

In each of the proposed topics, energy for authentic Dominican Life and Mission was palpable. Interest was expressed in exploring new intercommunity efforts. All recognize that intercommunity living is a critical part of our future as we get smaller. Members of the Cohort want to encourage leadership to think about possible housing for intercommunity efforts in the future.

The January appeal for Dominicans interested in volunteer work with migrants/ mission territory on the US border with Canada or at the Afghani refugee Freedom House in Detroit generated a positive response. More ideas are welcome!

As we discern viable models for new ways to live and work together, we are engaging the bigger question of what we understand by community.

What does it mean to live authentic community life now and in the future? Can we conceive of a community without walls or without borders?

Peace,

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