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- Dominican Sisters Conference [proposed] Mission Statement

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This newsletter is brought to you by the Executive Committee of the Dominican Sisters Conference to inform all Sisters and Associates of the current activity of the Executive Committee.

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update



We are happy to announce that Mary Sue Kennedy has been reappointed as Executive Director of the Dominican Sisters Conference.

The Executive Committee [EC] of the DSC met in Chicago at St. Edward Convent, November 15-16. The topics of the meeting included review of the convocation, comments from participants, budget and finance, and plans for area meetings, leadership meetings (2013 & 2014), and the 2015 Convocation and Leaders Meeting. Our days started with shared prayer and ended with opportunities to relax with the local community, including a Dominican Volunteer, Megan Rupp.

One of the members of the committee joined the meeting via Skype. Margaret Mayce NGO/UN Representative also participated in the meeting. The EC also had a conference call with the new Finance Committee of the DSC.

Convocation

The evaluations were overwhelmingly positive regarding all aspects of the Convocation. Special recognition and thanks are due to all who planned and participated in the Convocation, and to those who prayed for its success. The comments and evaluations were reviewed, and recommendations will be sent to the appropriate committees.

Mission Statement

At the Convocation we acknowledged that we are living into the Mission Statement. The Executive Committee reviewed the comments and will be forwarding them on to the Writing Committee. The method for affirming the Mission Statement will be determined at a future date.

Budget and Finance

The Executive Committee reviewed the financial statement and budget, and later discussed these with the Finance Committee on a conference call.

Site Meetings (Regional)

The Executive Committee and Margaret Mayce spent significant time fleshing out the content of the site meetings, in response to the overwhelming call from the Convocation to move forward on the question: *What is the Earth Asking of Us?*

A committee of volunteers has been formed to orchestrate the details of these meetings. Information will be forthcoming. The incorporation of technology is a high priority for these meetings.

We were very energized by the convocation and the responses to it. It gave us a new sense of energy and enthusiasm in our role as EC. We invite you to share your hopes and dreams with Mary Sue Kennedy, at sisters@domlife.org, so that we can continue the dialogue among us.

HELP WANTED!

Opportunities to Move the DSC Forward: Help Wanted

Planners for
Elected Leaders' Annual Meeting:
October 27-30, 2013
Adrian, Michigan:

Agenda, Speaker, and facilitator for this meeting are being arranged by the Executive Committee based on the recommendations made at the last leaders' meeting. We are looking for volunteers from leadership to plan for prayer and ritual as well as to arrange for hospitality and socials.

Elections' Committee: Volunteers are needed for an election committee to surface possible candidates from both leadership and members to serve on the DSC Executive Committee. Each year a representative from each group needs to be called forth to these positions. We are looking for a two year commitment to perform this valuable service.

If you are willing to serve in either capacity please contact Sr. Mary Sue Kennedy at **248-536-3234** or **sisters@domlife.org**.

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By-Law Committee:

Maureen Geary
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Margaret Palliser

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Maureen Comer
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Sharon Casey
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Margaret Mayce
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Lucianne Siers

Mission Statement Writing Committee:

Gloria Marie Jones
Anne Lythgoe
Margaret Palliser

calendar

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December 4 Finance Committee Conference Call
December 12 Area/Regional Committee Conference Call
December 13 Executive Committee via GoTo Meeting
December 18 By-Laws Writing Committee - Conference Call
2013
January 9 Staff Meeting via Google Chat
February 7 Executive Committee via GoTo Meeting
February 21 Staff Meeting via Google Chat
April 2-4 Executive Committee Meeting in Farmington, MI
October 27-30 Elected Leaders Meeting in Adrian, MI
2014
October 2-6 Elected Leaders Meeting in San Antonio
2015
October 1-5 DSC Convocation
October 4-5 Elected Leaders Meeting

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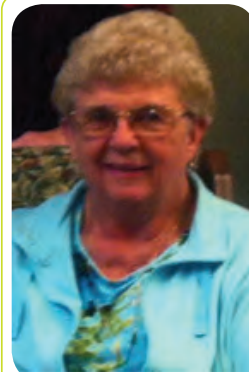
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*M*ay God bless and grant you
a holy and peaceful Advent,
preparing the way for the
new ... for the Holy One ...
for Peace on Earth,
Good will to all.

Thank you for your support of the
Dominican Sisters Conference.

Peace to you,

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