

PRESENTATION NEWSLETTER



July 2020

Contemplation changes the way in which we do things. It makes us go deeper. It slows us down. It stills us and better enables us to hear the voice of God. Mary Hughes OP *"However Long the Night"*

Associate Team Day of Prayer: Learning Contemplative Dialogue

On June 19, the Associate Leadership Team and a few friends had its annual Day of Prayer. **Taking to heart Sr. Mary Hughes advice**, this year's theme was contemplative dialogue. We watched a video from LCWR, which modeled the process for us, and then used it to dialogue on our own questions. We ended the day feeling that we had had a good conversation and had learned something new. We resolved to use what we had learned to help us better hear God's voice as we make decisions. **It works!**

Wine, Cheese, and Chatter Gathering Brought Us Together to Share

Jane Hetherington, Christa Hanson, Pat Cane, Gerry Fagoaga, Olga Barerra, Earlene Dutton, Julie Merrill, Nanette Miller, Yolanda Santillan, and Kathy Valenzuela zoomed in for the wine and cheese gathering to share what has been happening since we last gathered. Associate Leadership Team members **Kay Sweeney, Tina Panelli, Rosalie Cabrera** aided by **May Barisone** who served as host, led the Gathering. **Loretta Nekota** had to work, but was there in spirit. She provided a reflection that likened Nano's call in her time to ours now and asked us to reflect on how we were meeting our call.

We also looked again at our Vision for a Presentation Associate Community and spent some time in silent reflection discerning what our next steps would be. The Leadership Team used the video from the sharing that followed for reflection to discern what ideas emerged. They saw four main themes: The importance of our Associate vocation, that in addition to our Vision, the description of the community, we need to have a mission/purpose statement, an interest in merging/joining with other Presentation Associate groups, and the importance of being a spiritual support for each other.

A "leaning" was taken after the sharing. The question was **"Do you want to continue to explore continuing the Associate Program when the Sisters are no longer active"**. Of the fifteen Associates present, thirteen answered "Yes" and two were

undecided. There were no “Nos”. That gives the Associate Leadership Team clear direction. They plan to provide activities for the Associate Community on the themes that surfaced.

The Gathering ended with a toast by Rosalie Cabrera to the gift of HOPE as we proceed into the future!

Spiritual Reading Circle Update.

July Assignment: Chapter 11- *Discovering Fresh Possibilities in Unexpected Places: Applying What We Witnessed to Our Lives-* Betty D. Thompson, Anne M. Regan, and Anne M. Jelen on behalf of Solidarity with Sisters– pp. 144-157 Questions p.157 Biography p. 161-163

Join us! We are coming to the end of *However Long the Night* and are taking suggestions for our next book. If you have an idea, let Gerry Fagoaga know.

Before we start our next book, we will be showing Sr. Carol Zinn’s video presentation on the Associate vocation. If you have not seen the video, this is a good opportunity to find out more about an Associate’s call. Contact Gerry to sign up. gfagoaga@yahoo.com

Presentation People Zoom Gathering in September

One of the themes that surfaced at our Wine and Cheese Zoom was interest in joining other Presentation Associate groups. One way of getting to know other



Presentation Associates is to attend the **Light the Lantern Virtual Gathering on September 24, 25 and 26 hosted by the Conference of Presentation Sisters.** This will be open to any Presentation Person who would like to participate. This virtual event will take place

September 24-26, 2020. The meetings will be for 2 1/2 hours on each of these dates. There is no charge for participation in this virtual gathering.

Each day will begin at 8:30 AM and end at 11 AM. Pacific time. **You are invited to register for this opportunity so you will receive updated information about this exciting opportunity. Register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3TLDYGQ>**

Let's Do It Again!

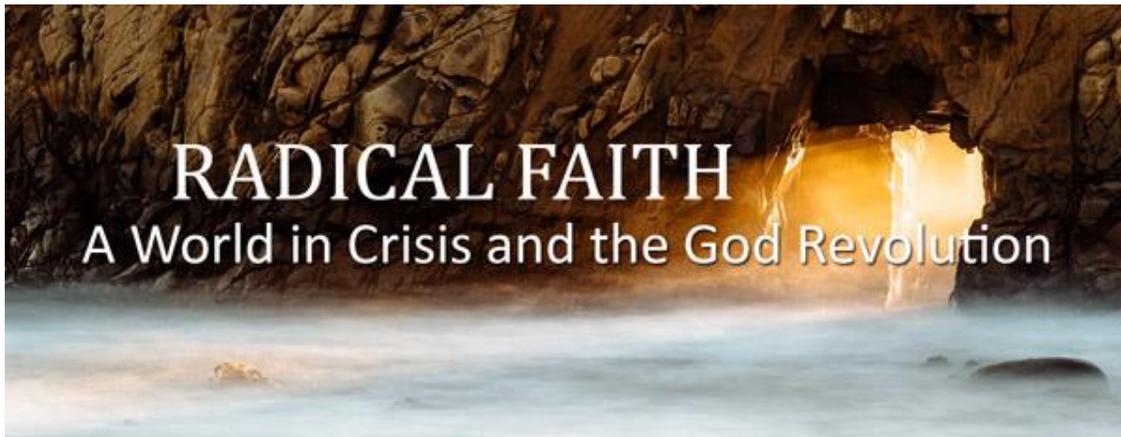
We all enjoyed the Wine and Cheese Gathering so much that we have decided to make it a regular get together. There are some people who cannot attend on Fridays, so we have decided to make it a Saturday morning coffee hour. We will follow the same pattern as for the wine and cheese gathering. We will share what is happening on our lives, reflect on Nano, and work on future planning. We have set **Saturday, August 1, October 3, and December 5, from 10 A.M. to 12 noon** for the rest of this year. **We look forward to seeing each other on a regular basis.**

Time for Our Annual Recommitment.

Each year the Associate reflect upon their year of Association and discern about their recommitment. They share their discernment with a mentor. This year, the Associate Leadership Team would like to host a **Discernment Day of Prayer on July 28 from 10 AM to 12 Noon** on Zoom. **Sister Lorraine Schmaltz PBVM, a member of the Fargo Presentation Community**, who is experienced in spiritual direction, will lead the day. It will provide us another opportunity to become closer as a Community. Please RSVP to associates@pbvmsf.org. **We will be contacting you with more information about the day.**

Some other upcoming opportunities to share during this time of isolation!

The Bay Area Conference of Associates and Religious (BACAR) invites Associates to attend its next zoom forum on **August 5, 2020**. Start time: **10:00 AM**. These forums are becoming a lively gathering of Associates and Sisters in the Bay Area. It is a great place to meet new people and get new ideas. For those whose first language is Spanish, there is a Spanish language group. More resources are available on their website: <https://bacar2.org/bacar-activities->



Kay Sweeney has been following the talks of **Ilia Delio** through the **Omega Center**. Her latest talk is "**Radical Faith: A World in Crisis and the God Revolution**". Contact her at associates@pbvmsf.org if you are interested in joining a group for viewing the video and reflecting on its contents. .

One more timely resource

Rev. Jacqui Lewis has a few words for us in how to be an anti-racist. : Follow the link for a short YOUTUBE talk! You won't be sorry! [Antiracism Is EVERYONE'S Work](#).

If you want to hear more from the Rev. Jacqui, join a group of us who will be listening to a video of her Master Class on "**The Call of this Moment**". Contact associates@pbvmsf.org for more information on how to join.

We end with a prayer:

May we be filled with loving kindness. May we be peaceful and at ease. May we be well. May we be happy. We ask you, Lord. Amen

Until Next Month.

The Associate Team: Rosalie, Tina, Kay, Pamela, & Sr. Anita