



Care for Creation Committee

The Care for Creation Committee has been working since August of 2021 grounding in prayer and relationship as they gathered and prioritized the sharing of information, educational materials, and prayers.

On Saturday, June 10, several members of the team including Sr. Carol Dikovitsky, Sr. Kathleen Hood, Sr. Eileen Quinlan and Sr. Mary Jane Vovk shared the Year 1 Action Plan created by the team in response to the General Chapter Goals. Although only a small group presented, all of the members of the team actively contributed to the plan. The full recording of the **June 10, 2023 Province Hour is here.**



Sustain us , O Lord,
according to your promise,

We invite all sisters and associates to review the action plan and discern ways that you can take ONE action in each of the three goals: Adoption of Sustainable Lifestyles, Ecological Education and Ecological Spirituality. This can be completed individually as well as within a small community. The Care for Creation Committee will continue to offer prayer services, webinars and workshops as well as a Province wide zoom discussion on the movie, *The Letter*, this fall. **Click here to view the Action Plan.**

If you have any comments, questions or concerns or would like to get involved in the work of a specific area of Ecological Education, Adoption of Sustainable Lifestyles, or Ecological Spirituality, please fill out the **Response to Care for Creation Action Plan form** and return to kdrager@sndusa.org or drop off to the National JPIC Office.

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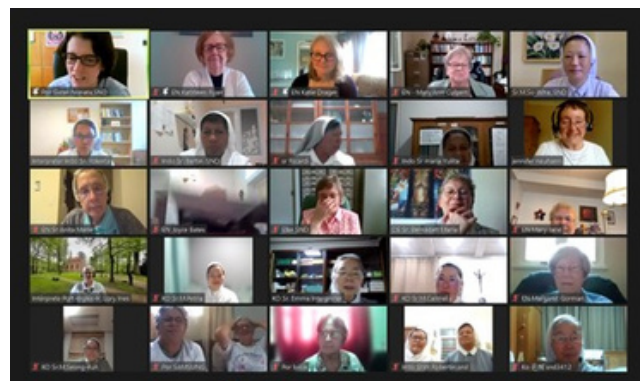
JPIC International Meeting

Following the Congregational Plan, over 70 sisters gathered as JPIC Animators for the Provinces and Delegations. There were representatives from Brazil, Indonesia, India, South Korea, Germany and the United States.

On Tuesday, June 20, we learned about ways to be peace builders and how to take non-violent actions in our daily lives. The presenter was Sr. Wamuyu Wachira, IBVM, and Co-President of Pax Christi International. She shared the importance of using “I messages.”

She also shared this image of the two hands of nonviolence: 1) Stopping the oppression and, 2) Reaching out in forgiveness and reconciliation.

Finally, she shared, “Nonviolent living starts from the heart..Let us teach our hearts to love, speak and act nonviolently.”



FOUR STAGES OF NONVIOLENT COMMUNICATION

TALKING	LISTENING
<p>Express your feeling honestly, without criticising</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Describe the situation without judging <i>("When I see/hear...")</i> 2. Identify and voice the feelings <i>("I feel...")</i> 3. Determine and express your needs: the vital energy – in the form of needs, values, desires, expectations, thoughts underpinning your feelings <i>("because I need...")</i> 4. Formulate a specific and negotiable request for concrete and realistic action which could contribute to your well-being, without making it a demand. <p>State the concrete action that you would like the other person to take <i>("and I would appreciate it if you...")</i></p>	<p>Listen to the other with empathy, putting yourself in their shoes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The concrete things they notice, see, hear, think or remember that contribute to (or harm) their well being: <i>(When you see, hear ...")</i> 2. The feeling these things elicit in them: <i>(Do you feel...?)</i> 3. The vital energy in form of needs, values, desires, expectations, or thoughts – underpinning their feelings: <i>"because you need...?"</i> 4. Be receptive and empathetic to what they say would constitute to their well being, without interpreting it as a demand. The concrete action they would like you to take? <i>"...you would like me to...?"</i>

ACTION CENTER

SND USA VOTER VOICE ADVOCACY REPORT

5,980 letters sent



Since May of 2022 we have had 13 Voter Voice Campaigns.

10 National Campaigns

4 Single State Campaigns



In addition to Advocacy using our Voter Voice system, we also meet in person with legislators and hold zoom advocacy visits.

Summer 2022: In person rally to Abolish Ohio's Death Penalty in Cleveland, OH with Sr. Nancy Vance and Sr. Rita Mary Harwood.

Fall 2022: Victoria Frabotta (NDCL) and Katie Drager attended Ignatian Family Teach in for Justice (IFTJ) in Washington DC. We met with Senator Brown's office and Representative Joyce's office to discuss an end to Title 42 and a pathway to citizenship.



Spring 2023:

Zoom meeting with Ohio State Senator Nickie Antonio to discuss gun violence and common sense gun laws.

Sr. Rosemary Koesel, Sr. Mary Jane Vovk and Katie Drager of JPIC attended the Catholic Conference of Ohio's Day of Advocacy at the state Capitol. We met with several state senators and representatives. We discussed abolishing the death penalty, the common good, as well as the budget especially funding for programs to service the most vulnerable.

Zoom Meeting with Senator J.D. Vance's Office on Gun Violence and the Debt Ceiling.



Thanks to you sharing our advocacy campaigns, we added 130 new advocates this year!



Did You See This?

Sr. Joyce Bates and Roseanna Mellert are featured in the [Global Sisters Report!](#)



Here is an excerpt:

Notre Dame Srs. Joyce Bates and Roseanna Mellert, ... came from Ohio to volunteer at La Frontera in September 2022...

"In this shelter, we offer our guests what they need to rest, and we prepare them to be able to send them to their destination in the United States," Mellert told GSR. "They have already traveled a long way and suffered a lot because of the road and the cartels."

"We are here to work closely with the migrants because it's easy to say, 'I'll give some money' or 'I'm gonna send my clothes,' " Mellert said. "But one big thing that you can do is welcome the people that are a little different from [who] we are."

"We turned our house into a home for volunteers where we welcome individuals willing to work for migrants on this border," Bates said. "We have called it Casa de Hospitalidad [House of Hospitality]. We give them lodging and transportation so that they don't have high personal expenses as they volunteer."

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