



PC21 – KEY THEMES in Reports from Dialogue Groups on “The Pandemic Mirror” by Ilia Delio

Throughout the Group Responses was an awareness that the post-pandemic future holds continual change rather than a new normal, and that we are called to be open to an unpredictable future. While we may need to grieve the loss of what was or the diminishment we experience, we must also realize that where there is God there is change and future life. To live with the “God of Evolution” is to be ready for change. We are called to be true to our charism by demonstrating a positive, joyful spirit, helping one another find peace while living in what may seem to be a chaotic world.

THEME #1: Foster Connectedness as an SHCJ Province Community and International Community

- Continue to listen to and interact with one another using resources such as Zoom.
- Sponsor common experiences such as The Retreat in Daily Life Together or a reflection group on Laudato Si’.
- Participate via Zoom in interprovincial discussions before General Chapter 2022 on substantive questions, including reflection on how faithful the Society has been to recent past calls.
- Enhance our communications and extend their reach.
- Consider establishing new membership groups Province-wide and Society-wide.
- Find ways to connect regularly with sisters living alone.
- Constitute Province-wide gatherings as practical and possible.
- Explore self-created/selected, interactive groups in light of our current reality.

THEME #2: Explore new SHCJ Structures and Governance Models

- Continue discerning about our SHCJ structures and the calls of the Spirit to determine if they serve the common good of the Province and of the international Society.
- Begin to address structures of government in a broad way so as to include other constituents, e.g. associates, lay colleagues; engage in conversations with each other about this.
- Update and modify the Province Governance Model in light of 2021 realities of the Province, Society and post-Pandemic world.
- Begin to think differently about planning for the future. It is not so much a matter of planning specifics, but of direction.
- Be open to new governance structures that meet the needs of people and ministries in different regions and situations.

- Develop a dynamic vision which carries our educational charism into the future.
- Continue to evaluate, on a regular basis, the care of our most vulnerable sisters to attend better to their needs, especially those in care facilities.

THEME #3: Continue to stay rooted in our SHCJ Charism and Core Values

- Remain grounded by staying in touch with the core of our being, God, Presence, Compassion, Love, and simply Being.
- Integrate the interconnectedness of people into our way of proceeding.
- Reflect on ways to live out our mission statement amidst a changing world and Society.
- Allow our spirituality to evolve, so to help us find spiritual practices that support us in this time of transformation and enable us to respond to the hunger for interior depth that is one of the great wants of our age.