



**PC21 – KEY THEMES** in Reports from Dialogue Groups on “The Role of Meaning-Making in Transitional Times” by Ted Dunne

*Taken all together, these reports are mindful that we, with the rest of the world, are living in a time of significant transitions on many fronts, from global to personal, as an international Society and as the community of the American Province. A sense of urgency, hopefulness, and trust in God’s action within and among us pervades this recognition, along with a repeatedly stated desire for broad vision, decisive direction and practical realism.*

**THEME #1: ARTICULATE AND SHARE OUR SHCJ CHARISM IN DYNAMIC WAYS**

- Accept personal responsibility to find and refine meaning in our individual lives. Choose hope and newness of life.
- Find new ways in which we personally and communally share our charism and open it up to others.
- Explore how our “incarnational lens” might assist us in planning for the future of our Province.

**THEME #2: DISCERN TOGETHER WHAT THE NEW LIFE IS THAT GOD IS CALLING US TO AT THIS TIME AND IN THE NEAR FUTURE**

- Engage in a communal process of planning for the fulfillment of the mission of the American Province.
- Write a directional statement indicating what the future requires of us with regard to finance, government, community, retirement, etc. Explore various governance models.
- Engage in more mutual sharing and communication with our African and European sisters to facilitate the Society’s shift in membership composition.

**THEME #3: CONTINUE TO STRENGTHEN THE WIDE NETWORK OF PERSONS WHO ARE PART OF THE LIFE AND MISSION OF THE PROVINCE**

- Build on the relationships we already have with associates, alums, trustees, benefactors, employees, etc. to prepare and engage them further
- Explore endowing a fund to ensure the future of our sponsored and co-sponsored ministries
- Look into ways to continue our connection with Chile and the Dominican Republic