



**PC21 – KEY THEMES** in Reports from Dialogue Groups on “To Be or Not to Be – at 80”  
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*Running through all the reports is the call to acknowledge our present realities in both their limitations and their possibilities for the future of our charism and mission, as well as in their province/Society and global dimensions. Life is to be lived to the full as part of all creation, and valued at every stage with deep trust and hope.*

**THEME #1: INTENTIONALLY HAND ON THE CHARISM AND MISSION OF THE SOCIETY**

- Think outside the box to expand our awareness of we beyond SHCJ, so as to convey that SHCJ mission/charism is more than the witness/ministry of vowed religious.
- Embrace the vitality of the province’s ministries, associates, alums, and other colleagues, remembering that we have vibrant groups of Associates in Chile and the DR.
- Involve men and women connected to us in planning the means to hand on the SHCJ spirit.

**THEME #2: ENGAGE IN ALL-ENCOMPASSING PLANNING**

- Plan now for how we are going to end our province; how we are to govern our final days as a province.
- Plan for the care of our elderly sisters, oversight of our properties, stewardship of our financial resources, considering the sustainment of our province and cosponsored ministries; engage professional expertise as needed.
- Give attention to how we’re organized to accomplish our goals asking, what structures will enable us to respond to the needs of the Society and beyond? and how shall we involve Associates in our decision-making?
- Become more interested in and knowledgeable about the planning that is taking place now in the provinces and in the Society as a whole.

**THEME #3: STRENGTHEN COMMUNICATION WITHIN THE COMMUNITY OF THE SOCIETY**

- Improve communication among ourselves as well as between ourselves and the European and African Province members; be more knowledgeable and supportive of their situations, ministries and planning.