

May 23, 2016

Dear Federation Leadership Teams, CCFP, NGO Rep and Liaisons,

Welcome to Emmitsburg for the June 15-19, 2016 **Sisters of Charity Federation Annual Meeting**. We welcome 76 members of leadership teams including two guests from The Marthas of Prince Edward Island, Canada, and three Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill from the Korean Province. Our NGO Rep, S. Teresa Kotturan SCN, will welcome 11 NGO liaisons. CCFP will be represented by 24 directors of vocation promotion, formation, Associates and Volunteers. Three newer members from Future of Charity will also participate.



On June 14 and 15, registration will take place in the lobby of Archives beginning at 1 PM. Follow the signs to ***the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and Daughters of Charity Archives***. You will need to check in there in order to get a pass to enter and walk around the facility. If no one is at the reception desk, please call Sister Rose Ann Aguilar @ 314.825.2971 or Sister Nora Gatto @ 518.364.6710.

The Federation meeting begins on June 15 with supper at 5:30 PM and opening ceremonies at 7 PM, hosted by Sisters Louise Gallahue and Marjory Ann Baez and the Daughter of Charity Councils.

NGO Meeting:	Tuesday, June 14th, 5 pm – Thursday, June 16th, noon
Leadership and CCFP:	Wednesday, June 15th, 7pm - Sunday, June 19th, noon
CCFP vocation promoters:	Wednesday, June 15th, 9 am – 5 pm
Orientation New Members:	Wednesday, June 15th, 3 pm
SC Federation Board Meeting:	Sunday, June 19th, 1- 4 pm

Our meeting continues the theme of ***Deepening Charity for the Life of the World***. In order to walk together into our shared future as a Federation, we will:

- Capture the spirit and ideas in survey responses received from Sisters, Associates and collaborators;
- Listen to the voices and perspectives of the ***Future of Charity*** group;
- Challenge ourselves to “act as a whole” in light of our current realities and conversations.

All the presentations and collaborative reports will focus upon the big questions:

- What bold new choices will impel us into our shared future as Federation?
- What do we need to embrace and what do we need to let go in order to move in that direction?

Sister Mary Jordan, Franciscan Missionary Sister of Africa, will facilitate the meeting using the contemplative dialogue process.

Soon you will receive pre-reads from all Federation collaborative groups plus Seton Heritage Ministries and the Federation UN NGO Office. During the meeting the Finance Committee and the Federation Office will report. Thank you to the seven congregations who will report on a bold systemic change initiative in a ministry of their congregation.

Housing for the meeting will be in four locations: the White House, St. Joseph House, the Sleep Inn, and another hotel. You will receive notification of your housing location in a separate e-mail communication.

Shuttles from the BWI airport and train station have been arranged. You will receive a separate e-mail communication with details.

During the meeting, all are welcome to join the liturgical choir. The dining and snack areas will have filtered water stations and each of us will receive a Federation water pouch!

Seton Heritage Ministries and the Federation Archivists have created amazing exhibits that will be open for your enjoyment and education.

Attached please find the following:

- Summary of the responses of the leadership teams and CCFP to the key questions
- CCFP action report mandated by Strategic Plan
- History of the ***Future of Charity*** group
- Summary AGENDA for the meeting

Thank you.

The 2016 Meeting Planners:

Sisters Judith Fitzgerald NDSC (2015), Jean Rhoads DC (2016), Kathy Brynes and Mary McCormick SCNY (2017), Maryanne Ruzzo SCH (2018) with Janet Gildea SCC (CCFP) and Julie Cutter (Federation office)