

The Communications Subcommittee of the Relationship and Association Commission spent time on these questions:

- What are the current ways to affiliate with the St Paul Province?
- Why do we have them?
- What they do?
- How they move the mission forward?
- How do people become members of those categories?
- What are the rights, responsibilities, and expectations of each category?

Then we engaged the R&A Commission in a series of discussions around the question of how we communicate who we are as a community, or how we tell our story. Among the questions we considered were:

- Are our pathways and invitations to participation or membership/affiliation clear?
- What do the various categories of relationship (sister, consociate, agreee, SJW, friend, partner, donor, volunteer, etc) mean for the people in them?
- What is the goal of CSJ community? What is our “end” or aim?
- What is the story we tell?
- How do we tell it?
- Why do we tell it?

We also watched a short video in which Carol Zinn SSJ (Philadelphia) defines charism as gift, and goes on to discuss the differences between sister and associate vocations within the context of a shared charism and mission. The link to that video is here: ([https://youtu.be/j\\_Jb9kWxVBE](https://youtu.be/j_Jb9kWxVBE)) **[I put it here in parentheses so that this word processing program wouldn't embed the video itself.]**

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