

Reports of Commissions and Acts of Chapter For the Community Assembly

November 2021

These reports from our commissions and the Acts of Chapter committee have been prepared for the Community Assembly of 13 November 2021. Thank you for all who serve on these groups for the work represented by these brief updates.

Acts of Chapter

The Acts of Chapter Committee recognizes how frequently activities reported in Together reflect the action of the greater We in living out the province and chapter future directions. Our committee has worked actively on the current consultation in the Church on women deacons. Currently, conversation around the vows seems timely, perhaps reading Diarmuid O'Murchu's book *Religious Life in the 21st Century*. Some have already read this book, which has new language and insight into the traditional concepts of poverty, chastity, and obedience and how we live them more broadly.

Justice Commission

The Justice Commission adopts an over-arching theme for the year of “Justice as Healing.”

We commit to actions and advocacy efforts for systemic change:

- We commit to collaborating with other Working/Task Groups and/or partnering organizations, acknowledging the interconnectivity of our shared justice work.
- We commit to being transparent with the CSJ community by sharing, educating & intentionally communicating the work of the Justice Commission along with the Working/Task Groups
- We commit to engaging the broader CSJ community (which includes: Sisters, Consociates, Friends of St. Joseph, SJW alumni, Agrégées, the St. Kates community, and Partners in Mission) in actions for justice and advocacy with the Justice Commission (and Working/Task Groups) because this is the work of the whole community

We are in the midst of affirming the annual goals of the Working Groups and Task Forces.

Ministry Commission

Commission members have actively participated on the Bold Moves 2030 Task Groups in the past year. While waiting for the launch of Bold Moves and direction from the Sister Assembly, the Commission has invited directors of CSJ ministries to conversation, learning about needs and challenges as well as accomplishments during the covid pandemic. Our last meeting, we met and engaged in conversation with the new director of Wisdom Ways, Marian Diaz.

Relationship and Association Commission

The Relationship and Association Commission continues to broaden connections across the wider CSJ community. The Nurturing St Kate's Connections committee led and organized the welcome of the new St Kate's students by giving tours of the CSJ Ministries on the Randolph Campus. The continued outreach to St Kate's students has resulted in an increasing number of student volunteers working in the community gardens and for the justice office. We are working to strengthen relationships throughout the CSJ community to facilitate sharing and collaboration between various working groups, committees and the Commissions. We have explored ways to tell the story of the CSJ's and their present work and ministries in order to encourage greater participation in ongoing ministries. We will be discussing ways to clarify and encourage recruitment and orientation of new members to all of our various forms of affiliation.