

**Agenda: October 8, 2022 Community Assembly:**

**9:00 – 9:10 Opening Prayer – Lori True**

**9:10 – 9:15 Land Acknowledgement Statement – Chris Ludwig and Mary Lang**

*We are on the ancestral homelands of the Dakḥóta. We desire to honor and respect the first people and recognize their caring for our common home. Other sovereign Indigenous nations including the [Anishinaabe](#) also have a long history with these sacred lands: past, present, and future.*

*We, both personally and institutionally, continue to have a deepening awareness of our complicity, of the complex history of colonialism, genocide and broken treaties. We seek to understand the troubled acquisition of this land by unjust U.S. Government practices including the stealing of these lands and the forced removal from the birth place of the Dakḥóta without any compensation to the Indigenous communities. We acknowledge the past, current, and future impacts of this history on our relationship with our Indigenous sisters and brothers. In our commitment to social justice and the “love of dear neighbor without distinction,” we are called to acknowledge and to deepen our understanding of our participation in interlocking systems of oppression. We seek to journey farther together to respond boldly in working toward dismantling these systems.*

*We, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and Consociates [and St. Catherine University], know that these words are inadequate, imperfect and must extend beyond this verbal Acknowledgment. This is only our beginning of a much larger journey of listening, learning, building relationship and advocating for and with Indigenous nations for a more just world for all.*

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**9:15 – 9:20 – Welcome, Fran Rusciano Murnane**

**9:20 – 9:40 Storytelling – Kate O’Connell and Terry Ruttger – 10 minutes each with 10 minutes for comments. Questions:**

What is a meaningful experience that brought you to a new understanding of another?

How did a this experience change your biases? Preconceptions? Help you see similarities?

What tools or resources would help move us beyond our comfort zone and strengthen a sense of belonging?

**9:40 – 10:00 Small groups**

**10:00 – 10:10 Break**

**10:10 – 10:30 Small groups report back to Assembly**

**10:30 – 11:15 DEI & Belonging Susan Hames, CSJ and Jill Underdahl, CSJ**

**11:15– 11:20 Closing, The Black National Anthem: *Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing***