**Proposal for a One-Year Experiment with a Common Table 3/12/24**

**Common Table**

* Suspend the current community assembly, its commissions, and planning committee
* Purpose those Saturdays for experimenting with a Common Table for the Wider We.
* Sisters release Saturday times for meetings and schedule financial, canonical, and other business as needed at designated times.
* All are welcome, all have a seat, all have voice and vote, all contribute to the agenda.

**Calendar & Format**

* Gather during every other month as the Wider We: sisters, consociates, friends of Joseph, SJW alumnae, agrégeés, partners in mission and ministry…
* The all-community table becomes the gathering at which we tell our stories, learn the ministries of the community, find ways to participate in ministries, respond to issues with action, reach toward the needs evolving in the future.
* Feedback pointed to Stirring the Fire and the Feb.10 Community Assembly as formats that worked well, that include people’s stories and reports from ministries like the one from the Bridge.
* Also re-consider including a simple lunch and an afternoon session. Eating together gives time to mix and socialize. Free will offering could cover expenses.

**Network of Engagement Small Groups**

* Gather on alternating months in small groups for the purpose of building relationships with one another, hearing from existing ministries, identifying and responding to new needs we encounter.
* These groups can include those already formed such as Justice working groups, Pathfinders, DEI and Membership, friendship groups but importantly also new mixed groups that form as a way to participate CSJ evolving mission.
* Small engagement groups will allow more people to contribute to the business of the whole from where they are, to have fuller voice, find both support and critique, and partners in action. Using Zoom can include more, too.
* Each small group needs a convener and a scribe to communicate with the Common Table, community-based leaders. Everyone who wishes joins at least one group..

**Content: Build Community and Mission through Stories**

Tell and share our personal stories and listen and build relationships among us

* Energize us for mission, for action
* Foster engagement with community partners
* Operationalize pastoral care in the community
* Keep ritual, spirituality, lamentation, celebration central to our being

**Insight in the Feedback**

* Community, Relationships, and Belonging are our internal work.
* Collaboration, Mission, and Solidarity are our external work.