

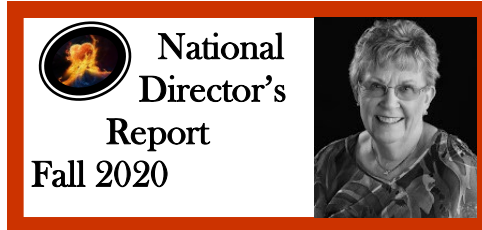


Our Voice

Lay Salvatorians—Living out the Gospel Values

A Newsletter for and about the Lay Salvatorians, Inc. — Published by the Lay Salvatorian Communications Committee

The Pandemic has had a major impact on meetings, celebrations, formation and retreats since March 2020. None of the sectors/regions have met in person; however they are beginning to resume gathering via Zoom. The LSNB approved the purchase of Zoom for use by Lay Salvatorians and others across the USA. The Lay Salvatorian National Board met via Zoom on Saturday October 10, 2020.



Currently there are 138 committed Lay Salvatorians. Fourteen candidates are in formation in the Midwest, Southwest, and West. All of the Sectors have Interested Persons. Three candidates from the Southwest were approved to to make their Commitment in May 2020. Jacquie Briggs, Michael Johnson and Norma Morrison from the Southwest Sector will make their Commitment at a Mass at Most Holy Trinity Parish in December. Four people in the Midwest were approved to make their commitments in December 2020. They are Jim and Linda Jaworowicz, Cathy Carton, and Mary Easterday.

Five Lay Salvatorians died since the last meeting of the LSNB. JoAnn Kuphaldt from the West Sector died on May 9 after 22 years of Commitment. Judy Heffelfinger from the Midwest Sector died on May 18 after 39 years of Commitment. Charles Smoot from the South Sector died on July 2 after 17 years of Commitment. Jane Schaller from the Midwest Sector died on August 15 after 5 years of Commitment.

Dates to Remember	Volume 9, Issue 6 December 2020
December 8 Foundation Day	Inside this issue:
April 22-23, 2021 JLG	<i>National Director's Report</i> 1/2
April 24-25, 2021 LSNB	<i>Southwest Sector</i> 2
May 15, 2021 Fr. Jordan's Beatification	<i>SDS Family Request</i> 2
June 26, 2021 Jubilee Celebration	<i>Midwest Sector</i> 3
	<i>National Membership</i> 3
	<i>Financial Info & Membership</i> 4
	<i>ICDS Update</i> 5

ment. Clairemary McDermott died on November 14 after 45 years of commitment. Each of these Lay Salvatorians dedicated time and service to the Lay Salvatorians, their parishes and their communities. May their souls rest in peace.

The 2020 Jubilarians will celebrate next year along with the 2021 Jubilarians depending on the status of the epidemic.

At the International level, Ken Drake reported the General Committee members are still waiting on the Statutes. They too continue to meet by Skype.

The 2021 National Convocation was postponed until 2022. Elections for the LSNB were postponed until 2022. Judy Davis chairs the Lay Salvatorian Planning committee for the postponed 2021 50th Anniversary celebration with the theme Passion for Ministry. The committee members are gather-

ing stories from Lay Salvatorians about their ministries which will be published as a book. In addition, as the epidemic permits, they will be videotaping the stories of the early Lay Salvatorian members.

Update on the Directions for 2018-2022

- *Formation Sessions:* The revisions and changes are progressing. Thank you, Jan Bencken, for your leadership on this important project. Please respond if she reaches out to you for assistance.
- *Communications:* The Lay Website is up and functioning well. The new Brochure is available online.
- *Finances:* Are currently stable but there is always a need to sustain and increase contributions.
- *Leadership Development:* Peggy Guerrero from Jordan Ministry Team presented a one-hour program on Servant Leadership to the LSNB.

Lay Salvatorians continue to grow through ongoing formation, serving others and sharing the good news through their ministries, although, many of the ministries have been drastically reduced or changed due to the pandemic.

~Jacqueline White, SDS

Southwest Sector
~ by Sharon Clark, SDS

The Southwest has been in COVID-19 restriction, as has most of the country. It is hard when our Charism is to be together and hold each other up, thru the good and bad times.

While we have not had a chance to gather, we did have some significant changes to the Southwest Community; Karl & Tammy Perry lost Uncle Roger and the Phoenix community lost a dear friend of the Salvatorian family, Karl LeClaire.

We are, now, meeting once a month on Zoom, as a Region, so both the Phoenix and Tucson groups are able to be 'together' for these meetings, as their schedules allow. We are using the new ABC's as the platform for the meetings.

December 6th, we will, finally, be able to welcome the 3 Candidates, Jacquie Briggs, Michael Johnson and Norma Morrison, to the Salvatorian Family. They have been waiting since March to make their Commitment!

May this find all of you safe and healthy,

SDS FAMILY REQUEST

Submitting pictures for social media and the websites: The Salvatorian Family Communications Committee is constantly looking for photos. Whenever you attend an SDS Family event, meeting or gathering, please email your 5 BEST photos to sdsfamilyphotos@gmail.com for possible use on our social media channels, websites and publications. **In the subject line of the email,** please include the name of the event and place. In the body of the email include: date, event and people in pictures. **Send the "best copy" of picture (i.e. highest resolution) of the attached photos.**

IMPORTANT to note also is to the knowledge that any photo taken at any SDS gathering AND sent in is permission to use those photos in any SDS Family publications.

It is both a privilege and honor to use SDS after our names as a committed Lay Salvatorian. However, care must be used when we apply them. Placing them after a political statement for example could imply that it is a Salvatorian opinion and not just our own. Please be aware of your actions. Thank You!

Due to the virus, many social gatherings and meetings have been canceled in the Midwest Sector.

We were able to continue the formation of our four candidates by Zoom. Our final retreat was in person with masks and safe distances. Mary Easterday, Cathy Carton, and Linda and Jim Jarowowicz will make their commitment on December 8, Foundation Day.



Sponsor Janet Mason and Candidate Linda Jaworowicz

Foreground – Dick Mason, Sponsor, and Jim Jaworowicz

In the back – Cathy Carton, candidate, and Sister Better Vetter Sponsor



Midwest Sector
~ By Sue Haertel, SDS

National Membership by Sector		
SECTOR	COM'TD	CAND'TS
East (SR: Mel Benson)	17	0
Midwest (SR: Sue Haertel)	36	4
South (SR: Liza Dugal)	40	0
Southwest (SR: Sharon Clark)	24	4
West (SR: Jan Bencken)	21	6
Total	138	14



“Happy are they who come to view whatever is and happens through faith’s transparent light. The Spirit, through inner radiant rays illumines them with wondrous insight and fills their hearts with love ablaze”
Spiritual Journal in Poetry, Poems by Therese, True Happiness

Financial Updates

~by Claire Williams, SDS

Greetings:

A note regarding the expenses for 2020 which are considerably down due to the inability to meet face to face. While we are not spending those monies please note the increase in our expenses for 2021, saving forward will be a very beneficial thing for us to do in these very uncertain times. Certainly a big thank you to all members that have been able to continue to support during these uncertain times.

As a reminder, we ask for \$25 per month for each member but we understand that may not be possible for all. Many members give more, some less...whatever you can give is very much appreciated. All contributions are tax deductible.



Donations should be sent to Lay Salvatorian Stewardship Appeal, 2207 Shades Crest RD, Huntsville, AL 35801. Lots of folks are now using bill pay, which is an easy way to remember. You just have to set it up once online and then the bank sends the check each month. If that is not convenient, a check is always acceptable. If you need address labels please let me know and I will send them asap.

If you have any questions about the finances, please feel free to contact me. My contact information is in the Salvatorian Directory. I am always glad to hear from you and know that you are always in my prayers.

May our Savior continue to bless each of you.

Claire Williams, SDS

	SDS-L	Projected	%/Total	Actual	Difference	%/Total
			Membership			Contributed
EAST	17	\$ 5,100.00	12.3%	\$ 3,592.80	\$ 1,507.20	20.7%
MIDWEST	36	\$ 10,800.00	26.1%	\$ 5,100.00	\$ 5,700.00	29.4%
SOUTHERN	40	\$ 12,000.00	29.0%	\$ 2,420.00	\$ 9,580.00	13.9%
SOUTHWEST	24	\$ 7,200.00	17.4%	\$ 3,248.86	\$ 3,951.14	18.7%
WEST	21	\$ 6,300.00	15.2%	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,300.00	17.3%
TOTAL SDS-L	138	\$41,400	100.0%	\$17,362		100.0%

2020 Budget/Expenses 2021 Planned Budget

	Budget Jan-Dec 2020	Actual Jan-Oct 2020	Budget Jan-Dec 2021
Income			
Total Income	25,000.00	19,738.59	27,000.00
Expense			
7410 · Office Expense			
Total 7410 · Office Expense	800.00	740.29	800.00
7420 · International Expense			
Total 7420 · International Expense	4,000.00	3,750.00	3,800.00
7430 · JLG/LSNB Meetings			
Total 7430 · JLG/LSNB Meetings	6,000.00	949.76	6,000.00
7440 · National Director Support			
Total 7440 · National Director Support	2,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
7450 · Communication Committee			
Total 7450 · Communication Committee	400.00	88.63	400.00
7458 · Insurance			
	950.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
7460 · Finance Committee			
Total 7460 · Finance Committee	150.00	110.00	150.00
7470 · SDS-L Convocation			
Total 7470 · SDS-L Convocation	0.00	0.00	0.00
7480 · Contracted Services			
	400.00	0.00	200.00
7490 · Miscellaneous			
	300.00	249.90	200.00
7500 · JLG Contribution			
	8,000.00	8,212.28	11,450.00
7510 · Jordan Ministry Team			
	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total Expense	25,000.00	17,100.86	27,000.00
Net Income	0.00	2,637.73	0.00

Lay Salvatorian National Dues *— *Requested stewardship is \$25 monthly per member. Envelopes will be mailed to you if requested. Contact Claire Williams via email at clairewilliams723@gmail.com or 2207 Shades Crest RD, Huntsville, AL 35801 All donations are tax deductible.

The greatest news is the announcement that Fr. Francis Jordan will be beatified on May 15, 2021 in Rome. Now the big question is whether or not we will be able to travel to Rome for the beatification which is such a special event for all Salvatorians. As they say in Tanzania, “Mungu akipenda” (God willing)



The General Committee (GC) of the ICDS continues to meet on Skype every other week with lots of work getting done on line in between Skype meetings.

The Statutes were submitted to the Dicastery for the Laity at the Vatican offices in February and we have not heard back anything yet.

One of the most important goals of the General Committee (GC) is to improve the communication between the units (countries) and between the units and the General Committee. We started with Brazil and had a virtual meeting on Saturday September 5, 2020 that included any Lay Salvatorian (LS) in Brazil that wanted to join in along with the members of the GC. Before the meeting the unit was asked to submit questions to the GC for the GC to answer at the meeting and after the main questions were answered, the floor was open for members to ask questions of the GC or made comments on concerns, etc. We, the GC, felt the meeting (two and a half hours) went very well and we are continuing to answer questions form the LS in Brazil via email. There were about 30 LS from Brazil on the meeting.

Colombia is next on the list for a similar virtual meeting, and then it will be the USA. That should happen in January 2021. The LSNB will be asked before the meeting to submit questions that they would like the GC to answer. The LSNB will pick the time and date so it is convenient for the LS in the USA to “attend” if they so choose.

Finances are still difficult for the ICDS because many LS in some of the units are very poor so the unit is unable to donate its “fair share”. Fortunately, the USA is able to make our “fair share” contribution (and sometimes a little more) to help make up for some of the units that cannot contribute. Just as our LS contribution to the Joint Leadership Group (JLG) budget here is based on the number of LS, the suggested donation from a units is based on the number of LS in that unit.

~In the Savior, Ken Drake, SDS



All people, all races, all tribes, all nations,
all tongues, praise the name of the Lord!

Oh Lord, to You alone all honor and glory
forever and ever. Amen

Francis Jordan SD II/43, 17 December, 1902