

Synopsis of Joint Leadership Group Meeting – April 4-5, 2019

The Joint Leadership Group (JLG) met on April 4-5, 2019. Present were Jackie White (Chair), S. Beverly Heitke, Fr. Jeff Wocken, Fr. Peter Schuessler, Fr. Paul Portland, Sharon Clark, Sue Haertel, S. Ellen Sinclair, S. Nelda Hernandez, and recording secretary, S. Mary Lee Grady.

Branch Reports: After the opening prayer led by Jackie White, the leaders of each branch gave a report about the significant happenings in their branch since the last meeting, October 4-5, 2018.

Committee Reports: These were followed by the reports from each of the committees of the JLG which had submitted a written report by the respective chairperson. These were: Joint Collaborative Ministry, Joint History and Charism, Joint Ongoing Formation, Years on Fire, Anti-Human Trafficking (AHT), Teens and Children Team (TACT), Immigration, The Jordan Ministry Team, Communications and National Assembly Planning Committee. The committees were active in attending to their goals and purposes.

The Joint Collaborative Ministry Committee is inviting members to join the committee.

Communications: A major focus of this committee is on getting the Family Website active; this is a complex project. The family website will have links to each branch of the family and ministries, as well as a Salvatorian resource library. The development of social media policies and other guidelines was discussed. A logo was selected to represent the Salvatorian family for promotion purposes.

Justice and Peace Survey Results: Fifty-four of 191 members responded. The topics of anti-human trafficking, immigration, environment and poverty were the most common areas of interest. The ways that Salvatorians see making a difference are through prayer, information sharing and education for Salvatorians. It was noted that information will be coming from the International Salvatorian Family regarding JPIC. The decision is to continue with the present committees (Anti-Human Trafficking, Immigration and TACT) and await the information from the international family. There is a volunteer who is willing to publish quarterly information on the four main issues and this will be implemented in Fall 2019.

Jubilee 2019: S. Beverly led a discussion on the funding for 2019 Jubilee and future Jubilees. In past years, the cost has been split on a percentage basis between all 3 branches based on the number of Jubilarians in each branch. With the make-up of Jubilarians changing with more from Lay than religious, the discussion centered on whether the JLG budget should cover the cost of Jubilee. It was a unanimous decision for Jubilee costs to be a part of JLG budget beginning this year.

Chair: Fr. Jeff Wocken, SDS was unanimously elected Chair for 2019-2020.

Future Dates: JLG meeting: October 3-4, 2019

Jubilees: June 22, 2019

Society Ordinations: June 23, 2019

National Assembly: June 21-26, 2020