

# *Congregation of Our Lady of Sion Canada-US Province*

## **Provincial Leadership Team Meeting Toronto, Ontario**

**October 23-26, 2010 - Jackie Chenard, Mary Babic**

**Anchored in God's heart and bursting with passion for our Charism, we commit ourselves to:**

- **Strengthen our local areas and faithfully live out our projects of life.**
- **Celebrate and nurture our deepening relationships with our friends and associates.**
- **Honour and support one another in the process of discernment affirmed at this Chapter.**

## ***CHAPTER MANDATE 2008***

### **DIRECTIONS**

- We will nourish the spiritual life of the Province through the study of our Biblical, Foundational, Jewish and Church sources.
- We will be united with the whole Congregation on the journey of transformation/reconfiguration.
- We value our networking relationships and we will reach out and explore other relationships for the sake of the mission.
- We will live out the last chapters of our life in Sion as fully as possible.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Local areas and regions invite more friends and associates to study days, meetings and workshops.
- Each area be more mindful about sending items for the newsletter.
- Information of the hopes and plans of sisters in their later years be gathered and analyzed in order to put appropriate actions and future plans in place.
- A networking/communication system for sisters in various retirement facilities be established.

## **Prayer and Faith Sharing**

### **I. Mandate**

- 1. Mandate**
- 2. Thoughts to Ponder**

In our April 2010 minutes, we stated that we would at times share some of the ideas, questions and challenges that struck us from the presentations we heard at the LCWR and the St. Luke-Southdown Conferences we attended.

We thought the following quotes might be appropriate for us at this time as we enter further into the reconfiguration process:

We can't be creative if we refuse to be confused. (Margaret Wheatley)

If we think we are in a time of crisis, our activities are violent; if we think we are in a time of reconfiguration, our activities are about evolution. (Unknown)

- 3. ATRI meeting**

Mary attended the ATRI (Association of Treasurers of Religious Institutes) conference September 24- 27. She began to share some of the ideas that were presented at the meeting.

### **II. Congregation**

- 1. Australia- Philippine Province**

The Australia-Philippine Province will be celebrating their 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Greetings will be sent from the Province.

### **III. Province**

- 1. REGIONAL MEETINGS-GENERAL CHAPTER 2010 DOCUMENT**

Please find the "Notes from the Western and Eastern Regional Meetings" at the end of these minutes.

## **2. Projects of Life**

On the last morning of the regional meetings, areas/clusters spent time working on their project of life in light of the General Chapter Documents. Could you please email them to us by November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Your revised project of life will then be posted on the "Members Only" site.

## **3. Administrative Assistant**

We wish to inform you that Kathleen McAulay has recently accepted a position offering her more hours at her other place of work, and so will be finished her time of working for us at the end of October, after completing the follow-up to the Regional Meetings. We are grateful to have had her in this position and for her work in the office, and will be filling in her position shortly.

## **4. Congregation of our Lady of Sion, Canada-US Province Board Meeting**

The annual Board meeting was held on October 25, 2010.

## **IV. Teams/Committees/Collaboration**

### **1. Friends/Associates**

Further reflection was done on the Friends/associate General Chapter document in relation to our Provincial reality. A letter to the Province will be sent out shortly. We will continue to work with the friends committee of Ana Paolo, Barbra Goetz, and Kay Walkup as they continue to reflect together and with the other Friends on their hopes and needs.

### **2. R and E**

We had a skype call with Mary Ellen to further discuss possibilities for the rest of this mandate. Further information will be given when things become more concrete.

## **V. Finances**

### **1. Car request**

Pauline Greenizan requested a car. Approved.

## **2. Updated car limit**

The limit for the purchase of a car has been updated from \$18,000 to \$20,000

## **3. 2009 Year End Report**

The year end report was approved. Please see attached document.  
Thank you to Bernadette and Paul for all their work on this report.

## **VI. Other**

Next meeting: November 26-30 in Toronto  
Jackie and Mary will meet with Bernadette and Paul to work on the budgets.