



Women at the Well *Dialogues*

Visioning Carmel for the 21st Century

To: Session 1 Participants, CCA Prioresses and Contact Persons

March 2, 2019

Dear Sisters,

The purpose of this communication is three-fold:

1. to share the Session 1 Final Report, prepared by the *Women at the Well Dialogues* Project Team, which includes your feedback
2. to share modifications to the flow of Session 2
3. to share the theme and registration link for Session 2, April 2nd

We want to thank each of you who took time to send us feedback re: Session 1. Your responses provided ideas for improving the flow of the next session and deep insights into the hopes and concerns of our CCA communities at this time in our history. For this reason, we strongly encourage everyone to take time to review the attached summaries.

Based upon your feedback we will make the following adjustments to the flow of Session 2:

- Pre-session readings will be streamlined. Supplemental reading will be provided for eager beavers!
- Reflection questions will be more tightly focused to help small-group discussion
- Over the next 2 Sessions we will invite each of our CCA Carmels to present a brief (2 minute) update about their community. Celia will pre-record your greetings (via ZOOM). Six communities will be featured at the beginning of Sessions 2, and six at the beginning of Session 3. Stay tuned for further details.
- The input talk will add new content to augment the pre-session material
- No small-group report-outs to allow for longer small group sharing
- In addition to facilitators a note-taker will be assigned in each small group. *After* the session, note-takers will email her notes to her facilitator who will write a brief summary to the Project Team, who will compile notes and share with participants in the post-session report.
- The session will end with closing thoughts and stronger direction in suggesting post-session activity.
- Adjustment to the evaluation form will invite each sister to share her take-aways from small group discussion that/may not be captured in the facilitator report.

Session 2

We are excited to introduce the theme we have chosen for Session 2, ***Personal Discernment: Laying the Foundation for Possibility Thinking and Communal Discernment***. It flows from our conviction that good discernment skills are imperative in making the important decisions our communities are faced with today. Fr. Brian McDermott, SJ, agreed to partner with us in exploring this topic. A recorded video interview between Elizabeth McCabe and Fr. Brian in Q&A format will serve as our pre-session preparation along with Fr. Saverio's 2012 letter to the nuns and an article by Doris Klein, CSA '*Discernment of the Heart*.' We hope this topic, explored in the modified format described above will interest you to register for Session 2:

Tuesday, April 2nd, Eastern 1:30-3pm; Central 12:30-2pm; Pacific 10:30-2 pm

We remind you that each session requires a separate registration. Please click on the following link for the [Session 2 Registration Form](#) Please note, the **registration deadline is March 19th**. Session 2 materials will be sent to you after you complete your registration.

In her sharing following Session 2 Sr. Maria Viatori said, "It would be marvelous if we were known as 'sisters of encouragement' to one another when we move through difficult patches on the journey." Amen to that, Maria! Together, let us go forward in hope, trusting in the abiding love and presence of Jesus now and into the future.

In Peace and Hope,

Claire, Elizabeth, Celia