

Session 5: Navigating New Thresholds: Communal Discernment
Personal Discernment Worksheet

After having read the materials provided for Session 5, we ask that you personally discern the question being asked. Please keep in mind that your personal discernment will inform the small group communal discernment process. The question for personal discernment is:

In what ways can you imagine new ways of collaborating as a CCA association, that will deepen communion within the association, as well as support individual communities?

The reading materials suggest it is time to consider new ways of working and living in cooperation and collaboration as an association. The movement is from a collection of autonomous communities to a community of communities. Pause and consider how does the idea of a community of communities resonates for you.

Is it energizing for you to think of CCA as a community of communities?

In what ways is it energizing?

What resistance do you feel when you think about CCA as a community of communities?

Your Ideas:

Please come to Session 5 with at least one idea for collaboration that came from your personal reflection (large or small) to share and discuss in your small group. Consider what you think are possibilities or ideas that imagine new ways of collaborating as a CCA association, that will deepen communion within the association, as well as support individual communities.

Idea #1 _____

What are the pros of this idea?

What are the cons of this idea?

Idea #2 _____

What are the pros of this idea?

What are the cons of this idea?

Idea #3 _____

What are the pros of this idea?

What are the cons of this idea?



Now consider the thought-starter examples presented in the Session 5 Pre-Session Reflection Document.

Regarding the idea related to Sisterly Visits...

What are the pros of the LT completely delegating the Sisterly Visits?

What are the cons of moving to a complete delegation of the Sisterly Visits?

What are the pros of having the LT directly involved in conducting Sisterly Visits?

What are the cons of having the LT directly involved in conducting Sisterly Visits?

Based on your personal discernment, what is your leaning regarding the complete delegation of the Sisterly Visits?

Regarding the idea related to Vocation Work...

What is your initial reaction to having a Vocation Coordinator for CCA?

What are the places of resistance that you notice? If the places of resistance that you notice are rooted in fear, can you name your fear?

What are the pros of establishing a Vocation Coordinator for CCA?

What are the cons?

Based on your personal discernment, what is your leaning regarding establishing a Vocation Coordinator for CCA?