

## SUMMARY OF JULY 12-Part 2

### Takeaways

- A collaborative meeting of four religious congregations focusing on shared history, future, and prophetic mission
- Strong emphasis on intergenerational connection, collaboration, and continuing their religious charism
- Exploration of ways to maintain unity, advocate for social justice, and support younger members

### Key Themes

#### 1. Collaboration and Unity

- Desire to create shared platforms for communication
- Suggestions for:
  - Monthly prayer gatherings
  - Shared website
  - Potential joint ministerial public juridical person
- Focus on the integration of spirituality, ministries, and members

#### 2. Prophetic Charism and Social Justice

- Importance of advocacy and mentorship
- Addressing urgent social issues, particularly:
  - Immigration challenges
    - Racism
    - Systemic inequalities
    - Commitment to supporting marginalized communities

#### 3. Intergenerational Connection

- Younger members are seen as critical to the future
- Importance of:
  - Mentoring younger sisters
  - Creating opportunities for younger cohorts to connect
  - Valuing the wisdom and experience of older members

#### 4. Spiritual Reflection

- Emphasis on Sophia wisdom
- Exploring feminine images of God
- Moving beyond patriarchal spiritual models

- Focusing on being rather than just doing

## 5. Practical Suggestions

- Create a speaker's bureau
- Develop public statements on critical issues
- Record and share stories of sisters
- Establish vocation committees
- Explore ways to use existing properties for community engagement

Notable Quotes "When we hold hands in a circle and cross our fingers, our strengths relate to someone else's limitations. When we try to fall back, we will not fall." "We are not going backwards. We are going to move forward."

## Future Directions

- Continued collaboration across congregations
- Focus on social justice
- Supporting and empowering younger members
- Maintaining spiritual relevance in a changing world
- Strong sense of hope and resilience
- Commitment to transformative relationships
- Embracing diversity and mutual support