Summary of the Evaluation of the

March 21 CCA meeting

1. **Please give your overall rating of the value to you of the March 21 meeting.**

**10-17 9-9 8-5 7-1**

**1 Why you choose this rating.**

* Honest, kind, helpful sharing of important issues and achievements, as well as losses
* Good to be together; appreciated everyone’s participation
* Gave a sense of the way other communities are exploring and experimenting with other models of being Carmelite
* Well organized; it was helpful knowing the questions in advance.
* Good ideas were presented for generating new life in communities
* Showed places of commonality
* Liked not having reports at the end
* Meetings like this are invaluable to move us into the future together
* Sincerity of insights, interests, and concerns

SUGGESTIONS

* Fewer questions or more time to cover questions
* Short prayer or reflection at the end rather than just leaveing

2. **Please give your rating of the Ongoing Formation update by Claire and Celia.**

10-24 9-6 7-1

2 **Why you choose this rating**

* Great gratitude for all the hard work and excellent programs
* Clear information
* Programs have been excellent and are essential for us to stay connected. A real asset to CCA. Daniel Chowning is a great choice
* Especially grateful for the International connection
* The team is great…open, enthusiastic, realistic
* Collaboration with the LT is good.

SUGGESTIONS

* Share some programs with other US Associations
* Remind us what is available through NRVS, RFC
* More on scripture, history, rule and spirituality of the order
* Brainstorm about our future
* New ideas that other communities have tried

3. **Please give your rating of the Baltimore/Boston video**

10-21 9-3 8-6

**Please provide comments on why you chose this rating.**

* Clear, honest, thoughtful, real ,and well-prepared response to good questions.
* Informative and inclusive of different community members
* Liked meeting Boston’s newer members
* Helped to get to know the Carmels even better
* Differences and similarities between the two Carmels were interesting and helpful to see.
* New ideas came from these presentations
* Helpful to hear how communities are attracting vocations and generating new life. It was especially helpful to hear their experience with new candidates.
* Good to talk about and learn the impact of culture
* Learning from each other is always a blessing.
* Great gratitude for the time each community gave to this project

**4.Was the small group sharing a benefit to you?**

**Yes-32 No-1**

**What was the key takeaway for you?**

* Love and concern for all sisters/Carmels
* There is a lot of life despite change
* What others are doing are seeds of new life for all
* Important to be bold in our ‘futuring’.
* Carmel connects us in profound ways.
* New life does not only mean new members
* We must live in a way that fosters a spirit of newness, renewal, and hope.
* Must be present to the new life in the present moment
* Leave space for the new to enter
* Group was realistic, engaging, and able to deal with diversity and the unknown
* Getting easier to share on Zoom
* Educate the Friars to our experiences and to whom we really are
* Communities are different but all have wisdom to share with others
* Receiving transfers require prayerful discernment and keeping a good balance in community
* We are lovingly concerned for all Carmels and sisters

SUGGESTIONS

* Incorporate sisters who’s monasteries have closed into formation (and other) experiences
* Involve those living apart into the life of CCA
* Set up sisterly visiting (by Zoom) with others

5. **Please share any thoughts/ideas with the LT that would be helpful to them in their carrying out their service of leadership for CCA?**

* Continue to have life-giving meetings like this one.
* Emphasize what the Shared Collaborative can do for us
* Ask LCWR/RCRI to help with programs that can help with grief
* Keep all involved
* This meeting encourages us to be proactive in seeking life-giving options
* Begin a process within CCA to look at our governance and new models that will help guide us in the future. Form a task force that will help with this.
* Form a group that will help with the upcoming meeting in April
* By far the majority of comments contained words of gratitude and appreciation for the teams (LT and On Going Formation) and for all the sisters who gave their time, ideas, insights and energy to this meeting.

6. **Would you like to have the LT host another future session?**

**27-yes 1-no**

**If Yes, what timeframe would you suggest?**

There was a tie between 2 or three meetings a year. A number of sisters wanted to leave it up to the Leadership Team and our needs.

**What would you like covered at such sessions**

* Current issues of our Carmelite life, identity and mission
* Preparation for dealing with needs that will be covered in our next General Assembly
* Awareness of our needs…what are they…how do we help
* Do more for those living outside a community
* Create space for new vocations and involve all in this work
* LT share their experience in this unprecedented time
* Just get together …issues will emerge
* How can we share initial and ongoing formation (classes, Zoom)

**Is there anything else you would like us to know?**

The unanimous response was THANK YOU. There was great appreciation for all that went into the planning and execution of the meeting and special gratitude for all who served and participated. In other words great gratitude for all in CCA!