



# Carmelite Communities Associated

Baltimore, MD

Barrington, RI

Beacon, NY

Boston, MA

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Concord, NH

Danville, PA

Eldridge, IA

Latrobe, PA

Oldenburg, IN

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## **Summer 2021 Bulletin**

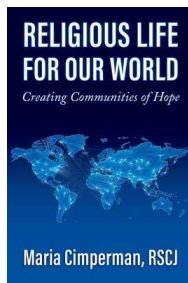
### ***Announcements from the Transition Group***

(Margie, Roz, Shirley, Mary)

### **Book Discussion Group**

We hope you will join this activity planned by our association formator, Claire Sokol.

As a reminder: there will be a separate registration for each session so that you can participate as you are able and interest permits. Below is the registration for Session One. The registration deadline is July 18th.



#### ***July 25th Session One***

Pacific 11:30 am-1 pm, Central 1:30 pm-3 pm, Eastern 2:30 pm-4 pm

Europe 7:30 pm-9 pm, Australia (next day) 4:30 am-6 am

***Reading for Session One will include Part One:  
Contexts, Call, Charism, and Contemplation***

[Click to Register for Session One](#)

### **Evaluations from our May 10 Meeting**

The evaluations in their entirety will be posted on the CCA Website, "members only" section. Except for the small group sessions, the meeting was recorded. Each component of the meeting (the prayer service, videos and all presentations) will also soon be posted on the website.

Following are some themes that the Transition Group gleaned from the evaluations on which we hope to build in the future:

- Gratitude and appreciation were expressed for the planning that went into the zoom.
- It was important that we be together, to listen to others' experience, to stay connected. It is hoped that all CCA communities continue to share their experiences with the whole group.
- Many referred to the importance of having such gatherings "at this time," referring not only to the restrictions of Covid, but to this time in CCA's history and the changes communities have experienced in the past year and continue to

- Great appreciation was expressed for the prayer service, which “created a very beautiful space among the group.”
- Presentations & content “were excellent and relevant to our issues at the present.”
- Grateful for the videos of Barrington’s and Eldridge’s experience of affiliation. Strong desire to offer help when possible.
- Stressed was the importance of ongoing communication of experience and needs.
- Many commented on the tone of the meeting: relaxed & free; together as sisters and friends; prayerful atmosphere of respectful & honest sharing; supportive atmosphere; personal contact and not business; compassionate but challenging.
- Most would like to continue having such zoom meetings at regular intervals.
- Concerns regarding the future were expressed by many: what is CCA’s plan for the future; concern for the future of individual Carmels; how to go forward with theological hope; creative ways for CCA to go forward; CCA’s mission.

***Note: the TG is tentatively looking at Monday, October 4, for the next Zoom.***

### **Sisterly Visits**

Judy Long and Susan Weber will be sending out a letter to all communities with their plans for the continuation of Sisterly Visits, based on feedback from the May 10 meeting.

### **CCA Website**

We continue to work on the CCA website with the aim of making it a great resource for all CCA members and the general public. Please stay tuned.

*Marjorie*

*Roz*

*Shirley*

*Mary*