

CARMELITE COMMUNITIES ASSOCIATED

CHRONICLES

April 28, 2023 to May 8, 2025



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LEADERSHIP TEAM 2023-2025

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President: Sr. Colette Ackerman (Baltimore)

First Councilor: Sr. Mary Fleig (Baltimore)

Councilors: Sr. Shirley Marie Ahern (Latrobe)

Sr. Jeanne Marie Graham (Boston)

Sr. Rosalind Forrest (Reno)

12 May 2023 Joint Leadership Team Transition Zoom meeting

2021-2023 Team: Sisters Marjorie Robinson, Susan Weber, Mary Fleig, Shirley Marie Ahern

2023-2025 Team: Sisters Colette Ackerman, Mary Fleig, Shirley Marie Ahern, Jeanne Marie Graham, Rosalind Forrest

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Sr. Colette Ackerman (President)

Handles official communications with the Generalate, Rome, Friars,

CCA Archivist

US Associations of Nuns

Liaison for CCA Treasurer

Prioress of Affiliated Carmels

Responsibilities of *Cor orans*

Legal Forms for CCA Incorporation

Liaison for Prioresses' Meeting

Secretary for International Correspondence with the Nuns

Shared Services Project

Sr. Mary Fleig (First Councilor)

Shared Services Project

Liaison for Constitutions

CCA Directory

Liaison with Barrington Sisters

Sr. Shirley Marie Ahern

Liaison for CCA Technology (includes CCA Website)

Liaison with CCA Newsletter

Liaison for Grant Writing

Liaison for CCA Archivist

Liaison with: Boston, Beacon, Baltimore, Danville

Sr. Jeanne Marie Graham

CCA Liaison with Carmelite Institute of North America

Calendar Development

Assist with CCA Technology

Liaison with: Cleveland, Clinton, Latrobe, Oldenburg

Sr. Rosalind Forrest

Liaison with Association Formator (includes W@WD)

Secretary for LT Meetings

Leadership Team Chronicles

Liaison with Reno

Delegations for the new term

Archivist: Sr. Colette Ackerman (Baltimore)

Association Formators: Sr. Claire Sokol (Reno) and Sr. Celia Ashton (Baltimore)

W@WD Team: Sr. Claire Sokol (Reno), Sr. Celia Ashton (Baltimore),

Sr. JonFe DeTorres (Clinton), Sr Maria Viatori (Cleveland)

Treasurer: Sr. Barb Losh (Cleveland)

Newsletter: Sr. Donna Schultz (Cleveland)

Technology: Sr. Shirley Ahern (Latrobe)

Website Team: Sr. Shirley Ahern (chair) (Latrobe), Sr. Jeanne Marie Graham (Boston), Sr. Marita Biscotti (Beacon)

Fund-Raising: Sr. Michaelene Devine (Beacon), Sr. Judy Murray (Baltimore), Stephanie Hauge

Facilitator for Prioresses' Meetings: Sr. Susan Weber (Reno)

Shared Services Project Team: Sr. Colette Ackerman (Baltimore), Sr. Mary Fleig (Baltimore), Stephanie Hauge, Kate Asselin (Project Manager)

Leadership Team meetings:

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| 19 May 2023 | 7 June 2023 | 23 June 2023 |
| 7 July 2023 | 22 July 2023 | 4 August 2023 |
| 18 August 2023 | 15 September 2023 | 29 September 2023 |
| 13 October 2023 | 20 October 2023 | 4 November 2023 |
| 17 November 2023 | 1 December 2023 | 15 December 2023 |
| 5 January 2024 | 19 January 2024 | 4, 5, 6 February 2024 |
| 8 March 2024 | 22 March 2024 | 12 April 2024 |
| 26 April 2024 | 3 May 2024 | 24 May 2024 |
| 21 June 2024 | 19 July 2024 | 30 August 2024 |
| 6 September 2024 | 27 September 2024 | 11 October 2024 |
| 25 October 2024 | 22 November 2024 | 6 December 2024 |
| 10 January 2025 | 17 January 2025 | 24 January 2025 |
| 14 February 2025 | 28 February 2025 | 14 March 2025 |
| 28 March 2025 | 4 April 2025 | 11 April 2025 |
| 4 May 2025 | 5 May 2025 | 6 May 2025 |
| 7 May 2025 | | |

Activities of Leadership Team

- 2 canonical visitations: Beacon (May 2024) and Boston (October 2024) by Association President (Sr. Colette)
- May 23-June 4, 2023 Colette, Mary and Marjorie, Past President established new CCA banking with options for on-line meetings with President, Treasurer and bankers
 - Transfer CCA files from Marjorie (Beacon) to Colette (Baltimore)
 - Review affiliated communities, needs, and other business, both civil/canonical
- 18 June to 21, 2023 June Colette and Margie attended Washington Province Meeting of friars, with nuns, and OCDS; opportunity to meet with Presidents of other US Associations
- June 2023 meeting of Colette and Mary with Stephanie Hauge and Kate Asselin on status of Shared Services and GHR grant; followed by Zoom in which all Leadership sisters participated

- July 2023 meeting of Leadership with Formation Team on future planning for 2023-2025 and discernment retreats
- August 2023: 1) finances of CCA: Colette and Mary met with Barb Losh (Treasurer) and Holly, professional accountant (BMT); 2) Leadership Team Zoom with Sr. Sharon Euart re resources and options for assistance with administrative duties of Leadership
- Colette and others from the Baltimore community attended the UK sponsored online formation seminar.
- October 23 to 28, 2024 Leadership in-person visits to Beacon and Boston: Collette, Mary, and Jeanne Marie assisted Sr. Mary Theresa (Barrington) in moving from skilled care to assisted living in New Horizons (Marlborough MA) and also visited Sr Louise, incardinated with Boston and a sister from Danvers
- 1 December 2023 multiple Zooms all week with civil and canon lawyers, real estate broker and emails with Fr. Rafal
- 2023-2024 Jeanne Marie provided in person support and assistance to a sister in transition
- 19 January 2024 Zoom with Leadership and Formators, Claire & Celia, about ideas for Zoom Discernment retreat
- February 2024 Colette, Mary, Shirley Marie, Jeanne Marie made sisterly visit to Reno and also had 3 days of Leadership meetings with Rosalind also participating
- 22 March 2024 LT Zoom with Mary Jo Nelson OLVN and Anne Munley IHM about options/possibilities for an apostolic “CCA Care Liaison/local leader”
- 30 April 2024 CCA Business Zoom: interim accountability report from Leadership; progress report from CCA communities on Goal 5 from 2023 Assembly; Sr. Claire Sokol gave report on International Meeting in Nemi on updating our Constitutions
- June 2024 3-day Sisterly visit with Cleveland community by Colette, Mary, Rosalind
- July 2024 Mary, with help from Baltimore, visited Beacon again, taking back CCA archival boxes and furniture while Jeanne Marie also assisted in taking furniture to Boston.

- August 2024 Colette, President, Mary, 1st Councilor, Susan of Reno, JonFe of Clinton and Stephanie Hauge, CCA Facilitator attended the LCWR Assembly in Orlando FL as guests of LCWR leadership and participated in both large and small groups
- April 1 2025 CCA Business Zoom with interim Leadership Accountability Report, Treasurer's Report, Formators Report and update on CCA Website
- Zoom meetings in preparation for 3-day Discernment Retreat with Sr. Nancy Schreck and Formators; follow up evaluation zooms
- Frequent zooms, conference calls, phone calls, emails to assist communities and individual sisters in transition
- Regular zoom meetings or conference calls: care-plan meetings, health-care coordinator, diocesan officials, real estate, financial, canonical and civil law issues, health-care facilities, transitional services, sale of Concord Monastery
- Communication with Presidents of US Associations to share information regarding issues of affiliation, incardination, suppression, care of sisters, resources, as well as transitional, legal, and financial concerns
- Communication as needed with Fr. Rafal and the Dicastery for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life
- Communication with Sr. Mary Elizabeth, member of International Commission on updating OCD Constitutions

**Bulletins or other communications
emailed to CCA members from Leadership Team**

2023 May Bulletin: Roles, responsibilities of LT; delegations; evaluations and documents from 2023 General Assembly

2023 August letter to Prioresses and local Superiors

Information on Shared Services Project ending and options for individual communities to continue services with Christian Brothers/BBH

2023 November Bulletin: 1) Responses from CCA communities re the Questionnaire from the Generalate on our Constitutions have sent to Rome; next

we will need to elect a CCA representative to attend the April International meeting in Rome. Please submit your names asap. 2) Sr. Denise Lyon was hired to be part-time Administrative Assistant for CCA leadership.

3) Dates of General Assembly will be May 4-9 with travel days, May 4 and 9.

2023 December Letter: From a list of 7 names submitted by CCA Communities, only Sr. Claire Sokol was able to serve at this time. Her name has been sent to Fr. Miguel. Claire will need your input on the interim document that the Generalate will be sending mid-January.

2024 February Bulletin: information on our April 30, 2024 CCA Business Zoom

2024 April Letter from Fr. Miguel Report on Nemi meeting on our Constitutions

2024 July Bulletin: Names we have submitted to the Generalate to serve on International Commission for our Constitution

Sr. Bernadette Therese Huang, OCD (Boston) and

Sr. Grace Pelzek, OCD (Covington)

These and other names were suggested by CCA communities.

Fr. Miguel will make the final decision.

2024 August Letter Questions to ponder before our September 3-day discernment retreat

2024 September letter Information on LCWR Assembly, and who from CCA attended

2024 October letter and Registration form for May 2025 General Assembly

2025 March letter Two proposals for General Assembly and possible job description of Executive Director

2025 April Letter to all CCA members: Important information on May's General Assembly

2025 April Letter to Prioresses/ Local Superior: guidelines for their presentation at General Assembly

Women at the Well Dialogues: *Visioning Carmel for the 21st Century*

Session 15: 2023 Oct 9 “The Context of Thérèse’s Confiance”

Presenter: Sr. Mary Frohlich, RSCJ

Session 16: 2023 Dec 4 “Among Sisters and Friends I Hosted by Susan and Ann

Weber, Maria Viatori and JonFe de Torres

Session 17: 2024 Jan 29 “The Divine Milieu of Thérèse of Lisieux

Presenter: Sr. Ilia Delio, OSF

Session 18: 2024 Feb 27 “Among Sisters and Friends II

Updating our Constitutions:

Exchanging Thoughts in Preparation for Rome Meeting

**Session 19: 2024 March 12 “Discerning the Signs of the Times with King David,
Elijah, Mary, Edith Stein, Etty Hillesum & Others**

Presenter: Fr. Craig Morrison, O Carm

Session 20: 2024 June 4 “Discernment Retreat Part I” Zoom

Facilitator: Sr. Nancy Schreck, OSF

Session 21: 2024 Sept. 24, 25, 26 “Discernment Retreat Part 2” Zoom

Facilitator: Sr. Nancy Schreck, OSF

Session 22: 2024 Nov 12 “Discernment Retreat Part 3 Zoom

Facilitator: Sr. Nancy Schreck, OSF

Session 23: 2025 Jan 21 “Discernment Retreat Part 4” Zoom

Facilitator: Sr. Nancy Schreck, OSF