CCA Meeting - 2018

April 15-20

Sunday evening

Participant Operating Agreements

- 1. Be punctual, let's begin and end on time!
- 2. Put cell phone on silent, vibrate or off
- 3. Seek first to understand: Listen respectfully to others
- Avoid engaging in side conversations during large and small group sessions
- 5. Own your own voice, views and input. ("I" or, when true, "our community" instead of "they")
- Respect the confidentiality due to the meeting's proceedings
- 7. Keep a good Teresian sense of humor!!

Desired outcomes

- Shared Our Emmaus Journey: engaged in contemplative dialogue and deep listening to each other
- Discerned Future Directions for CCA
- Refreshed CCA goals and determined key priorities and programs for 2018-20
- Elected Leadership Team for 2018-20
- Successfully engaged many CCA members in CCA's on-going mission
- Deepened our relationships with each other and our guest participants

Your Expectations

CCA Mission - as revised and adopted at the 2014 Assembly

Carmelite Communities Associated (CCA) is a nationwide association of communities of Discalced Carmelite nuns formed to support one another in the deepening of the Teresian contemplative life:

- We live the prophetic voice of the Carmelite charism in our witness of faith and hope in the Triune God
- We nuture relationships among our member communities and with the Carmelite family here and abroad. We collaborate to create mutual respect and practical support
- We recognize and honor our differences while working to strengthen our unity in diversity.

The Goals of the CCA

- We have fostered a broader acceptance of unity in diversity and the mutuality of the Carmelite family, especially by continued collaboration and communion among associations/federations at home and abroad.
- We have continued to work at achieving a representative voice in matters affecting our lives, the Teresian charism, and the Order.
- We have developed and empowered our members to be future leaders of and/or contributors to CCA.
- We have continued to provide active, mutual support to the identified needs
 of our communities, in particular, sisterly visits of each member community
 by the Leadership Team or delegates in the next term

Election Process

Once the pre-meeting nomination process has resulted in four or more confirmed nominees, the election proceeds as follows:

The nominees each speak to their support for CCA's mission and goals and its future. If there are only four nominees, the facilitator asks for a vote by acclamation on the part of the delegates. If there are more than four nominees:

Each delegate is given four blank ballots. They write one selected name per ballot. Ballots are collected by two counters. Privately they sort and count the ballots under the observation of the facilitator. This is a nominating vote. The facilitator posts the results. The process is repeated to elect. If it results in an election, the facilitator announces the result. If not, the results are posted and a second vote is taken.