SUBJECT: Re-envisioning CCA

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Over the years CCA has adapted to the needs of the member communities in its modes of operation. We have changed the frequency of general assemblies, we have changed the model of leadership, etc. At this time, our communities are facing challenges on an unprecedented level.

RATIONALE:

The demographics of many of our member communities have changed drastically, with high median ages and fewer sisters in community.

The responsibilities of the CCA leadership have grown over the years.

Sisters capable of leadership roles are often needed in their own communities and cannot also serve CCA in the present situation.

Our demographics impact the ability to travel and/or spend time away from community.

The needs and the abilities of our membership are unique to this point in our history. Each area of operation needs reflection: What can be asked of our leadership in our present reality? What can no longer be sustained? What do we need from our general meetings? Which hopes or needs or goals can be deferred and which are of immediate importance? What further responsibilities can be shared cross-association so as to lighten the responsibilities for all?

PROPOSAL:

That we begin a discernment process to consider new paradigms for the operation of CCA that reflect our current concrete reality.

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