

CCA Proposal Form

SUBJECT: 2019 Newer Members Gathering

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The CCA Newer Members group exists to foster relationships among us for the purpose of enlivening and nurturing our Carmelite charism so that CCA might move confidently into the future. The Newer Members Gathering in Beacon, NY (October 2017) was a wonderful opportunity to study Carmelite texts, the history of CCA, and *The Charter of Life* and to engage in meaningful dialogue about our shared desire to live deeply the values of our life. Having the opportunity to spend time with our sisters in Beacon was an important piece and an experience we will treasure for years to come. With gratitude and appreciation for the many ways you continue to support the Newer Members and aware of the financial implications this will require, we ask your support to have a Newer Members Gathering in 2019.

RATIONALE:

We believe that formation of the Newer Members in all of its dimensions is necessary for the flourishing of CCA. We are convinced of the importance of this gathering as it will serve as a means to continue to incorporate Newer Members into CCA as well as foster international relationships among newer sisters and promote a deeper participation in the vision and mission of CCA, which we all share.

The participants of the 2017 Gathering appreciated the depth with which the material was presented, and we would like to continue our study of Carmelite Spirituality at the 2019 Gathering. Most importantly, the gathering will allow us to be together for the purpose of deepening relationships among us, which we feel will bear fruit and bring renewed energy to our individual monasteries as well as to CCA as a whole.

PROPOSAL:

We propose that CCA support holding a Newer Members Gathering in 2019. We further propose that CCA encourage participation in this meeting. (Yes/No)

If this proposal is accepted, the CCA Leadership Team will oversee a Newer Members Gathering focused on the continued study of Carmelite Spirituality in cooperation with the Newer Members Panel.

Budget:

We are asking for a budget of \$6,500. We are aware that funding for CCA is limited at this time and are willing to work with the Leadership Team to obtain grant funds to help off-set some of the cost.

SUBMITTED BY:

CCA Newer Member Panel: Celia Ashton (Baltimore), Teresa Susan Dreyer (Eldridge), Johann MacLeod (Glasgow, Scotland) on behalf of the Newer Members of CCA

PRESENTER:

Celia Ashton (Baltimore)

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SUBJECT: Formation Seminar

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

At the 2017 Newer Members Gathering the sisters in initial formation expressed a desire to have a formation seminar that would meet periodically over Zoom and the solemnly professed sisters expressed the desire to continue their formation and to meet with each other as a professed cohort when possible.

It is our desire to coordinate a formation seminar where presentations on Carmelite Spirituality would be offered four times a year over Zoom. The presentations would be open to the entire assembly. In addition to the presentations, the seminar will include cohort specific discussion groups that will also meet over Zoom.

RATIONALE:

We believe that initial and ongoing formation of all of our members is necessary to deepen our individual and communal commitment to our charism. Formation that is well done opens eyes and hearts to new understandings, thrills the heart, stimulates the intellect, builds relationships and strengthens the whole. It offers hope, direction and promise for grounding community life and helps each sister live more fully the life-call to which she has already responded. We believe that as we learn new things we will continue to develop meaningful loving relationships across and among monasteries thus building up and strengthening CCA.

We recognize that the opportunities for initial and ongoing formation are uneven among our monasteries. We believe that this formation seminar will allow us to deepen our knowledge of Carmelite Spirituality and provide us with additional opportunities to share and grow together.

We recognize that within each of our monasteries the newer/younger members cohort is a minority. For this reason, we feel that cohort specific discussion groups would be important and vital for the flourishing of our newer members.

PROPOSAL:

We propose that CCA support the establishment of a Formation Seminar that will meet over Zoom four times each year during the next term. The primary focus of the seminar will be Carmelite Spirituality. (Yes/No)

If this proposal is accepted, the CCA Leadership Team will oversee the establishment of a Formation Seminar in collaboration with an appointed committee, to include the Newer Members Panel.

Budget:

We are asking for a budget of \$1,500. These funds will be used as stipends for non-CCA presenters. We are aware that funding for CCA is limited at this time and are willing to work with the Leadership Team to obtain grant funding to help off-set some of the cost and/or to seek additional funding should that be necessary.

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