

CCA MEETING – FACTUAL REPORT
Setting out from Avila; A Journey towards Communion...
April 17 - April 23, 2016
Bon Secours Spiritual Center, Marriottsville, MD

Sunday, April 17, 2016

It was a beautiful spring day – blue skies, sunshine, temperatures in the 70's, trees in bloom, and a slight breeze – as sisters from 10 of the 12 CCA Carmels traveled to Bon Secours to join our leadership team, international visitors and representatives from the St Teresa's Association and Mary, Queen of Carmel Association, who had been meeting together since Friday.

Sisters and volunteers from the Baltimore Carmel, under the competent direction Sr. Mary Fleig, quickly and efficiently transported those coming by plane from the airport to the center. The greeting committee made up of Srs. JonFe de Torres and Shirley Marie Ahern with help from Peggy Mason assisted all new arrivals with their luggage, checking in, and finding their room. By 6pm everyone had arrived except our sisters from Boston, whose plane wasn't scheduled to land until 6:30. (See Appendix A)

Following dinner, there was a short meeting. First, Sr. Claire Sokol welcomed everyone to the meeting and also expressed our collective regret that two of our Carmels (Oldenburg and Cleveland) were unable to send representatives this year. This was followed by a prayer service conducted by Sr. Mary Fleig. Next, our facilitator, friend and mentor Stephanie Hauge, gave us an overview of what we hoped to accomplish in the next five days. Then, Sr. Claire introduced our guests:

Our presenters:

Sr. Nancy Sylvester: a member of the [Sister Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary](#) in Monroe, Michigan. In 2002 Sr. Nancy founded the Institute for Communal Contemplation and Dialogue. She is convinced of the profound transformation that contemplative practice invites us to, a transformation that touches not only ourselves but our world as well.

Elizabeth McCabe: Executive Director of Formation & Integration Initiatives for the Ministry Leadership Center. She provides vision and strategic leadership to ensure effective and lasting integration of the MLC formation process with every group associated with the MLC. She has worked in areas of faith formation, liturgy, leadership development, spiritual direction, strategic planning, public relations, diversity, and community services.

Sr. Kathleen Pruitt, CSJP: Chairperson for the Ministry Leadership Center in Sacramento. She is a member of the Western Region of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Peace. She will be giving a presentation on Thursday about the potential partnership of CCA with the Ministry leadership Center for developing an on-going formation/leadership program.

National Guests

From St Teresa's Association: Mother Dawn Marie & Mother Virginia Marie

From Mary, Queen of Carmel Association: Sr. Mary Clare & Sr. Angel

International Guests

From Africa: **Sr. Bendina Murgor**, President of the English-speaking African Association and a member of the Nairobi Carmel in Kenya, which was founded by our sisters in the Cleveland Carmel. This was Sr. Bendina's first trip to the United States.

From Australia: **Sr. Jennifer Jones** is president of the Australian Association and Prioress of the Varroville Carmel. She was a representative at the General Chapter both in 2003 and in 2015. This was her first trip to the United States.

Sr. Rebecca Scanlan is a member of the council of the Australian Association. She is a member of the Semaphore community.

From Germany: **Sr. Teresa Benedicta** is president of the German Association and Prioress of the Carmel of Hannover. She was a representative to the 2015 General Chapter.

Sr. Johanna is a member of the council and Sub-Prioress of the Carmel of Dachau, Germany. This was her first visit to the United States

From UK: **Sr. Allain Docherty** is president of the Association of the UK and a member of the Kirkintilloch, Scotland Carmel.

Sr. Sally Rollo is a member of the UK Association Council and a member of the Carmel of Dysart, Scotland.

From Scotland: **Sr. Marie Helen Mills** and **Sr. Johann MacLeod** from Sr. Allain's community in Kirkintilloch, Scotland, who requested to come to our meeting as observers.

After the meeting we had our social to renew old friendships and create new ones. It was a very joyful group. At about 8:30 our three sisters from Boston arrived and we found out they had not eaten. There was a mad dash to the nearby Pizza place only to arrive as they were locking the door. However, in their kindness, they unlocked the doors, made them a cheese pizza to go, gave them a bottle of soda and then wouldn't let them pay for it. What a pleasant ending to a wonderful starting day for our meeting.

In general, the weather for the rest of our stay was very similar to what we had on Sunday. It did start to rain a little Friday afternoon and Saturday morning but overall we could not have asked for better weather for our meeting.

Our days began with breakfast at 7:30. Our formal meetings started at 9:00 the first two days for Sr. Nancy's input and at 8:45 the last three days for the working part of our meeting. Lunch was served at noon and the afternoon sessions started at 2:15 and ended in time (or almost in time) for our Eucharistic Liturgy at 5:00. Dinner was served from 6:00 – 7:00 and starting at 7:15 there was time for special interest group meetings or socializing.

Sr. Robin Stratton planned all the Eucharistic Liturgies. She also provided Liturgy booklets, with music, for each of us and cantored the Masses. Sr. Marie Elizabeth Krug brought her keyboard and provided much-appreciated accompaniment for our singing.

Monday, April 18, 2016

It would take a book to cover what Sr. Nancy presented to us on Monday and Tuesday and that is not the purpose of this report. However, I would like to highlight a few

things that really stood out for me. Her desired outcomes of our two days together were that we would be able to: explore the context of our times; develop an appreciation of diversity; imagine new ways of understanding and interacting with others; and understand the connection between transformation of consciousness and contemplation. She also wanted to set the stage for the work we would be doing the last three days of our meeting on exploring the future of CCA. I think her desires were achieved.

Monday morning, we received two presentations. The first was on ***Setting out from Avila...With Whom Do We Journey***. As an exercise to help us know who we were on the journey with, she had us write down on a cream colored sheet of paper what excites us about being a member of CCA and on a blue sheet of paper what concerns us about being a member of CCA. We were then to pair up, two different times, with a person we did not know very well and discussing these for about 5 minutes with each one. Following this exercise, we posted our papers on the wall for everyone's benefit. In the table below, in no particular order, I have tried to group some of the "concerns" and "excites" for the record.

Concerns	Excites
Aging and shrinking communities: CCA communities who are bogged down in survival and maintenance issues because of aging. Will we be open to the restructuring needed in our communities in order to live a truly contemplative life? Need to dialog around our aging membership - how to support, i.e., new, creative ways, of strengthening.	Share our belief in our calling to be a contemplative presence in the world (amidst dwindling numbers in our communities) Having listened to the Church's call to update & return to the roots of our call in order to bring the Order into the future. Strengthening of Carmel in the USA. Encouragement that we receive at this time of diminishment and challenge in our communities
Will we have enough to well-formed, theologically grounded nuns to carry our vision and charism in the future? How to instill a growing understanding among our members of a renewed theology of religious life. The need for a solid education for prayer life and community living.	To dream together about the future and about the way we are living our lives right now Moving Carmel into the future, aware of our responsibility to Church & world. Our support of newer members
We still have to work at decreasing barriers between groups (other assoc., federations, and even some within our own association) WE don't know sisters from our member Carmels who do not come to meetings.	Experiencing the breadth & dept of the charism in different cultural expressions. Having many international sisters being part of our meeting because it shows an understanding that we live in a global world where we are all connected!
Denial of some of our realities. Fears within our communities to choose life, to risk - for the greater good, for mission. Realities in our communities how to balance "maintenance" with projects that excite us How much energy is left for CCA? That autonomy may keep some from being open & honest about their reality. How to break through denial?	Working together for a common purpose Deepening relationships among us Seeing how much we have in common We all desire to bring Carmelite contemplative life to a contemporary expression Our moving forward together with others.
Will there be sisters who are willing or be able to take leadership roles due to situations in their own communities.	Energy of current team. Our support of newer members. The collaborations of the CCA newer/younger members is a great hope for the future.

<p>The fact that we are still divided into four associations, never get to know Sisters in other three. Wish to be invited to meetings of other US Associations. Long years of suspicion regarding CCA on the part of US associations - in spite of valiant efforts of CCA over the decades to establish understanding, collaboration & friendship among US. Need for continuing efforts to including or at least foster continuing communication with non-associated Carmels</p>	<p>To contemplate creative ways right now forming and creating closer bonds between communities and individual members (associations & Internet). Collaboration with US & International associations in finding how the spirit (& our humanity!) is moving us in similar directions/learning from the experience of others/helping when & where possible to enrich and enliven others and to be enriched by them. The fact that the desire for communion and collaboration begun at CCA beginnings has slowly flowered into more and more presence to and relationship with other Associations in the US and abroad. The collaboration & relationship with the other US Associations and our international sisters gives me great hope for the future</p>
<p>World-views that differ to the point of conflict among members that are hard to address in a harmonious manner so we don't talk about it... But the issues are still there. Diverging from the Church in some of our ideas A certain lack of tolerance in the diversity of outlook & opinion.</p>	<p>Sharing hopes and dreams. Growing together. Acceptance /valuing of diversity. Friendship, communion. Love the diversity/differences (just look around)</p>
<p>Getting lost in the mechanics of helping a group to keep going and move forward. Losing focus because of extended interests and obligations. Getting too involved in relating to others that I/we forget what we are about.</p>	<p>CCA's tradition of grass-roots initiatives, e.g., newer members' meetings & spontaneous discussion groups among communities. CCA's national outreach to the other US Association and plan for collaboration.. CCA's international collaboration - the relationships have already begun to grow. Many sisters are very generous with their talents in order to help the leadership prepare for meetings</p>
<p>Still need to work for greater voice in Order</p>	<p>We are all Sisters of one Order/one family; our connections deepened in trust, compassion, concern, we get closer to acting as one body, one universal community.</p>

The second presentation was on ***Where the Journey is Situated...An Evolving Camino***. She feels we are living in a time of chaos and perhaps at a chaos point, where humankind is poised to make a major shift. What this means is that many of the systems, ideas and worldviews that have brought us to our current state are breaking down. As an example she asked us to think about foreign policy and the fact that in the past you had treaties - nations interacting with nations - to set policies, such as how prisoners should be treated. But now you have groups, who are not nations, with the military ability close to that of nation states. We do not know how to deal or negotiate with them! The old ways of doing things no longer work, and thus we must either break through with new ways of doing things or breakdown by trying to stick to the old ways. Everything is always evolving and changing, therefore it is impossible to "go back" to a prior state because nothing stays

the same. She firmly feels that contemplatives can and should be able to offer insights to help the world, the church, nations, communities and individuals to move forward and breakthrough the impasses we are currently experiencing. Change is not easy or comfortable but it is the only thing we've got.

She pointed out that "consciousness" is the "lens" through which we interpret reality and as that "lens" becomes wider your area of perception increases and becomes more complex and inclusive. Every person is on a developmental journey, which does not nicely follow a straight line. Our lives are more like spirals where we keep returning to the same things but at higher and wider levels of consciousness. This leads us to interpret things of the past through a new lense. To further complicate matters, every person, organization, tribe, culture, nation, etc. that we come in contact with has its own spiral and own level of consciousness. Thus, there is not just one spiral or one level of consciousness that impacts each individual's life at any one time. The spirals in our life include what happened before but also place us on a new trajectory into the future. After reviewing past stages of consciousness she pointed out that the emerging stage of consciousness, which includes equality of persons, greater capacity to hold differences, multiple ways of knowing what is real, connectedness of all creation, encouraging dialogue and valuing differences was embodied in Jesus Christ.

As a final exercise before lunch, we were asked to think about and record first, "Are we experiencing these differences in levels of consciousness (magical, mythical, tribal, traditional, modern, emerging) within ourselves"? How do we experience them because they are all there? How about within CCA? We then discussed this in small spontaneous groups.

In the afternoon, we started with 20 minutes of communal, contemplative silence, which everyone agreed was a very powerful experience. Sr. Nancy then covered the dispositions (*make your heart soft, spacious and welcoming*), attitudes (*openness, boundaries and hospitality*) and behaviors (*pace, curiosity, and staying present in thinking and feeling [as opposed to the past of "thoughting" and "feeling"]*) that are required **To Speak and Listen from a Contemplative Heart**. She finished her presentation with two quotes, which gave a pretty good summation of what she had covered.

"Dialogue is a conversation with those who think differently, the primary purpose of which is for me to learn from the other – a "crossing over" into the world of the other and back again. It is a whole new way of thinking in human history."

Raimon Panikkar

"Facing breakdown or breakthrough we, people of faith, are challenged to put on the mind of Christ. To transform our own consciousness so that we can take a long loving look at the real and see our connectedness, our unity, so that we can imagine new ways of responding to the crises of our time." Nancy Sylvester, IHM

It was again time for us to do some work. We were to pair up with someone we did not know very well. One person would be asking a question and the other would be answering for the first 10 minutes and then they would reverse roles. This was the question to be asked:

"What feels right about speaking and listening with a contemplative heart?" The asker's job was to ask the same question 5 times, listening contemplatively to the answer (no feedback or other questions). Afterwards, the sisters reversed roles. The results were profound.

Fr Luis Casteneda, the provincial of the Oklahoma Province, was our celebrant for the Votive Mass of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Father had participated in our sessions on Monday and brought some of the points from the meeting into his homily. Following dinner on Monday we had a free evening but most people gravitated back to the meeting and hospitality room to mingle or catch up with people they seldom get to see in person.

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

Tuesday morning we were invited to take a minute to record what stayed with us from yesterday and share it with someone. Almost all commented on the “repetitive question exercise” and how amazed we were that this redundant asking helped us reach deeper and deeper into ourselves for the answer. After this, in keeping with our theme of listening and speaking from a contemplative heart, we had 20 minutes of PowerPoint and music meditation followed by a prayer.

After the break, we moved into the topic of *Living the Charism on the Journey...How We Feel*. Sr. Nancy pointed out that speaking and listening from a contemplative heart can change how we want to be with each other. She suggested you can not really dialogue unless you have a contemplative heart because part of dialogue is a willingness to be changed and let go of your agenda. This is difficult because while you know this intellectually, often when you engage in "dialogue" it is because you want the other to do what you want and that is not true dialogue. She suggested that where there is tension the “repetitive question exercise” might be a good way to encourage each person to listen rather than react.

She then went on, focusing more on the future of Carmel and of CCA. She introduced us to the process called "The Five Whys" which was originally developed for problem solving but she has adapted it to emotions, thereby using a rational process to ask a question about feelings (five times). It is a process that makes you keep digging deeper so you see all the layers. This was the process:

Initial question: "When I reflect on living the Charism of Carmel into the future, today I feel _____" (every feeling is legitimate, if there is more than one do the process for each)

1st Why: Why do you feel this way?

2nd Why: Why does what you wrote in the 1st Why make you feel that emotion?

3rd Why: Why does what you wrote in the 2nd Why make you feel that emotion?

4th Why: Why does what you wrote in the 3rd Why make you feel that emotion?

5th Why: Why does what you wrote in the 4th Why make you feel that emotion?

We were given just 90 secs for each response because we were not supposed to be thinking it through, be worried about grammar or censor ourselves. The response was to come from a deeper place. In this process we were told, you need to trust what is coming up and let the Spirit guide you. We were then sent to meet with our assigned small groups to discuss these responses and see if there were any commonalities. When we returned to the large group each small group reported on what they had discovered. We were each asked to post our individual papers so all could read them during our lunch break which was extended to 2:30 to give extra time.

During the lunch break, it was necessary to take Sr. Marian Steffens to the nearby clinic to determine what was wrong with her eye. Diagnosis: Pink Eye, which is very contagious, but she was given antibiotic eye drops and everyone was cautious and no one else contacted it.

At 2:30, each small group facilitator was given a synopsis of what was written on the 5 Why Sheets and we were sent back to our small groups to discuss "The hopes, concerns, and questions that were emerging in terms of living the Charism of Carmel into the future as CCA"? At 4:15 we returned to the large group and reported our findings, some of which were:

- 1) We all love Carmel.
- 2) We recognize there are issues that need to be addressed.
- 3) Is there still need for reconciliation and more openness to our diversity?
- 4) It would help if we could dialogue about or determine and address the concerns of some members about where CCA is headed.
- 5) How to collaborate and still live our life with autonomy?
- 6) Should we give the association or LT more authority?
- 7) Should we be more focused on a few important things, are we trying to do too much?
- 8) What would it take to get CCA to another place?
- 9) We need to "name" what communities need to do or accept to keep going as individual communities and members of CCA and then determine how to proceed.
- 10) We need to do a deeper "renewal"

With this report our time with Sr. Nancy came to a close.

Fr. Brad Milunski, OFM Conv, celebrated the Votive Mass of All Saints of the Carmelite Order. He noted that it was the first time he had ever celebrated that particular Votive Mass.

Tuesday evening the leadership team met with the national and international guests. A special interest group: the "Newer Members and anyone interested in the Newer Members" met in the Rocking Chair Room (a room with about 30 lovely rocking chairs) to which by the time the meeting got underway we had to add about 8 chairs (not rockers) from the next room to accommodate everyone who wished to attend. It was a wonderful meeting. The newer members responded to questions and concerns raised by others.

Members from communities, who had newer members that attended last year's meeting in Darien, commented on the energy they and their communities experienced when the Newer Members returned. International guests commented on what was going on with Newer Members in their countries and asked about collaboration "across the pond".

Following this informative meeting of about an hour and a half, we returned to the main meeting room where the Newer Members provided us with ice cream treats.

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

Wednesday morning, after a prayer led by Sr. Claire, we had reports from three panels:

- 1) **The Newer Members Panel** provided information to help us determine whether or not to support their proposal, which will be voted on tomorrow.

Sr. Maria Fidelis gave an overview of the 2015 Darien meeting of newer members and what it meant to her and others. To quote "We went to Darien asking in our hearts what CCA was all about, what is CCA doing for us. We left Darien saying, CCA is an association of deeply committed Carmelites, who care for one another and what can we do for CCA?"

Sr. Celia Ashton gave the definition of who was a newer member: "Any sister who became part of CCA, either through transfer or entrance since 2000. However, we want to be as inclusive as possible." She pointed out that of the 24 "newer" members only 6 were in initial formation and this meeting gave those members a chance to get to know each other and be less isolated. She also mentioned that the ICFP, which served this function in the past, is no longer available. The most important thing she wished to convey was: "The incredible passion for our charism, that was so evident at the meeting in Darien. We were energized by our collective passion for God and our belief in the transformative witness of our life of prayer."

Sr. Miryam Kathleen Monahan told of two times in Darien that really stood out for her. "The first was when Celia said 'There is no fire within me.' And as the meeting progressed when she said 'The fire is here.'" Sr. Michaelene suggested that the newer members look at the Charter of Life with an eye toward internalizing it and making it our own. This resulted in the group reproducing the Charter and the Workbook and sending it to all the newer members and their communities. A blog was developed to allow reflections on the Charter to be posted. The communities of Reno and Baltimore posted their reflections. They concluded that the Charter is beautifully written and could stand on its own because of the truth and history of CCA that it contains. However, things have changed, therefore, maybe it is time for a new document. Not a replacement or amendment of the Charter of Life, but one which offers a theological interpretation of how our life engages and is transformative for our world, the earth and the entire cosmos. This document should tell not only what our life means for us but also for others.

Sr. Cecelia Kang mentioned that when she was preparing for this panel the image of Moses striking the rock to bring forth water for the whole Israelite community came to mind. She feels that the meeting in Darien was the CCA striking the rock to release a flow of life giving water, which continues to flow.

Several CCA members, who were at the Darien meeting, but not on the panel, then commented on their impressions of the meeting. The way the meeting and participants came together, the Holy Spirit was definitely working. One of the concerns raised at the special interest group meeting was why the need for divisions, i.e. Newer members? Sr. Celia first thanked the 2 communities who had brought this up because it allowed for a needed clarification. She pointed out that they want to be part of CCA and that deepening the bonds between them is imperative for the future of CCA, this is not a social gathering. They recognize their need for input in Carmelite spirituality, theology and leadership so they can carry the charism into the future. Sr. Allain from the UK association then commented that they have a similar group and she hopes that in the future there may be some way for each group to benefit from the working of the other.

2) The US Association Coordinators provided information on the past, present and hoped for future of collaboration among the US Associations.

Sr. Claire told us that when they gathered for the pre-meeting, they had an image in mind that they were on a journey and they had their backpacks on and they had been journeying for many years. They decided to put their backpacks down, take a deep breath, look back at where they had come from, take note of where they were, and then find their pathway forward. That is the framework for their presentation this morning.

Mother Virginia Marie (STA) will talked about where we have been. The initial attempts at collaboration in her memory were a meeting in Maywa, NJ in 2009. Her memory of that meeting was one of tiptoeing around, getting to know each other, lots of suggestions for sharing were made but no one stepped forward about bring these ideas to fruition. Thus, the main fruit of this meeting was getting to know one another a little better. There was also full cooperation between the 3 provincials and 3 associations at that meeting.

The next meeting was at Attleboro, MA and this meeting was the results of the nuns pushing to make it happen. Two of the provincials did not attend that meeting. They were looking forward to OHM's Centenary and a lot of cooperation was the result. She mentioned the San Jose event. The Holy Card & Prayer was a joint effort and Terra Haute under took the printing. The idea for the stamp can out of this meeting. It was the first time the St. Teresa's Association had experience use of a facilitator, Stephanie, who followed up after the meeting. The exchange of email addresses which kept us in marvelous contact.

Then there was the meeting in Darien to get ready for the General Chapter, which resulted in agreement among the 4 associations on the representative and the content of the report. The blog from Avila kept all informed. The translated documents were shared. The Coordinators all signed the letter on the hour of prayer for peace that was sent out in March. There was the gathering in Redlands where Queen of Carmel invited everyone to their initial formation meeting and the St Teresa Associations sharing of Fr. Rafel's talks at their Association meeting. While at the Rome meeting there was a lot of sharing and then there was the trip to Assisi.

Sr. Mary Clare Trolley (QofC) next talked about where we are now: The first thing she said was that since the 1970's it had been the practice of CCA to invite the Coordinators of the other associations. She personally has been very happy to attend because "getting to know you is so very, very important". The Pre-meeting held here with not only the US Associations but also the International visitors allowed for a widening and deepening of the collaboration and exploring of more methods for carrying cooperation forward. At the Darien meeting there was a consensus among the 4 Associations for the need to develop relationships here in the US as well as abroad. We need to move forward by starting at home. They are looking into a 4 Association meeting with Fr. Rafel to discuss the much-anticipated Apostolic Constitution. This meeting might serve as a planning meeting for a national meeting of all Carmelites in the next two years with Fr. Savario. He says he needs a reason to come; it can't just be asocial visit.

She mentioned that Queen of Carmel hopes to restart their On-going formation program, which will be open to everyone. There is also hope that if the CCA/MLC project works as expected that in the future it will be available to all.

Sr. Claire Sokol (CCA) then talked about picking up our backpacks and walking into the future. She started by saying she would be speaking of the future collaboration from a global viewpoint. During the Pre meeting they wrote a letter to Fr. Saverio to tell him about their meeting. They all agreed that they would like to further collaboration between Associations either in person or by means of technology. Suggestions included another Pre-meeting connected to one of the Associations (US or other) meeting or a separate meeting. The advantage of having it with an Association meeting is the contact with a wider audience, which is enriching for the guests as well as the members. The agenda would be decided by all who would be attending the meeting and they are aware of the need to include a wider section of the English speaking Associations. There was an agreement that the expense of hosting such a meeting would be shared among the attendees and grants would be sought for this purpose. Sr. Marian said that her dream was that someday CCA would be invited to the other Associations meetings and Sr. Mary Clare Trolley responded that she hoped they could make her dream come true.

3) The International Associations/Federations gave their reports.

Sr. Teresa Benedicta (German Federation) said she was excited to be here. She hopes that collaboration will deepen the Contemplative dimension of our lives; to open our minds for the challenges of our world, always asking the Lord, "What do You want?" She would like to find ways to open our charism to young people. She suggested one way to accomplish this might be to develop friendships between small groups of sisters, who would communicate over the Internet. Also use the Internet to somehow share with outside people who want to know more about the sisters.

Sr. Allain Docherty (UK) said that most of her ideas about collaboration had already been mentioned, except to emphasize that the Associations really want to continue to work closely together. Things they could do such as, sharing translations, on-going and initial formation, sharing addresses of good resource people, possibly a common fund that would help with expenses for meetings between Associations, and visits, possibly updating the Ratio and help with inculturation and guidelines to help with discernment for bring sisters from other countries into a Carmel. There could be a sharing of ideas for restructuring communities with others who have gone through it. They have discovered that one important thing is meeting each other face to face.

Sr. Jennifer Jones (Australia) told us that they only have one Association so they do not have the issues we have with 4 Associations. She said that it seemed that we all agreed that the way forward was together. She wanted to acknowledge the part CCA had played in fostering the networking over the Internet and through invitations to their meetings. We all know that we have Carmels that are in trouble but maybe we need to start thinking in ways that are more positive. Using technology to assist smaller communities participate with larger communities in prayer or formation or any number of ways so we don't need to reinvent the wheel.

Sr. Bendina (English speaking Africa) told us they have only one association but it is very diverse covering many countries on the continent. Many Carmels were founded from different countries and have different traditions and ideas. They

share what they can; they meet for formation courses when there are presenters available. For ongoing formation they meet for 2 weeks, for initial formation the program is for 3 months. She was grateful to CCA for the invitation and she hopes we can all continue to move forward together.

To finish off the morning session, Stephanie reviewed what had happened the first two days of the meeting and brought forth some areas of concern, which she felt we needed to address in order to move forward. These areas are the website, newer members, needs of our communities and Leadership for CCA. She suggested that we needed to begin to develop practical action plans so she suggested that each group be assigned one of these areas with the task of answering the questions such as: What actions need to be started? When do they need to be started and completed? Who is going to do it?.

At 11:45 we gathered to have the "Official" Group Photo and fortunately Srs. Barbara Jean LaRochester and Colette Ackerman arrived in time so they could be in the picture. Then we were off to lunch.

In the afternoon, Stephanie reviewed some of the issues and ideas that had surfaced during the meeting around our proposed directions and projects. We then returned to our small groups with instructions: " To come up with practical actions and decisions to move us into the future in the particular area we were assigned." There were 5 groups and they were assigned the following areas, which had surfaced during our time together:

Group 4: CCA website

Group 5: Newer Members

Group 6: Needs of our Communities

Group 7: Needs of our Communities

Group 8: Leadership in CCA

The facilitators and members of Groups 1-3 (National and International Groups) from the first two days were invited to join any group they were interested in assisting. Many ideas surfaced which were considered and discussed during the next two days. You will see how the ideas, generated by these groups were used in the Future Directions section (page 12).

Fr. Stephen Watson, OCD, was our celebrant on Wednesday for the Votive Mass of St. Therese. Fr Stephen was unaware of the theme chosen for the Mass beforehand, and ended up giving us a wonderful homily on OHM St Teresa.

Wednesday evening there was a special interest group meeting on "The Future of our Carmels", with some 25 – 30 Sisters present. A number of the concerns were articulated and some possible helps were offered. These included (in no particular order):

- The model of a network in a given area where the Carmels are sufficiently geographically close to one another and where a 'stronger' Carmel could be a focus of assistance and encouragement to the struggling communities around it.
- The proposed visits to each of our Carmels can reinforce our bonds and open new possibilities.
- A community has to be united in order to be able to work toward the future.
- The RCRI Tool Box on their web site offers varied resources.
- Sr. Kelly Connors, PM, a canon lawyer from New Hampshire, is helping many religious communities with some of today's challenges.

- Fr. Rafal's conferences to the St. Teresa Association re. Requirements for a viable community.
- Our Newer Members: our need to support them. Gifted and enthusiastic they are our future.
- As we were articulating these options, Stephanie said with emphasis, do not only talk, DO SOMETHING. There is help available; we need to reach out and take it.

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Thursday morning we had the presentation from Elizabeth McCabe and Sr. Kathleen Pruitt from the Ministry Leadership Center (MLC) on the work they had been doing with the Leadership Team and CCA Visioning Committee to develop an on-going formation/leadership program for the benefit of CCA. One of the major points they brought out in this presentation was the MLC provides the infrastructure for implementing the program, it is up to the CCA Communities to provide the "content" to be presented. A couple of the many expected outcomes of the program are the preparation of members to know and carry out their duties and responsibilities for the common good and to be able to engage in effective dialogue, discernment and decision making. This information was provided to help us prepare for our vote this afternoon on the leadership proposal to continue working with the MLC to plan and implement this program. Each of the representatives were given a folder to take home which explains the Focus of the MLC and what they feel is their mission. This is what they are offering CCA and its ongoing formation program.

We then broke into our small groups. There was a visioning committee member assigned to each group and we were able to ask questions and obtain more specifics on what had already occurred and what would happen in the future if the proposal were passed. We returned to the large group and Sr. Kathleen, Elizabeth, and the Visioning Team responded to questions that had been brought up.

Some of the things that were brought up were the need for the pilot to come to fruition soon to take advantage of possible funding sources and to have something in place that can be continually fine-tuned. It was pointed out that the program needed to somehow be accessible to all members equally; some Carmels have problems with travel and freeing up people that will need to be addressed. It is hoped that it would be a transformative process for the person who would then bring it back to their communities. The program should help to draw out the inherent gifts of each person for the benefit of all. We would be able to determine the presenters. Resources that are made available are ones CCA would choose or approve. One sister said "This is genuine help where we need it".

While we were having this meeting, our international guests were busy putting up a blog at CAW2016.COM. CAW stands for Carmelites Across the World, and is designed to enable all Carmelites to stay in touch, share and grow in our Carmelite Charism. Fr. Stephen took a photo of the group and bingo! It was up and running. What a wonderful gift! At the end of our morning session the international sisters announced the new blog, Stephanie brought it up on the screen for all to see and we all cheered! The Spirit of collaboration, cooperation, and friendship among Carmelites from all different parts of the world continues to flourish.

The afternoon session started with a presentation of the financial report by Sr. Marjorie Robinson. There was a discussion of the need for budget, which included the following:

- 1) Need to balance CCA Goals with resources
- 2) Responsible stewardship of CCA finances
- 3) A need to increase resources (funds)
- 4) Travel and meetings are the biggest expense

Bi-annual meeting

Prioresses meeting

Newer Members Meeting

LT meetings

They have been using Zoom for many meetings

Meet in person – 3X a year (at one of the member Carmels)

Attend 2 International Meetings each term

Meet with US Associations 2X per term

We then discussed the two proposals that had been submitted. There was some discussion and then the assembly voted to pass the Newer Member's proposal to fund a meeting in 2017 and the Leadership Team proposal to continue working with the MLC on the On-going Formation/Leadership Program.

Future directions and Initiatives involving the website, newer members, the needs of our communities and leadership issues were discussed. The suggestions for action in each area were discussed and some plans were put in place.

The Website:

1) A lot of work and money have been put into the website, but it is not functioning in the way we would like it to for the benefit of CCA. We need to articulate the purpose of the website (both the public side and members only side) and then revise it accordingly. We also need to make it more "user friendly" so more of our members will use it.

2) We suggested that the LT appoint a team of 4 or 5 people to oversee the website. While it would work as a team, there would be assigned areas of responsibility. One person would be the Tech Liaison (Sr Jeanne Marie of Boston has agreed to take on this job.) One person would be responsible for oversight of the Public Side and another for the oversight of the Members Only Side. The fourth (and possible 5th) person along with the liaison from the leadership team would have the final editorial say on what goes on the website. This team should be appointed, from volunteers and LT solicited members, within the first two months of the new Lt tenure.

3) Once appointed the team would be tasked with deciding such things as: What is the purpose of the website? Do we stay with the current company? What needs to be revised, added, or deleted on the current site? What will it cost? Develop a means of notifying members of new material added? Review things people have said they want the website to do and determine possibility of implementation (blogging, formation/vocation, Zoom, public outreach, areas for special interest groups, videos, live streaming, etc). Contact people who may have material to be uploaded.

4) It was pointed out by Stephanie that a website is only as good as the material that is on it. Member Carmels need to supply material to go on the site. Obviously this material will need to be approved but with the team in place all Carmels should contact them about what they think should be on the website, it is **your** website!

Newer Members

1) Parameters and purpose of the group need to be determined. Some discussion of this resulted in these ideas being surfaced: Opening the group to everyone a potential issue... Definitions... Discuss and determine what it is... Umbrella... People who are new to Carmel, new to CCA, years after solemn profession, those in initial formation. Different initiatives for each group. Shared initial formation programs. Give an orientation to CCA to newer members. These need to be dealt with.

2) Visits, etc exchange in each others Carmels. Plans (dream?) to expand to other US Associations and International. They determined that this needs to get off the ground in CCA and nationally before they think about going international. Aware of language problems and costs. Visits should only begin after final profession.

3) Support for new members intersects with "vulnerable" communities. There is a need to free people up... Not sure how to work with the needs of both.

4) The next step will be the 2017 meeting. It's purpose is ongoing collaboration, formation and getting to know each other. Charter of Life and "new document" will be focus of the meeting.

5) Encourage use of blog on CCA Website and participate in communication with newer members around the world.

The needs of our communities

1) A questionnaire (German Federation will share theirs) should be sent to each community to help the community and the LT begin a discussion of the needs of each community.

2) One or two members of the LT should visit each Carmel in the next two years.

3) Need to stay focused on: What will be most life giving for each community? What gives them energy? In the next 10 years who can assume leadership? Is there an ability and energy to form new members? Discuss viability using the criteria suggested by Fr. Rafal.

4 Think about options: Linking smaller communities with larger communities. Try using technology to engage with each other. Look into how other communities here and abroad have dealt with similar situations. Look at methods to simplify your life. There should be sisterly visits if Carmels are close enough.

Leadership for CCA

1) Continue collaboration with the MLC to get the pilot ongoing formation/leadership program in place.

2) Convince member Carmels of the need to journey together into the future.

Fr. Bill Waters, SJ, told us he was very happy to be with us to celebrated the Votive Mass for St. John of the Cross.

Thursday was party night and what a party it was! Sr. Roseann Gillice was our Master of Ceremonies and introduced the performers. First up were our sisters from Germany, Srs. Johanna and Teresa Benedicta, who told us a very funny story about two sisters who went out for a walk, saw "Danger Signs", crossed a couple of "rivers", went through a couple of gates, and ended up being returned to Bon Secours by a security guard who rescued them along the roadside! And perhaps the funniest thing was that it was true! Next was Sr. Nancy Casale who performed a beautiful, interpretive dance. Sr. Bernadette Therese related some transcripts from actual court cases, which laughingly made you hope those particular lawyers never were representing you.

Our quartet of sisters from the UK and Scotland, Srs. Allain, Sally, Johann, and Marie Helen, first sang for us a ballad and then led the group in the singing of Loch Lomond. Sr. Cecelia presented the evolution of a traditional Korean song and dance, which progressed from very slow stately movements to the current day beat and movements that had many in the audience up and participating. We then had a German language lesson from Srs. Monika and Johanna, which showed why many in Germany are incorporating English words into their everyday speech "Because it is easier".

Since it was Queen Elizabeth's birthday, Sr. Judy Long provided a computer visual of the words to "God Save the Queen", which we all sang in her honor - all three verses. Then we found out that the second verse is seldom used. Next, our sisters from Australia, Srs. Jennifer and Rebecca, sang a song that is use in their country to honor and remember the indigenous people who owned the place where they are before they came. Sr. Sally then took us on a hilarious trip around the world - ask your representatives to take you. The closing act was Srs. Bendina and Maria Fidelis performing an African dance, with Sr. Bendina balancing a container of peanuts on her head part of the time (someone had removed the bottles she was planning to use).

Friday, April 22, 2016

Friday morning right after breakfast, Sr. Marian was again taken to a clinic because she had a rough night with trouble breathing, coughing and her eye getting worse. Our meeting started at 8:45 with an opening prayer led by Sr. Judy Murray. Then the leadership team presented their accountability report by first explaining their role on the Leadership Team and then taking one of the 2016 goals and telling how it had been addressed

Sr. Claire was first up. She related that it was a real privilege for her to serve on the team and she enjoyed working with and being supported by the other members and Stephanie. She also thanked her community for their support, giving her the space and time needed to serve. She also found serving on the team to be a means of growth for her. She encouraged others not to be afraid to serve because it helps you grow in ways you never thought were possible. She was the liaison for the New Member group and she found, in this group of members, a great love of Carmel and an enthusiasm to serve CCA in whatever capacity they can.

She then spoke to how team had responded to Goal # 1; we have fostered a broader acceptance of unity in diversity.... She mentioned the San Jose STJ500 Celebration, which though not a CCA initiative was an occasion of collaboration among all the nuns of the USA, associated and unassociated. Two areas of particular collaboration were the PowerPoint presentation on the Daughters of St Teresa in the USA and the virtual choir.

In the area International collaboration she reported that:

1) In July of 2014 CCA initiated a Google Hangout with representatives from France, Germany, Africa, Holland, Ireland, and the UK to discuss responses to the questionnaires received from Rome.

2) Srs Claire and Judy attended the UK Association Meeting in September of 2014. There were a lot of international representatives at this meeting and they wrote a letter to Fr. Saverio the same as we did from our Pre-meeting.

3) There was a meeting of the 4 US Associations and the US Provincials in preparation for the General Chapter in March of 2015. They came up with the report that would be presented and determined that Sr. Claire would be the representative.

4) All 4 Associations wrote a letter to support the Hour of Prayer called for by the Pope on Holy Mother's birthday.

5) Sr. Claire attended and presented the report at the General Chapter in Spain. This was another opportunity to connect with our sisters internationally when the Sisters had their own meeting with Fr. Rafal. Also, a single offering on behalf of all 4 US Associations was presented to Fr. Saverio. The nuns also wrote a letter to the whole Order.

6) CCA was invited to participate in the Mary, Queen of Carmel Formation Meeting for those in initial formation and 2 sisters from the Concord Carmel were able to attend.

7) The invitation to come to Rome for the Consecrated Life in Communion Meeting and the opportunity for OCD nuns from around the world to meet together with Fr. Savario. Srs Claire and Bernadette Therese attended this meeting and kept those at home up to date with a blog.

Sr. Judy Murray spoke about being the liaison for Boston, Cleveland, Concord and Eldridge. She also was responsible for communication with the International sisters. She acknowledged Sr. Monika's role in keeping in touch with the German sisters and send the Newsletter to the International Sisters. She was also on the MLC/CCA Visioning Committee. She was over site person for the CCA Web page. She also handled much of the work in putting together this meeting. She was glad to have been a part of this team.

She then went on to discuss what has been done on Goal #2; we have continued to work at achieving a representative voice.... She felt there were 5 Pathways the team had taken.

1) Promoting solidarity among nuns by networking and collaborating allows us to speak more powerfully with a coherent and unified voice.

2) Interacting with church leaders from a posture of deep competency and mature spirituality will gain respect and will help us with this goal. There were 5 opportunities to do this:

2A) CCA's strong and thoughtful response to The CICSAL Questionnaire where we told them "we desired to have a voice in those matters affecting our lives".

2B) Extraordinary Definitory in Korea where we were asked to submit suggestions for the agenda of the General Chapter in Spain. We also suggested a concurrent meeting of nuns at the site of the general chapter and it happened.

2C) The 4 Associations met in Darien to prepare for the General Chapter. This gained the Associations a lot of respect from the Order.

2D) Sr. Claire, as representative of the 4 US associations participated in the General Chapter. The nuns made substantive presentations rather than just statistics on the number of nuns. For two days there were meetings between the nuns and friars for discussions.

2E) Sr. Claire and Bernadette Therese attending the meeting of all contemplatives in Rome. The meeting with Fr. Savario, which followed the Pope's meeting, had an agenda that was organized by a group of nuns.

3) Advocate for appropriate procedures and protocols that facilitate the expression of our voice – being included.

4) Mentoring one another to become competent leaders who can advocate on our behalf and help carry Carmel into the future. This will be implemented through the proposal for working with the MLC which was accepted by the meeting.

5) Using our web page to share the beauty of our charism and the creativity and scholarship of our members.

Sr. Marian was next, however she had not returned from the doctors, so Stephanie read her report. Stephanie began by pointing out that Sr. Marian has contributed much to CCA for many, many years culminating in this last two years on the Leadership Team. When she suffered her stroke last April she questioned whether she could continue on the team but decided to give it her best and she managed with the loving support and encouragement of the rest of the team. Her responsibilities included being the liaison for Barrington, Boston, Latrobe and Oldenburg. She also was responsible for record retention for the team and for the legal forms to be signed by the delegates every 2 years. She was also liaison for the newsletter. She thanked Sr. Cecelia (editor) and Sr. Shirley Marie (past editor) for their cooperation.

Her report on what had been done on Goal #3 "We have developed and empowered our members to be future leaders of and /or Contributors to CCA:

1) In 2014 this goal was give a priority by the assembly.

2) We enabled a newer members meeting.

3) The MLC initiative was another response to this goal.

4) She is aware that many people are tapped to help out the Leadership Team and she put together the Thank You sheet that is in each person's folder. She sees this expression of gratitude from the Leadership Team and CCA as an important means of implementing this goal. (See Appendix B)

Sr. Hilary spoke to her responsibilities on the team, which were to act as secretary for the team for all meetings whether in person or via Internet. She compiled responses to questionnaires such as the CICISAL for the team. She enjoyed this role of recording and synthesizing, which she feels is one of her strengths. It also assisted her in figuring out what was going on because in the beginning she "didn't have a clue". She feels she has grown a lot in her understanding of the Carmelite family, especially because of being involved in the Darien meeting with the 4 Associations and the Pre-Meeting here. She was also proofreader for most communications. She was liaison to Reno, Baltimore, Danville and San Rafel, and she found this gave her sort of an e-friendship with these communities.

Sr. Hilary gave the report on the Leadership Team's efforts on Goal # 4: "...provide active, mutual support to the identified needs of our communities.... She prefaced her remarks with the statement that they wished they could do even more but they could not think of a way to do more.

1) Liaison of LT with Carmels was helpful for relationship and support

2) Holding LT meetings at three different Carmels, Baltimore, Reno, and Barrington.

3) They also visited Eldridge during the LT meeting in August, which gave them a chance to meet and talk to all the sisters there.

4) Two members of the LT went to San Rafal after the Visioning Committee meeting in November. Sr. Hilary is also a member of the Visioning Committee.

She expressed the LT's appreciation for the warm welcome they received at each of these communities. She then went on to discuss the identified needs, which she broke into two areas:

A) Help with discernment and decision making in the areas of healthcare, aging, and diminishment of numbers.

B) Help with both initial and on-going formation, especially formation in leadership.

In response to these needs, they have done the following:

1) They delegated the setting up of the prioresses meeting to Sr. Susan Weber (Reno) and Sr. Judy Long (Baltimore) and the LT did not have to do another thing. The prioresses will meet every 2 years and Srs. Susan and Judy will plan the next one.

2) Working with the MLC was another attempt to address these issues.

3) They were helped by Sr. Sue Lumb (Barrington), who invited the prioresses of all 12 CCA Carmels, to meet and share their need in the areas of aging and healthcare with the idea of helping each other deal with these issues. Six people, Srs. Claudette and Hilary (Concord), Marjorie and Michaelene (Beacon), Mary Davin and Sue (Barrington) attended this meeting, which was held in Concord. Kelly Connors, a Canon Lawyer, provided input about the help a Canon Lawyer can give communities in identifying: "What they want and hope for should they need to consider options". The LT thanked Sr. Sue for this initiative.

4) A special interest group met this Wednesday night, headed by Srs. Marjorie and Claudette to discuss this issue further. (See earlier report on meeting)

5) LT's support for initial and on-going formation. Charter of Life will be the theme of the Newer Members meeting in 2017.

During our break, our faithful brother, Brian Pauquette, arrived at our meeting. Right after the break, Sr. Kathleen Pruitt bid us goodbye.

We then reviewed the CCA Mission Statement and Goals that were approved in 2014. We were asked if we still wanted to keep these goals, change them or add to them. The first suggestion was to modify Goal #2 with the following addition:

2. We have continued to work at achieving a representative voice in matters affecting our lives, **the Teresian charism, and the Order.** The assembly approved the change.

It was suggested that we modify or place an objective on Goal 4 to reflect the assembly's desire that the LT visit each Carmel during the next term. Goal 4 was modified as follows:

4. 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 LT or delegates.** The assembly approved the change.

Goals 1 and 3 were approved with their original language. At this point Stephanie suggested that we use the remaining time before lunch to have serious discussions among ourselves about who we put up for leadership.

When Sr. Marian arrived back shortly before noon she expressed her disappointment that, after working so hard to continue her work on the Leadership Team after her stroke, she was not able to complete it by giving her report. We are all very grateful to her for her heroic efforts.

In the afternoon we held our Leadership Elections. There were 5 names still on the nomination list. Each of these sisters spoke to the criteria and then we had the nomination ballot and the election ballot. Our new Leadership Team was elected: Sr. Claire (Reno), Sr.

Hilary (Concord), Sr. Monika (Baltimore) and Sr. Michaelene (Beacon). We were all grateful that they were willing to serve.

Following the elections and before the Eucharist, Srs. Judy Long and Mary Clare Doherty presented thank you gifts to those who had helped out for the meeting and during the last two years. This was another fun exercise with some of the gifts being: a pointing finger that lights up given to Stephanie to keep us under control in future years; fake eyeballs to the outgoing LT members for keeping such a good eye on all that went on the past two years; and characters with parachutes to assist Sr. Mary Fleig with getting participants to the meeting.

Fr. Quinn Connors, O.Carm celebrated the Votive Mass for our Holy Mother Saint Teresa. Sr. Connie Fitzgerald gave an insightful and moving reflection. After dinner, we met in the Chapel for the transfer of leadership, prepared by Sr. Judy Murray. Sr. Leah Hargis prepared lovely candle stands and candles, which were given to the new leadership team. Most participants then returned to the meeting room with a seeming reluctance to have the meeting come to an end.

Saturday, April 23, 2016

On Saturday morning at 7:00 we had a lovely Communion Service planned and conducted by Sr. Robin Stratton. Then, following breakfast people began to leave with many of our International guests dispersing to visit different Carmels before they returned to their home countries. Thus ended what was a very busy, productive, enthusiastic, and unforgettable 2016 CCA Meeting.

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Appendix A

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Bryan Pacquet will visit for the day

Appendix B

Our sincere thanks to the following people for their service of leadership to CCA all year long and for their help in the organization of this Meeting

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CCA Treasurer: **Sr. Marjorie Robinson, Beacon Carmel**

CCA Archivist: **Sr. Colette Ackerman, Baltimore Carmel**

CCA Newsletter: **Sr. Cecelia Kang, Reno Carmel**

CCA Website: **Sr. Mary Rose Fleig, Baltimore Carmel**

Grant-Writing: **Sr. Angela Pikus, Darville Carmel**

Organizers of the CCA Prioresse's Meeting:

Sr. Susan Weber, Reno Carmel

Sr. Judy Long, Baltimore Carmel

Organizers of the CCA Newer Member Meeting:

Sr. Carol Sachse, Reno Carmel

Sr. Maria Fideles, San Rafael Carmel

Steering Committee: CCA/MLC Formation Initiative:

Sr. Claire Sokol, Reno Carmel

Sr. Judy Murray, Baltimore Carmel

Sr. Hilary Case, Concord Carmel

Sr. Bernadette Therese, Boston Carmel

Sr. Sue Lumb, Barrington Carmel

Stephanie Hauge

Hospitality to the Leadership Team during this term:

Reno Carmel

San Rafael Carmel

Baltimore Carmel

Barrington Carmel

Eldridge Carmel

CCA Presenter: **Sr. Nancy Sylva, IHM**

Presenters from Ministry Leadership Center:

Elizabeth McCabe and Sr. Kathleen Pruitt, CSJP

Newer Member Panel:

Sr. Cecelia Kang, Reno

Sr. Celia Ashton, Baltimore

Sr. Maria Fideles Musiko, San Rafael

Sr. Miryam Kathleen Monahan, Concord

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Sr. Bernadette Therese Huang, Boston

Sr. Claire Sokol, Reno

Display of our beloved deceased CCA Members:

Sr. Leah Hargis, Baltimore

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Narrative Report: **Sr. Shirley Ahern, Latrobe**

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Party Coordinator: **Sr. Roseann Gillice, Barrington**

Gifts for New Team: **Sr. Judy Murray, Baltimore**

Sr. Claire Sokol, Reno

Tributes and Thanksgiving Celebration:

Sr. Judy Long, Baltimore

Sr. Sue Lumb, Barrington

In Gratitude for the Privilege of Serving CCA:

Sr. Marian Steffens, Barrington

Sr. Judy Murray, Baltimore

Sr. Hilary Case, Concord

Sr. Claire Sokol, Reno