PRIORITIES FOR THE CONGREGATIONAL CHAPTER

We received the priorities from the Units and we considered them in light of the biblical reflections given by Rekha Chennattu, our profound exchange with our mission partners, and the different realities of this Intercontinental Assembly of the Americas.

Foundational Experience
To deepen our history and spirituality from the foundational experiences of St. John Eudes and St. Mary Euphrasia, and from our own personal God experience by using theological reflection. This will impel us to take risks for our mission of liberation and reconciliation.

Mission
The Mission of the Sisters of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd is God’s Mission.
We are called to:

- Strengthen our congregational networks and partnerships to discern and respond to the emerging realities of our times: human trafficking, violation of human rights, migration of peoples, forced migration, patriarchy and violence against women and girls.
- Live a radical commitment to Gospel, justice, peace and the integrity of all creation.
- Find ways to use our charism of reconciliation to help resolve conflicts wherever they arise (John, Chapter 10).
- Optimize the use of local and international resources, allowing us to respond boldly, in creative ways, to the cry of the poor.
- Creative restructuring on all levels for the sake of the mission.
- Promote vocations for mission and interact with new generations.

Leadership
Following Jesus’ example, to continue to develop, on all levels, a leadership based on service and friendship, (John 13), a leadership that is inclusive, trusting, loving and equal and which acknowledges the specificity and the richness of different roles in teams and communities.

Covenant Communities
To strengthen inclusive covenant communities - partners and sisters committed in mission - sustained by trust, love, peace and communion, revealing the merciful presence of God in the world.

Formation
To continue to develop holistic formation and international experiences and provide opportunities for renewal to all involved in Good Shepherd missions in order to strengthen our Congregational identity and our fidelity to the mission.