PRIORITY FOR THE CONGREGATIONAL CHAPTER

ENERGIZED BY THE SPIRIT WE RISK TOGETHER FOR MISSION

We, Sisters of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd and Mission Partners (Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd Mission Partners – sisters and lay partners) find inspiration and guidance for our mission in Sacred Scripture and in the teachings of Saint John Eudes and Saint Mary Euphrasia (Const. 8). We participate in the mission of Jesus, creating a covenant community, promoting equality, partnership (interdependence, inclusion, service and friendship). The example of Jesus, in the washing of the disciples’ feet, impels us to participate in the transformation of oppressive structures of inequality, dependence and domination (John 13).

We seek to give expression to this through our Chapter theme:

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DICIPLERSHIP, CHARISM, SPIRITUALITY AND IDENTITY

- We commit ourselves to articulating the essential elements of consecration for mission, as apostolic Sisters of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd. Together, as Mission Partners, we give dynamic, creative expression to our charism, showing forth the mystery of God’s merciful love (Const. 9).

- We articulate a clearer sense of our identity through being rooted in the spirituality of St. John Eudes and St. Mary Euphrasia.

INTEGRATION AND REUNIFICATION

- We commit ourselves to deepening our union, living the mission together, through attitudes of openness, compassion, understanding, mutual listening and collaboration. We go together to the common source of our charism and spirituality to deepen and take mutual ownership of our rich heritage.

FORMATION AND VOCATIONS

- We promote integrated models of formation which:
  - Take into account our respective vocations and life-styles;
o Call us to live our mission and charism with zeal and a spirit of shared responsibility;
o Encourage networking at local and international levels;
o Engage creative vocation promotion approaches.

...WE RISK TOGETHER...

PARTNERSHIP
• We consider partnership an essential element of the covenant community which requires ongoing formation, networking and participative leadership. As Sisters of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd and Mission Partners (Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd Mission Partners – sisters and lay partners) we work together as equals and as friends in an inter-dependent relationship.

INCLUSIVE LEADERSHIP
• We develop and implement radical models of collaborative leadership, promoting a culture of appreciation in the spirit of covenant friendship and interdependence:
  ➢ Supporting, while challenging
  ➢ Listening, while speaking our truth
  ➢ Envisioning, while implementing

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CHALLENGING UNJUST STRUCTURES
• We participate in the transformation of our world through daring to denounce unjust structures and systems which promote inequality, dependence and domination.

INTER-FaITH DIALOGUE
• We recognize our call to express our charism of reconciliation as we engage in inter-faith dialogue, especially between Islam and Christianity (inter-faith dialogue with all religions).

UP TO DATE RESPONSE TO CURRENT NEEDS
• We respond to the multi-dimensional nature of contemporary needs. We acquire accurate knowledge of the different realities, in order to respond with a professional and sustainable approach and network with others as appropriate.

PROMOTE PEACE
• We promote peace in our world by educating for non-violence, respect for human rights and the integrity of creation.