“I do not know what the future holds, but I know WHO holds the future.”
(Original Source unknown)

My reflection is on a sentence from the CLT letter of October 7, 2014:
“How are we preparing ourselves to respond to a future yet unwritten and unknown?”

As I have prayed about this question our response may not necessarily be an invitation to “change”. We may be asked to deepen. We have the resources available to us in our Statement from CACS “Impelled By God’s Love” and in the Congregational Chapter Direction Statement. We are only given TODAY – living it to the fullest will prepare us to welcome the future with openness and availability.

In “Impelled By God’s Love” our delegates proclaimed that they were: “Energized by the Spirit” and were responding to the invitation to “create a new ‘now’ and plan with creativity the future of our contemplative life in our Congregation”. They also experienced “a great desire from within to live a deep encounter with God through lives transformed by silence, solitude, communal discernment, and by joyful living all of the other Essential Elements”.

If we cultivate a new consciousness of how valuable life is within the world, Church energized by the Spirit to live gives us. We, like St. Mary world” with our prayers and hope and support to our minister to the most abandoned enables us to be in South in Syria with the refugees, to or victimized in any way. We deny ourselves so that perhaps some of the homeless may find shelter from the elements. We will be mindful of our planet that is being terribly abused and as we live our ordinary days, all will be done with love. Also when there is an opportunity to use our voices to promote changes for those who cannot speak for themselves we will do so with honesty and courage.

“I know well the plans I have in mind for you says the Lord, plans for your welfare, not for woe, plans to give you a future full of hope.” Jeremiah 29:11

“I am not afraid to face tomorrow for I have seen yesterday, and I love today.”
(Anonymous)

Sr. Sharon Rose
Province of Mid-North America