



... in our day
... en nuestro día

Governance Committee Newsletter

The phrase "...in our day," taken from our Directional Statement Chapter 2016, reflects the reality that the deepening of our understanding of our Directional Statement always occurs in the context of this time, this place, these resources, and our community as we currently find ourselves.

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Governance Committee Meeting:

The Governance Committee met at the Mother House on January 4-6, 2018. Present: Nancy Bauman, Mary Jo Quinn, Nancy Svetlecic, Susan Wood, Chair, and Constance Phelps, Council Liaison. The SCL Council attended the first part of the meeting.

Tasks of the Governance Committee for this Meeting:

- Review the fall Leaven group responses compiled according to topic.
- Plan the process and content for the spring 2018 Leaven Group meetings.
- Initiate plans for the 2018 Leaven Assembly.

General Information:

The Committee:

- Reviewed the circular model of governance process for clarification to better facilitate mutuality and reciprocity by incorporating a looping-back and spiraling-forward process.
- Reviewed the responses from the fall Leaven Groups and considered how the circular model is appropriately applied. The compilation of the responses is attached here.
- Reviewed Leaven Group membership and recommend no changes:
 - Largest group – 10 members; two smallest groups – 5 members.
 - Individual Sisters may request a group change by emailing GovernanceCommittee@scls.org.

Spring 2018 Leaven Group Meeting:

- Leaven Groups plan to meet during February and March 2018. Responses due by **March 31, 2018.**
- Culled from Leaven Group responses, the focus for our spring 2018 Leaven Groups is from the Directional Statement: *“We, the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth, affirm our call to communion and mission...”* The question for dialogue: “Who are **we** as SCLs in our day?”
- Preparation includes a chapter from Diarmuid O’Murchu’s, *Religious Life in the 21st Century.*

Leaven Assembly:

The Leaven Assembly is July 30-31, 2018. The focus of the meeting will evolve from the dialog and conversations that will take place during the spring Leaven Group meetings.

Next Meeting:

The Governance Committee will meet at the Mother House on April 6-8, 2018, and as needed by Zoom videoconference. Carole Shinnick, SSND, facilitator for the Assembly will join the April meeting. Leaven Assembly speaker, Nancy Schreck, OSF, will also participate in the Zoom videoconference or by conference call.