



## Pacific Northwest Member Area National Religious Vocation Conference

### NRVC/RFC Regional Meeting April 21, 2023, Faculty House, Marylhurst, OR

The meeting began with introductions and prayer.

#### Attendees in person:

Beth Liebert, SNJM	Patricia Lulay, SSMO
Charlene Herinckx, SSMO	Paz Vital, OSB novice
Chris Still, OSF	Sheila Lemieux, CSJP
Chero Chuma, CSJP	Sonja Weber, OSB novice
Laura Swan, OSB	Raphaella Cady, OSB, IT person
Marie-Therese Gnamazo, SP	Teresa Shields, SNJM
Marisol Avila Pacheco, SP	

#### Attendees by Zoom:

**Annette Seubert, SP, Diane Tomkinson, OSF, Gabrielle Nguyen, SP**

After the members of the two conferences met separately, the combined regional meeting continued.

#### Minutes

Sr. Sheila moved that the minutes of the May 2022 meeting be accepted as written. Sr. Beth seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

#### Financial Report

Sr. Patricia gave the following report:

Previous Balance	<b>\$1398.43</b>
Income: Dues paid	1000.00
CSJP, OSB-Lacey; OSF-Beaverton; OSF-Phil; SNJM, SP, SSMO	
Expenses:	
Guest speaker stipend and airfare (\$1000 + \$168.98)	1168.98
Current Balance	<b>\$1229.45</b>

#### Dues

Sr. Charlene moved and Sr. Teresa seconded the motion that dues continue to be:  
\$50 per Community per year (July 1 – June 30)

The motion was approved.

#### “Election” of Treasurer and Secretary

The current treasurer (Sr. Patricia) and secretary (Sr. Charlene) agreed to serve another year.

#### Report from RFC Group

Sharing of Formation Resources:

- Sr. Patricia reported on the 4-part series presented by Sr. Mary Pat Garvin over the last couple of years. The process includes reading material beforehand, a presentation, and breakout sessions. She has appreciated the input.
- Sr. Beth noted the positive response to the program “Live Out Loud” which was designed for novices and formators by Sr. Linda Buck, CSJ. The program takes place by Zoom on Saturday mornings from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.
- Sr. Sheila mentioned that her Community have been watching a video created by Sr. Michelle Leshner, SSJ, on the research she has done about regarding visioning religious life and what she considered non-negotiables.
- Sr. Charlene noted that the RFC Congress will take place in Chicago on November 9 – 12, 2023.

#### Report from the NRVC Group

- Sr. Chris led a prayer “Surprised by Jesus.”
- The need for naming a new Member Area Coordinator (MAC) was raised. The newer members were unaware of what the role entailed. Sr. Chris will send out a job description and then poll the NRVC members to set another meeting date (Zoom) to discuss the role and who would be willing to serve.
- It was noted that there is little energy for vocation ministry in our area and the question was raised about merging with another area. That was not considered a viable option at this time.
- Sr. Chris noted that the Discernment Retreat on October 21, 2023 (9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) was initiated by the Seattle Vocation Directors. All vocation directors are invited to participate. More information will be sent later.

#### Next meeting

The next meeting will be hosted by NRVC, but date or place was determined.

Respectfully submitted.

Sr. Charlene

Note 1: Addendum 1, 2, and 3 which were attached to this email contain information about the programs by Sr. Mary Pat Garvin and Sr. Linda Buck

Note 2: On April 22, 2023 Sr. Joanne Doi, M.M. made a presentation open to all community members. The title: *Intercultural Spirituality: The Kenosis of Decolonizing Consciousness*