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## *NRVC Upper Midwest Minutes*

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**Meeting was held via Zoom**

**May 17, 2023**

**Present:** Sr. Debbie Borneman, SSCM; Sr. Carmella Luke, OSB, MAC; Mr. Greg Darr, MAC; Fr. Toshio Francesco, C.M.; Bro. Paschal Listi, fbp; Sr. Joseph Marie, Isp., Sr. Marilyn Mark, OSB, Sr. Katherine Marie Mujawamariya, S.S.M.; Sr. Katherine Mullin, V.H.M.; Sr. Mai-Dung Nguyen, OP; Fr. Michael Peterson, OSB; Sr. Lisa Rose, OSBI; Bro. Larry Schatz, FSC, Sr. Stephanie Spandl, SSND; and Sr. Sue Torgerson, C.S.J.

**Minutes:** Approval of previous meeting minutes did not take place.

1. Introductions and Prayer were led by Mr. Greg Darr, MAC
2. Welcome from the Coordinators & Host
3. S. Carmy agreed to take minutes for the meeting.
4. Main topic for the meeting was to discuss assignments for the NRVC Convocation to be held in Minneapolis, MN Nov. 1-3, 2024, with Pre-Convocation on Oct. 31st. Those helping with the convocation will arrive on Oct. 30th. S. Debbie reported on the theme for the gathering which will be "Walking Humbly Together. The meeting will be held at the Double Tree 1500 Park Place Blvd. in St. Louis Park west of Minneapolis. The room rate is \$129 per night plus taxes.
5. Discussion was held on the possibilities for the excursion day on Nov. 4th, following the convocation.
6. The following responsibilities for the Upper Midwest Member Area concerning convocation were discussed and members volunteered for the tasks.
  - a. The MACS and the members of the hosting Upper Midwest area will welcome the participants.
  - b. Identify a local charity for the collection and invite a representative to Convocation. This can be discussed at our next meeting.
  - c. All members are asked to contact Phil Loftus with sponsor ideas and contact information for those entities. Bro. Larry has some ideas for colleges.
  - d. Consider nominations for Mustard Seed Award- Fr. Toshio and Greg.
  - e. Assists in inquiry about local musicians - S. Dina, as well as S. Stephanie, Greg, and S. Carmy

- f. Bus excursion for Nov. 4th- possibly Sacred Sites (Dakota People)-  
S. Sue and Greg
- g. Sacristan/Liturgical Vessels/ furniture, Wine, and Hosts- Fr. Michael  
and S. Katherine Mullin
- h. Provide table centerpieces daily and for the banquet/clear tables/  
adds candy- S. Carmy, Sr. Katherine Mullen, and S. Mai-Dung
- i. Liturgical stage items (cross and ambiance- S. Stephanie, Br. Larry,  
Sr. Lisa, Sr. Marilyn, and Fr. Michael
- j. Intercultural Prayer room- S. Mai-Dung, S. Lisa, S. Katherine Marie,  
S. Marilyn, and Fr. Michael
- k. Greeters at the hotel on Wed. and Thursday (Two 4-hour shifts)- Fr. Toshio  
(organizer), S. Katherine Mullin, and S. Katherine Marie
- l. Assist in picking up presenters and presiders to/from the airport - Greg,  
Sr. Stephanie, and Bro. Larry.
- l. Speak about NRVC to others - all

S. Debbie will send this list of duties out to the members. Please let S. Debbie or the MACs know if you would like to help in any way with the convocation.

- 7. Other ideas were shared concerning convocation. These included having a Litany of Founders/Foundresses including visual images. S. Debbie reminded the members that we can't use copyrighted images, but we could take photos of statues and artwork designed by religious in our communities. Fr. Michael said that he could bring free copies of Give Us This Day from St. John's Abbey Press for the participants. S. Debbie will see extend an invitation to Archbishop Hebda to attend. Greg will work with Carol Scheiber to create press releases that we could use on local Catholic Media (radio).
- 8. S. Debbie updated members on the Summer, Fall, and Winter Institutes.
- 9. Br. Larry was affirmed to serve as Member Area Coordinator through email in May. A blessing was given to the MACs, S. Carmy and Br. Larry.
- 10. A blessing was also given to Greg Darr who will stay on as MAC Emeritus as we prepare for the convocation.
- 11. Financial Report- our finances remain the same as at the last meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Greg Darr and S. Carmy Luke.

Respectfully Submitted by S. Carmy Luke, OSB.