

April 29, 2024

Dear Sisters,

As we prepare for this summer's gathering — which, you know, is a combination of work with the Legacy Task Force and an Extraordinary Chapter — we write asking for your participation in this important time together. EVERYONE is welcome to join all three days of the gathering. However, as is our custom, there are specific requirements for those who wish to be voting members of the extraordinary chapter.

The requirements are as follows for voting delegates:

1. Participation / attendance at one of the April presentations either in person or by Zoom.
2. Participation / attendance at a Local Chapter meeting during May.
3. Participation / attendance for the full sessions on Wednesday, June 19th, Thursday, June 20th, and the morning of Friday, June 21st.

Any exemptions will need the approval of the President.

As is our practice, there are three levels of participation:

- Voting delegate (with voice and vote)
- Participant (with voice)
- Prayerful supporter (with voice — especially at pre-assembly meetings)

Please consider your desire and stamina as you choose the level that is appropriate for you at this time. Please discern with your coordinator or a trusted friend if you are wavering about how to participate. Please know that we need the prayers of EVERY sister as we look to our future, invest our time and experience in it, and begin to make decisions together.

We ask that you declare your participation level in writing by May 24, 2024, by using the enclosed response form. Please send your response by US mail to René Simonelic with a postmark on or before May 24th.

Meanwhile, let us hold one another in prayer and respect as woman of hope — and women of the dawn, as our Brazilian sisters would say.

Peace and all good,

Your sisters,



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President



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