

Questions for Your Consideration

Committed to one another as a Community of Hope, these are some of the questions we must be asking ourselves. They are questions we need to face together so that WE can be the ones who make decisions regarding OUR preferred future. As a congregation, the last thing any of us wants is for decisions affecting our lives to be made by others, and not by us, because we waited too long and ultimately because we failed to plan while we still had time to do so. For starters, here a few questions we must face regarding leadership and governance. We will welcome other questions as Local Chapters meet in May in preparation for our time together this summer.

- How many more chapters can we hold?
- How many people will be able to serve as delegates in four years? Eight Years? Twelve years?
- How many sisters will be willing, able and called to serve in leadership roles?
- How many sisters who are able to serve the congregation in any capacity are willing to do so, especially if it means uprooting their current lives?
- What leadership and service needs can and must be met by lay people working in partnership with us?
- How many leadership positions must we be able to fill to meet the practical needs of our members as well as canonical requirements?
- At what point must we face the very real probability of needing to look outside the congregation for leadership – as a commissary (one person serving as canonical leader) or in a covenant relationship (another congregation taking over canonical responsibilities for our members)?
- What will evolve over the next 10-15 years in the Church's understanding of appointed canonical leadership for religious congregations?
- Of the questions above, which ones do you see yourself actively committing to and fully participating in?