



NRVC Hudson Valley Member Area

Zoom Meeting Minutes

Date: May 6, 2024 – 10 am -12 pm

Facilitator: Sr. Gloria Ardenio Agnes, MM

Prayer: Sr. Jenny Wilson, RSM

Attendance: Sr. Maria Amador, PCM
Sr. Gloria Ardenio Agnes, MM
Sr. Donna del Santo, SSJ
Sr. Yolanda Flores, MSC
Sr. Jenny Wilson, RSM
Sr. Laura Urbano, P.B.V.M
Sr. Debbie Borneman, SS.C.M. (NRVC)

Could not make it this Time: *(sent email to let us know)*

Bro. Edward Shields, F.S.C.
Sr. Celia Deutsch, N.D.S.
Sr. Mary Ellen Shirtz, CSJ
Sr. Sia Temu, MM

Prayer: Sr. Jenny Wilson, RSM led the prayer. During prayer, she invited us to share our reflection using this guide reflection: *“Reflect on a time you have been impacted positively by someone from a different background than you.”*

Welcome: Sr. Gloria Ardenio Agnes, MM, welcomed the Zoom participants. After the welcome, she invited Sr. Donna Del Santo, SSJ to take the Zoom space.

Discussion / Presentation:

1. Sr. Donna Del Santo, SSJ did a presentation on Interculturality. (Please see the attachment for the PowerPoint Presentation. *Note: this PowerPoint presentation is for NRVC – Hudson Valley Members Area used only*)
 - Sr. Donna gave us time to reflect on the following reflection questions.

Reflection Questions:

- ❖ What are the gifts and challenges of relating to, living with, and working with, persons from low-context and high-context cultures?
 - ❖ What specific self-adjustments do these relationships call me to make to live the Gospel more fully?
 - A spontaneous sharing of personal experience added more life to the presentation.
2. Sr. Gloria encouraged the group to take the Summer Courses. For more details, she invited them to visit the website: nrvc.net

3. Sr. Gloria acknowledged and welcomed Sr. Debbie Borneman, SS.C.M. She arrived in the second hour of the meeting.
4. Sr. Debbie helped the group understand what membership means and its responsibilities.
5. Sr. Debbie demonstrated how to visit and use the NRVC website for the resources.
6. Sr. Debbie mentioned that there will be no MAC gathering in September. Instead of meeting in September, the MAC gathering will be on October 31, 2024, at 4:45 pm.

As a MAC – below are the benefits for MACs serving at the time of Convocation:

*Through the generosity of the Hilton grant, your affordable plane travel to Convocation, up to \$300 per MAC, will be reimbursed shortly after Convocation. Sr. Debbie will email the travel reimbursement forms to you to include with your plane travel or gas receipts if traveling by car. **The only requirement for this travel reimbursement is that you must be present at the 30-minute MAC Gathering on October 31 at 4:45 pm, which is before the opening reception.***

7. Sr. Debbie reminded the group to consider nominating an NRVC member from our Member Area for the Outstanding Member Award. Of course, any NRVC member can nominate another NRVC member, however, if the nomination is from the Member Area, it holds more weight in the Board's decision. Nominations are due August 15.
8. For the incoming Convocation, Sr. Debbie told us that we can invite a non-member of our choice. Guests can be from leadership teams, formators, communicators, newer entrants, families, or anyone supporting vocation ministry. In other words, the guest can not be a current member. When a member brings along a guest who pays the non-member rate, the member will receive \$300 toward their 2025 membership renewal! For each license member who brings a non-member, \$300 will be applied to your 2025 license membership renewal. This means potentially if all five license members each bring a guest at the non-member rate, your community receives \$1,500 towards your 2025 license renewal!
9. Sr. Maria Amador, PCM asked the participants who among us are planning to attend the Convocation on October 31- November 4 in Minneapolis, MN. The majority of us are planning to attend the Convocation.
10. Sr. Maria Amador, PCM will be completing her 2 years as MAC this coming June 30, 2024. To select a new MAC, Sr. Gloria and Sr. Maria will send the members a digital nomination form. Sr. Debbie will send them a template for nomination. It was also agreed the selection would be done digitally (by email). A new elect coordinator will work with Sr. Gloria.
11. Sr. Gloria will render her service as coordinator until the end of the year 2024. A new person to replace her will be selected before this year ends.
12. The group suggested meeting in person before the Convocation, hopefully by September 2024. Sr. Gloria will check if the Maryknoll Sisters' Center will be available for a possible meeting place.

Various:

- A. Sr. Gloria thanked Sr. Jenny Wilson, RSM for leading the prayer.
- B. A huge appreciation was given to Sr. Donna Del Santo, SSJ for her wonderful presentation on Interculturality.
- C. The groups expressed heartfelt gratitude to Sr. Debbie Borneman, SS.C.M. – for her unfading support and availability to join us at this meeting.
- D. Sr. Debbie said that group she is available anytime we need her help, or even join our meeting.

Conclusion: The meeting was adjourned at 12:25nn

Sr. Gloria Ardenio Agnes, MM
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Group Picture:

