



Lake Erie/Ohio River Member Area Minutes

Autumn Gathering
Villa Marie, PA
October 23, 2023

Present: Sr. Tarianne DeYonker, OP; Sr. Elizabeth Oettel, OSB; Sr. Ruth Lubbers, SND; Sr. Monica Seaton, OSU; Sr. Caryn Crook, OSF; Sr. Valerie Zottola, CSJ; Sr. Michele Schroeck, RSM; Sr.; Sr. Bea Tiboldi, OP; Sr. Mary Slattery, HM; Sr. Wendelyn Lopez, CDP; Sr. Adelina Garcia, OSF; Fr. Jose Carlos Miguel-Lopez, GHM; Sr. Mary Stanco, HM; Sr. Chris Kunze, SCN; Mrs. Teri Iverson (CPPS); Sr. Kari Pohl, CSJ; Sr. Jane Marie Gawlik, CSSF

1. Welcome and Introduction/Schedule Overview – Sr. Caryn
2. Prayer leader – Sr. Caryn
3. Sister Monica will take minutes
4. NRVC Update – Sr. Caryn
 - a. Behavioral Assessment 2 will be offered at the Redemptorist Renewal Center in Tucson, AZ, December 2-3, 2023.
 - i. All workshop information is on the NRVC website
 - b. NCYC youth gathering: There is still room for NRVC members to sign up and bring t-shirts for the t-shirt swap booth. November 16-18, 2023, in Indianapolis, IN
 - c. National Vocation Awareness Week November 5-11. Visit the NRVC website for more information and resources.
 - d. NRVC has created a story map Bold and Faithful Story Map. Follow this link for more information [BOLD and FAITHFUL: Meet today's religious \(arctis.com\)](https://arctis.com)
 - e. The Jubilee of 2025 will focus on consecrated life and young people
 - f. NRVC has attended conferences of RCRI, RFC, CMSWR, and LCWR as exhibitors to meet with communities and leaders
 - g. NRVC annual report is being released
 - h. NRVC welcomed five new board members
 - i. Applications for NRVC board service will come out in January 2024
 - i. NRVC Convocation October 24-30, 2024, in Minneapolis, MN. Logo and theme to be released soon.
 - j. If members are not receiving the NRVC Catalyst via email, please contact Marge Argyelan.
 - k. NRVC membership renewals are being sent out this month.
 - l. Lake Erie / Ohio River Member Area needs a new coordinator to serve with Sr. Caryn
 - m. Asked members for input about topics for future member area gatherings or other needs:
 - i. Possibility of a vocation director mentor for the new vocation director

- ii. Ask Patrice Tuohy to give a presentation about the Vision Vocation Network
- iii. Communicators for Women Religious – perhaps focus on the viability of vocations to religious life
- iv. A presentation by Saint Luke Institute about trauma and dealing with anxiety
- v. Springtide Research Institute on depression and young people

Meeting adjourned 4:45pm ET

Respectfully submitted,

Sister Monica Seaton, OSU

October 24 and 25. 2023

Present: Sr. Tarianne DeYonker, OP; Sr. Elizabeth Oettel, OSB; Sr. Ruth Lubbers, SND; Sr. Monica Seaton, OSU; Sr. Caryn Crook, OSF; Sr. Valerie Zottola, CSJ; Sr. Michele Schroeck, RSM; Sr.; Sr. Bea Tiboldi, OP; Sr. Mary Slattery, HM; Sr. Wendelyn Lopez; Sr. Adelina Garcia, OSF; Fr. Jose Carlos Miguel-Lopez, GHM; Sr. Mary Stanco, HM; Sr. Chris Kunze, SCN; Mrs. Teri Iverson (CPPS); Sr. Kari Pohl, CSJ; Sr. Jane Marie Gawlik, CSSF

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Prayer leader – Sr. Caryn

1. NRVC *Understanding and Ministering to Generation Z and the Alpha's*, Webinar with Dr. Charlotte McCorquodale, Ph.D.
5. Lunch Break at 1 – 2 pm
6. 7:00 pm, we shared about the presentation followed by a social.
 - a. The presentation was very informative and engaging even on Zoom. Yet the message was a bit concerning with the status of Gen Z and Alpha generations' struggles with purpose and depression and anxiety. We shared ways we may help through our vocation ministries.

October 25, 2023

1. We met at 9:00 am for prayer led by Sister Jenny Wilson, RMS.
2. Giving Voice and the Future of Religious Life. By Jenny Wilson.
 - a. Sr. Jenny's presentation was more of a discussion on the needs of newly entered religious. Looking for strong community living, needing authentic conversations on the future of the institute. Ministry opportunities to the Gen Z and Alpha generations. To go where they are and not expect them to come to us. Look for spaces where young adults are gathering.
 - b. New people want mentoring available to them
3. Evaluations were handed out and then lunch.

Minutes by Sister Caryn Crook, osf