



2024 SFCC INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Becoming One With The Divine



We are looking forward to welcoming you to the 2024 SFCC ASSEMBLY!

HISTORY

Yes, the 2024 Assembly was contracted to be in St. Louis at the Mercy Center. Unknown to us, till after the 2023 Assembly, was that our contract was cancelled and the Mercy Center was no longer able to accommodate our needs. So, for the next four weeks, the Assembly Team, with the help of many, was scurrying about to find a new Assembly location.

It was just a short while ago, Sharon McLaughlin, SFCC, officially secured the Double Tree Hotel, in Jacksonville Florida, as the location for the 2024 Assembly! The Jacksonville Florida International Airport hosts many domestic and international direct flights. Once you arrive at the airport, the hotel shuttle will pick you up and take you to the Double Tree Hotel. It was strongly recommended that you book your room as early as possible by calling the Double Tree Hotel directly at 904-256-4586, versus calling the toll-free number, which is answered elsewhere. Please, let the Hotel Receptionist know you are with the Sisters For Christian Community, to receive our discount rates. If there are any issues with your Hotel Reservation, please contact Mary Rose Accetturo, SFCC at 414-530-0916 or mraa5002@yahoo.com.

THEME

Our spiritual birthright is to be able to experience and apply the energy of Divine Love throughout every aspect of our lives. Our focus is 'one-ing'. It's a word that comes from the 14th century English contemplative, Julian of Norwich, who says that 'prayer ones the soul to God'. What's striking about the verb 'one-ing' is that it expresses a sense of the vital, dynamic process of becoming one *with* God as well as the centering, grounding and abiding at-onement of the soul *in* God. For the communion of love that constitutes God, the unity that God is, is not a static, or self-enclosed identity but an ever-fertile movement of love pouring itself out and receiving itself back.

In the Christian imagination, this one-ing in Love is conceived as an en-Christing journey. It's how we come to share the mind of Christ or awaken Christ-consciousness, and – crucially – this affects not just the possibilities of our own lives but the unfolding of life itself. The invitation for us is to be the creative union, to be this field of Oneing, to be the flow of love energy, the creative freedom that self-creates. The question is: Can we be the Oneing that creates communion and awakens communion consciousness?

"Come Be and Become"

Submitted by 2024 Assembly Team)





Assembly 2023 Reports, Kenya Nairobi

ICC REPORT 2022-2023

COMMUNICATION

As we look back over the last year and forward to the coming year we are grateful for the ways we have been able to communicate and connect.

This happens among the three of us with messenger meetings usually every 3 weeks along with emails, texts, and phone calls to stay connected with one another and the needs of the community. Part of our meeting includes a brief faith sharing regarding our lives.

We come together in person each year for 2 days at a Franciscan Retreat House to look forward to the future and review the past to know what we need to do to facilitate communication. This year one of our focuses is the plan for the transition for the new ICC Team. (2023-2024 is the transition year)

Our role is also to facilitate communication with and within the community. We have tried to do this through the ICC notes in ATA, SFCC Global, and SFCC Philippines. In the ATA there were suggestions that we as a community look at other ways of helping us be more fully connected within the entire community...this could be useful. We have also been in contact with individuals and regions when needed or feasible. Hopefully, next year we will be able to increase our contact with RCC's and members from various geographic regions to understand and appreciate the gift of our

international community even more fully.

As part of our role, we have informed the community of Masses and condolences for those who are now beyond time and on whose shoulders we now stand. This is done through cards, Rise Up, SFCC Global, and SFCC Philippines.

We send Christmas cards to those who live outside the USA and those in the USA who are in some form of care or in isolated situations. Though we try to reach everyone we probably have unfortunately missed someone.

We also communicate with Church and civil authorities when requested.

We strive to communicate in ways that enable us all to be one and to facilitate oneness wherever we are as a community and as individuals

ICC REPORT 2023 MEMBERSHIP

AFFIRMED	337
AFFILIATES	31
INQUIRERS	33
WITHDRAWALS	1 (Philippines)
DECEASED	21

BECOMING PROCESS

MONTHLY ZOOM (Philippines/ Africa) FOR INQUIRERS AND AFFILIATES CONTINUES WITH THE STUDY OF THESE DIFFERENT TOPICS:

- SFCC BECOMING PROCESS
- SFCC BEGINNINGS
- SFCC PROFILE
- SFCC NON-CANONICAL, NON-TRADITIONAL
- SFCC SERVICE ROLES
- SFCC STRUCTURE ORGANIZATION
- SFCC AUTHORITY AND EGALITARIAN
- SFCC COLLEGIAL CONSENSUS
- SFCC EVANGELICAL VOWS
- SUDDEN SPRING- 6TH STAGE SISTERS
- SFCC AND DIOCESAN ASSOCIATIONS

1st Saturday, 1-2:00pm- PHILIPPINES-Affiliates: 6

2nd Sunday, 4:30 pm – KENYA –Affiliates: 14

3rd Sunday, 5:00 pm KENYA- Inquirers: 6

4th Sunday, 4:00 pm – TANZANIA- Affiliates: 3

5:00 pm - Tanzania, Zambia, Ghana- Inquirers 8



Monthly – NIGERIA Inquirers: 2 Affiliates – 3
 6 Meetings – UGANDA Inquirer: 1
 Monthly zoom / one on one mentoring UK Region
 Inquirer: 1 Affiliates: 4
 Every 6-8 weeks- SOPHIA CIRCLE, USA Inquirers: 3
 Monthly – south Central USA Inquirers: 1 Affiliate: 1
 Monthly one on one mentoring- WEB, USA Affiliate: 1
 Monthly or as needed – INDIA Affiliate: 2
 Benelux Region – LOUVAIN, BELGIUM, ITALY, NETHERLAND Inquirers -6

(We all remain regularly in contact via groups app, phone calls, emails, visits)
 Various regions use different ways for the Becoming Process that fit their circumstances when more than one person is involved.

LOOKING FORWARD: OPPORTUNITIES AND NEEDS

We are abundantly blessed with the various cultures and traditions that are a part of the community from various demographics within the community, cultural backgrounds, and religious traditions. This reality deeply enriches us and reveals God to us in deeper and sometimes new dimensions. The fact of this diversity invites us to

deeper respect and patience with its complexity. We need to keep the essence of the community and at the same time expand its expression in keeping with the world wide cultures that we are a part of.

Among the areas of reflection is what does it mean to be financially independent while being open to assisting others in their need. How do we do this in such a way that there is not an expectation that others will regularly meet our financial needs? This does not have an easy answer.

Another area is the becoming process. How is it flexible and diverse and yet has the key elements of the community presented and stressed while still being sensitive to the various cultures. In light of this we still need to develop a committee to review the power points that were developed so that they can be even more useful and accurate tools.

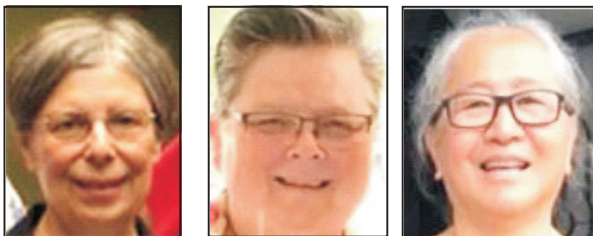
One more area is how to be more connected locally and globally with all the tools that are available and yet not available to all.

All of this asks us to respect deeply our difference of opinion and be open to be enriched by this variety. We are called 'that all may be one' reflecting the profound diversity of God in unity and Trinity guided by the Spirit.

FINANCE
ICC FINANCIAL REPORT JULY 2022-JUNE 2023

INCOME	
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$1439.20
ICC SERVICE ROLE FEES	\$ 640.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$2079.20

EXPENSES	
POSTAGE	\$ 231.44
MAILING SUPPLIES/INK	\$ 165.95
ICC TEAM MEETINGS	\$ 800.00
MASS STIPENDS	\$ 100.00
MAINTENANCE FEE	\$ 12.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1309.39
ENDING BALANCE	\$ 769.81



Submitted by ICC Team:
 Carmen Gillick, Denise Ware, Virgie Azcueta

Happy Celebrations of **Thanks & Giving** in the Light of Spiritual Harvest to one and all! "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thes. 5:18)
 "I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth."(Ps. 34:1)



SFCC Special Document Collection: Avila University

During April, I was contacted by Dr Carol Coburn, director of Archives and research center at Avila University to tell me that their archives is now closed. During 2022 Avila hired a new president who announced that he was discontinuing the university's focus on liberal arts and research. By mid 2023 he closed the archives and research center. The university archivist was dismissed and the director, Dr Carol Coburn retired. She remains in the area and continues to have access to the archives. The archives and research center, however, are permanently closed to all researchers, including members of SFCC. Only the SFCC archivist may have access and then only with authorization from Dr Coburn.



Dr Coburn connected me with the archivist at Marquette University (Jesuit), Amy Cary, who has expressed interest in the SFCC Collection. Marquette houses the most complete post Vatican II activist collection in North America: NCAN, Sister Formation, Selma (US Civil Rights Movement), Federal Bureau of Indian Affairs, National Catholic Conference on Racial Justice (NCCIJ), Ritamary Bradley Papers, Annette Walters Papers. Marquette believes SFCC is a good fit with their existing collection. The archivist hopes that I will add more documents and materials.

I have been in conversation with Dr Coburn, who assures me that our SFCC documents and materials remain safe and secure into the immediate future. She does recommend, however, that we move our collection to another archive center.

The move is in the earliest stages. The archivist must take the proposal to the university President and to the board of directors. The Director of Research and university library will also be consulted. Then negotiations begin and legal documents signed. It takes time and I promise to post updates here and in the coming issues of the ATA. - **Submitted by Fran Campbell**



WEBSITE REPORT

Report will address:
finances, contact box ,
current problems,
solutions and the cost of

the solution.
FINANCES

	A	B	C	D
1	WEBSITE		7/2022 to 7/2023	
2				
3	Balance forward from 7/2021			481.00
4	ATA distribution 7/2022			1863.00
5	ATA distribution 2/2023			384.00
6	ATA distribution 6/2023			18.00
7		total budget		2746.00
8				
9	Expenditures			
10		contact box		72.00
11		domain fee		70.00
12		bandwidth		275.00
13		WIX site update		500.00
14		total expenditures		917.00
15				
16	Balance forward			1829.00
17				

CONTACT BOX

There were a total of 281 messages submitted to the contact box. They fall into these categories : Request for contact: 125 (30 entered the Becoming Process as ne Inquirers). All requests for contact are forwarded to the nearest RCC

Prayer Request: 28 , Find an SFCC: 15 , Solicitation of money from SFCC: 10, People voicing support of the SFCC mission and vision: 32, phishing scam: 17, questions from SFCC members: 14, contact Madonna Buder: 28 and 12 other general messages.

Current Problems: Bandwidth (space) is too small Design tools inadequate: unable to create fresh pages **Directory:** unable to add new affirmed members Gallery: unable to add current region photos Media: unable to implement media tools such as You Tube or Zoom Solution Move to accommodating web host Secure unlimited bandwidth Redesign on updated platform, Word Press Hire professional designer and learn from the designer hands-on to ensure that SFCC web team is able to maintain and update new website into the future.

Cost of the Solution

Professional designer	\$5000
Current website balance	\$1829
Need:	\$5000

ATA Reserve fund gift Requires consensus approval
Submitted by Fran Campbell



Distributions from the ATA

SFCC ARCHIVES AFRICA 2023		
BALANCE FORWARD		0
INCOME		
Service fee distribution		
	KSH	USD
3/17/2023	117561.21	850.00
3/20/2023	253122.41	1700.00
TOTAL BUDGET	352683.61	2550.00

Monthly internet fee

EXPENDITURES			
DATE	CATEGORY	AMOUNT	
	Internet	KSH	USD
	January	5000/-	36.15
	February	5000/	36.51
	March	5000/-	36.51
	April	5000/-	36.51
	May	5000/-	36.51
	June	5000/-	36.51
	July	5000/-	36.51
	Internet Total	35000	255.21

Miscellaneous expenditures

Miscellaneous Expe.	KSH	USD
Filling Cabinet	23,995/-	173.51
Ant-virus	1,500/-	10.85
Printer Ink	1200/-	8.68
photocopy Paper	800/-	5.78
suspension files	900/-	6.51
Name markers	600/-	4.34
Office glue	70/-	0.51
white eraser	50/-	0.36
Embossed paper	1000/-	7.23
Total Misc Expenses	31195/-	217.77
	KSH	USD
Combined total	66,195	473.34
Balance Forward	286,488.61	2,077.02

Submitted by Marta Nyaga



NEW ARCHIVIST

Isabelita (Bing) Bulala of the Calungsod Region, Philippines began her service as a member of the Archivist Team 1 September 2023.

Bing will serve the archival needs of the Asia geographic area: Australia, India, New Zealand and The Philippines.

She joins the other archivists: Marta Nyaga (Africa), Carmen Notario (Europe, UK and Ireland), and Karol Jackowski (North America: Canada, Central America, Mexico and the US). As Bing assumes the responsibilities of this service role, we thank Rosa Ocampo (Manila Region) for her work as the Asia archivist over the past year.

Submitted by Fran Campbell

**BUSINESS SESSION
COLLEGIAL PROCESS REPORT**

The Business Meeting was facilitated by Roberta Kardell with Alma O'Brien acting as recorder and Carmen Gillick as timekeeper. Roberta gave the initial presentation of the collegial process. Before beginning the clarification of the proposals/recommendations, Fran Campbell explained the need for funding an upgrade of the SFCC website. The community approved gifting \$5000 from the ATA reserve to do so.

Fran also addressed the current changes at Avila University. The archivist at Avila has been dismissed and the university is no longer a center for research. Therefore, negotiations are underway to move SFCC archives to Marquette University in Wisconsin.

At the beginning of eac session Roberta reviewed the steps of the collegial process. Results of the consensus session are as follows:

Proposal I: Communication Coordinators (Networking) (Submitted by the Florida Region, clarified by Mary Steves).

We propose, with modifications from the Assembly floor if any, **that we initiate a new role of National Communications Coordinator in**

locations as appropriate or needed to optimize communication and support connections in community.

Proposal was withdrawn by the Florida Region.

Proposal 2: Process for Fostering Global Community (Submitted and clarified by Roz Frampton).

I propose, with modifications from the Assembly floor if any, **that regions link up with regions in other continents at least once each year to build global community and that an organizational system be designed to foster this linkage.**

The proposal was modified as follows so that it became a recommendation:

In order to facilitate understanding of our cultural diversity and fulfillment of our charism, “That all may be one,” regions are encouraged to communicate globally with other regions at times to be determined by each region.

Consensus: The modification was affirmed.

Recommendation I: Communication Sources (Submitted by the Florida region and clarified by Mary Steves).

We recommend, with modifications from the Assembly floor if any, **that there be one dedicated communication site dedicated to sharing SFCC updates so that every SFCC has access and the ability to remain informed on community happenings, process, and other pertinent information about developments within and/or affecting SFCC.**

Consensus: Not affirmed.

Recommendation 2: Website Restructuring (Submitted and clarified by Roz Frampton).

I recommend, with modifications from the Assembly floor if any, **that the website be the one central media source for key information and be updated to allow for various types of**

software to be uploaded such as PowerPoint presentations and while centrally maintained, named people should be enabled to upload information to specific areas of the website, relevant to their country or agreed areas of focus. I further recommend that the first of February, June, and October be identified as times for regions to check the accuracy of website data and to provide updates where required. The ATA should be placed on this website for the majority, and just continue to be sent out, as now, to those who cannot access the website.

Consensus: Not affirmed.

Recommendation 3: ICC Responsibilities (Submitted and clarified by Roz Frampton).

I recommend, with modifications from the Assembly floor if any, **that the ICCs divide responsibilities across continents, rather than by continents.**

Consensus: Not affirmed.

Evaluator's Report: Appears elsewhere in this ATA.

A new ICC Team was not affirmed. The five sisters who offered to serve in the ICC role will continue their discernment and reach a decision by November 2023. If no team results, then the process will be initiated anew with names submitted by the February-March 2024 ATA and a new team will be affirmed at the 2024 Assembly. There would then be no transition year.

The following service roles were affirmed:

ATA Team: Margaret Gonsalves, Carmela Chetcuti, Mary Rose Accetturo

Archivists: Africa-Marta Nyaga, Asia-TBA, Europe-Carmen Notario, Americas-Karol Jackowski.

Website Team: Fran Campbell, Rose Miles.

Assembly 2024 will be held in Jacksonville, Florida, USA from August 14 - 18, 2024.

Assembly Team: Mary Rose Accetturo, Rita Yeasted and Denise Ware.



There was discussion concerning the 2025 assembly in the Philippines, either at the retreat center or the Midas Hotel in Manila. Strong Wi-Fi connection must be considered. Dates and its impact on future Assemblies will be resolved at the 2024 Assembly.

Submitted by Roberta Kardell/Alma O'Brien

ADDENDUM TO COLLEGIAL PROCESS REPORT

The five sisters who had offered to serve in the role of ICC (see Feb.-Mar. ATA) were unable to come to consensus during the Assembly. Continuing our discernment in the days following, one team stepped aside. One member of the remaining team stepped aside to continue her service as archivist, and another sister from Africa was called forth. According to tradition and affirmed process, the new ICC Team will begin the work of transition with the current team, and will be affirmed at the next Assembly in July 2024.

The new ICC Team: Bernadette Mendez (Philippines), Mary Balogun (Africa) and Kass Collins (USA).



THANKS to everyone who prayed us to this point. Please continue to pray for us as we grow into this service role.

Submitted by Kass Collins

ATA ANNUAL REPORT

2022 – 2023

Revenue

Forwarded from 2022	\$ 12310.06
ATA Subscriptions	2365.00
Service roles: ICC	670.00
Archives	938.00
Website	402.00
Donations	1795.26

Net Deposits \$ 18480.32

Expenditures

ATA Service Roles:	3449.56
ICC	670.00
Archives	938.00
Website	402.00

Total Expenditures \$ 459.56

Net Balance Forward \$13020.76

Total ATA Subscriptions	136
Domestic Hard	73
International Hard	7
Email subscriptions	48 (38%)
Total copies sent	128
Shared	8
Total International emails	119 (60%)

	Printing	Tax	Total
ATA	\$2321.00	+\$142.57	= \$ 2463.57
	Mailing		\$ 985.99

**Directory Update: Fall 2023
Contact Changes: ATA**

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Submitted by the ATA Team:
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Regional Reports



Minutes of Namaste and Maranatha Regions

On July 29th, the Maranatha Region met at Avalon Manor in Waukesha.

Present were Judith Smith, Roberta Zelhofer, Rosella Reinwand, Julie Krueger, Darlene Kanera, and Deb Murphy. Elaine Beluschak and Betty Bradley were excused but with us in Spirit.

Our meeting opened with prayer centered on listening and serving. It became a special meeting as we were blessed to welcome Sr. Judith Smith into our region.

Sisters Judith and Deb did an excellent job of presenting highlights of the Assembly in Kenya. We all received copies of Fran Campbell's paper on the SFCC beginnings, an excellent and exciting history of Lilliana's vision for a new and dynamic religious community. We will continue to discuss the spiritual history of SFCC at our next meeting.

From Frans' paper, we moved to Priscilla Kyarisiima's presentation on the dream of SFCC, "They all may be One". Included were stories of great men and women who lived this dream in their communities.

Next, we discussed Magda Bennasar and Carmen Notarios's presentation on our prophetic calling and pondered how we might find what we need to touch to heal the bleeding in our own lives and become whole.

The last speaker we referenced was Francesca Ezeokonkivo who asked "What gets in the way of our unity? How do we get rid of material blocks in looking for essentials that unite us?"

Each speaker had valuable information that we could only begin to touch on.

Business topics we discussed included the approval of \$5,000 for the website design. We were grateful to hear that the ATA Team had been affirmed. And we agreed to lift up in prayer the individuals who are considering the role of ICC. We also discussed the difference between recommendation and proposal.

We look forward to hearing more about the moving of the archives from their present location to the possibility of being housed in Milwaukee at Marquette University.

We closed our meeting with prayer, singing "Go and Make a Difference". Our next meeting will be in October. We hope to continue to use materials from the Assembly in our discussion.

Submitted by Darlene Kanera and Deb Murphy



It has been four long years, but on May 13, 2023, we all had a chance to physically see each other since the pandemic. Lots of hugs and lots of sharing once we all had a chance to sit down!

Before our meeting started we thanked Elizabeth Miller for organizing the date, location, as well as the time for our meeting. We also thanked Mary Ann Wachtel, who is a resident at Veronica House at the Sarah Community in Saint Louis, Missouri for organizing the meeting room as well as other accommodations in order to enhance a comfortable meeting.

Sisters who attended the meeting were: Darlene Boyd, Colleen Calhoun, Pearl Johnson, Cecelia Ann Loomer, Laurinda Mayer, Joann Mazzocchio (as guest), Elizabeth Miller, and

Mary Ann Wachtel. Carol Baltosiewich was not physically able to attend the meeting but did correspond by phone during the meeting. Both Joann Kuchler and Linda Cox did not attend the meeting.

Once our meeting began, Mary Ann led us in a prayer service. We all participated in a prayer titled: "The Star In My Heart" by Joyce Rupp.

Since Elizabeth so graciously organized the meeting she also acted as our facilitator as well. The agenda had several key points in our discussion and they were: Joann Mazzocchio asking to re-enter into the Community, and why she left and why she wanted to return. Mary Ann contacted the ICC Members who stated since she was only out of the Community for just a brief time; she would only have go through the Beginning Process which would be six to nine months. Mary Ann suggested that within a year Joann should wait till next April or May to make her final Commitment, and Joann as well others who attended our meeting agreed.

Another key point discussed during the meeting was the use of technology. Many of us are not real keen on using technology unless it is necessary. Using and understanding how to use Zoom and its' benefits was discussed since our next Assembly is in Nairobi, Kenya.

The next item on the agenda was welcoming our newest Midwest Region member Laurinda Mayer long time member of SFCC and recently retired from her mission in Honduras. Laurinda gave us a wonderful biography, as well as her missionary call to the vast country of the Honduras, as well as coming back to her roots to in Saint Louis, Missouri.

The last item which we discussed was a date to meet again and the location. Everyone checked their calendars, and the consensus was to meet physically in October at the same location (Veronica House). There will also be a follow-up concerning Joann's journey back to the SFCC's. Before the meeting was adjourned, pictures were then taken of all the attendees.

Please Note: On June 2, 2023, Sister Linda Cox

died of complications after having open heart surgery. There was a Celebration of Life Mass at Saint Anthony of Padua Church in Sister Linda's honor on July 15th (four days later which would have been Sister Linda's 67th birthday).

Sister Linda selflessly donated her body to Saint Louis University Center for Anatomical Science and Education. Please keep Sister Linda and the rest of Midwest Region in your prayers.

Submitted by: Joann Mazzocchio



Midwest Region: seated from the left: Colleen Calhoun, Mary Ann Wachtel, Elizabeth Miller, Joann Mazzocchio (guest), and Laurinda Mayer, Standing from left Pearl Johnson, Darlene Boyd, Cecelia Ann Loomer,



Our Region meets by zoom the first Friday of each month starting with June 2nd Our members are Sister's Carmen Gillick, Patsy Guyton, Fran Smith, Rachel Richards, Sally Soules and Mary Jo Meadows. We are happy to add Sally Souls and Mary Jo Meadows to our region.

We meet at 7p.m. We each take a turn beginning the sessions with an opening prayer, then share what has happened in our lives recently. Where have we felt God's presence in our life? Carmen says that when she is swimming in the lake at her mother's home it is very peaceful, plus she is accompanied by two swans. In June we discussed Carmen's preparations for the assembly in Africa and how she felt. She returned with a touch of covid. Now many of you know with zoom we can't go out even for dinner because of our distance from each other. This way we ask each other more personal questions and as if we were

there with her. For example, with Fran living in Mexico, we are very concerned about the cartel. She also has people helping her with food. She teaches English in return.

Patsy attended a beautiful retreat with our own Odessa as speaker. She is also sharing God with her neighbors. Mary Jo shared about the death of a child and a book she has published called *A real God for today*. Sally was not feeling great that day and didn't zoom. I myself have been dealing with my sister Kathy who has a bad case of lupus.

We also lost Kathleen Terlau and Marie Seaman who were a big part of our region. It was only a month apart. None of us were able to go to their homegoing, but we were able to watch it by virtual. Fran shared a book called *400 Souls*. Carmen is reading the theology of God.

It was after this that MaryJo and Sally Soules inquired about joining us. God has been present in our lives in many ways. He saw that we were getting low and gave us two more apostles. Oh yes, we ask about books that each has read. We end each of our gatherings with prayer.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

The region members met August 12 by zoom and again September 17. Members are pictured here from top left:



Virgie Azcueta (Kenya), Nona Barairo (north central California), Fran Campbell (southern California) and Mary Villanueva (northern California). Fran was not present for the August 12 meeting.

Nona recently retired from music and catechetical ministry in St Augustine Parish, San Francisco. She now lives with her brother and his family in central California (Stockton). She Has an invitation to work as a part time catechetics consultant in the San Francisco archdiocese.

Mary is retired and ministers as a volunteer in the liturgical ministries at a parish in

San Jose, California. It is mostly a Mexican parish and she enjoys being immersed in their language and culture.

Virgie is in the process of permanently relocating to Nairobi, Kenya where she is a member of the SFCC Emmanuel Region. Virgie is trying to secure a missionary visa in Kenya. She continues her assistance with the Becoming Process programs in the Philippines, Kenya, Tanzania and Zambia.

Time together September 17 was spent reflecting on discussion questions supplied by Virgie that were directly related to the synod. The questions focused primarily on ways we were or were not generating justice and inclusivity among all people within the Church.

We reflected from the perspective of culture, language, and economics, as well as ecclesiastical and political polarizations. We explored ways each of us could walk with others in unconditional love, walk WITH them instead of talk ABOUT or AT them in a way that generates a sense of mutual belonging and community between groups within parishes, as well as between entire parishes that often feel estranged from each other.

And, finally, we addressed the synodal issue of speaking in a prophetic voice to expose what is evil without further fragmenting local faith communities: how can we deal honestly with what divides us?

Submitted by Nona Barairo, RCC



SOUTH NIGERIA REGION



Region members met via Zoom 17 September. Present were: Gert Bassey, Mary Balogun, Teresa Maiyamma, Onemena Oghenejode, Affiliates: Stella Chibuoke, Pauline Famiyro, Bernadette Sampson and Inquirer Nneka Okoro. Fran Campbell was present as a guest.

Gert Bassey led the opening prayer and introduces topics of discussion, which included expectations in accepting candidates to an inquiry stage. Based on a series of problems, it was suggested that the region require an official letter of dismissal from previous community, as well as a thorough investigation of potential Inquirers. However, Fran pointed out that, although SFCC does not normally request a dismissal letter it is personal to the Inquirer, the South Nigeria Region does need to put a temporary system in place. Fran also noted that SFCC welcomes everyone to the Becoming Process; but filters out those who bring serious problems to both the local SFCC region and to the SFCC global membership. In closing, Fran reminded the region that no one in the Becoming Process is guaranteed to be affirmed. It was decided to form a small committee to recommend initial interview options, which will be discussed by the region members at our next meeting.

We discussed attendance at the monthly Becoming Process zoom sessions. Those in the Becoming Process are required to participate in each session to follow up with their mentor. Affirmed are strongly encouraged to continue to attend the sessions in order to learn more details about SFCC, as well as prepare to serve as mentors in the near future. The sessions for 2023 are ended. 2024 will begin in January.

As a means of nurturing open spiritual reflection, we decided to use our region WhatsApp chat to post a scripture quote once a

week, asking each to post a brief reflection about it. Gert will be responsible to select the quotes.

Fran explained the concepts of both geographic and intentional regions and the process of how each are created in SFCC. She stressed that it is important that SFCC develop a positive reputation within the local dioceses, parishes, as well as among our co-workers. We must be genuine and authentic to our vows and to the SFCC mission and vision at all times.

We closed with a prayer led by Gert.

Following the meeting, the affirmed members held a discernment session during which it was the consensus for Nneka to move into the Affiliate Stage and for Bernadette Sampson to be affirmed. The ceremonies will take place at the region gathering in December. It was also the consensus that Stella Chibuoke begins an in-depth study of the evangelical vows as understood by SFCC. A discernment session will be convened in early December regarding her possible affirmation later that same month.

Agenda for the Meeting were:

1. Monthly Contribution
2. Region expectations in relation to the admittance of candidates into the inquiry stage
3. Becoming Process Monthly Meeting
4. Daily Reflection

Submitted by Gert Bassey, RCC (South Nigeria Region).





WEB REGION



Seventeen sisters from WEB and two sisters from other regions gathered via Zoom on Saturday, August 19, to share their experiences of the recent Assembly in Nairobi, Kenya. Some sisters had attended the Assembly in person, others had attended virtually. Besides the difficulty with the sound experienced by the virtual participants, there was regret that they were unable to meet and communicate with the sisters in the conference room and to hear the music in the liturgies.

The sisters who were present in Nairobi shared their own difficulty in communicating because of the language barrier. All the sisters present spoke English but with their own country's accent. The question was posed as to how we get to know the sisters from other cultures and overcome the language barrier as we become more global? It was suggested that we need to listen with a new set of ears, fully attentive and

focused; we normally tend to listen to others casually. We were asked to further ponder these questions.

The other issue the community might address is always having the Assembly in July when air fares are at their highest? Formerly, most of the sisters were teachers and July was free time but, for most sisters, this is no longer the case.

On September 16 nineteen sisters were present for a Zoom session. The session was hosted by Mary Jo Meadow who enabled closed captioning for those who preferred to use it. After a time of reconnecting with one another and a prayerful reading from a section of the article on the Eucharist published in the NCR, the sisters shared their thoughts on the three-year Eucharistic Revival occurring in the Catholic Church.

Personal devotion to the Eucharist through liturgy and quiet adoration was contrasted to the contemplation of the cosmic Christ broken and poured out in the suffering of all creation. Jesus gave us the Eucharist that we may live His Life, follow Him in His Loving and in death and resurrection. Space in this article does not permit recording the entire richness of the discussion; the insights of the sisters who shared gave us much to ponder. *-Submitted by Alma O'Brien*



MA RI NY CT REGION



Dear sisters and friends of the SFCC,
Thank you for being there for us at any time there be, "Good News" to share or "grieving to console." It is unusual that one of us would die without us knowing it, till it is too late to be there to console or to grieve--
- However, still we are grateful for Birthdays that keep us in touch--- the only way that brings us together in thought, mind, and prayer. However, this time, and sadly, Sr Ignazia Bunuan did not reach her 92 Birthday, as we have learned from her Sister Jose Bunuan who told us that her sister, Sr Ignazia Bunuan, SFCC, whom we've tried to reach on June

17th to wish her A "Happy Birthday", had died two month earlier of a massive heart attack on April 17th 2023 at her home in West Roxbury, Ma. That Funeral Mass and Burials were performed at Saint Teresa of Avila Parish, West Roxbury, MA., where Sr. I Ignazia had ministered, laboured and worshiped God since her arrival in the United States, on her Immigration Day coming from the Philippines.

Sr Maria Ignazia Bunuan, SFCC, died of massive heart attack, at the age of 91 on April 17, 2023 at the age of 91— at her sister's Home in West Roxbury, MA

PS: Sr Maria Ignazia Bunuan, have written her journey to the USA, and sent it to the ATA. You may find it in the SFCC Archives. A very interesting story. May the soul of our dear Sr Maria Ignazia Bunuan rest in peace! (Affectionately known and called: "Sr Igghie") Thank you!

Submitted by Marie-Paul Jaston,



Thea Bowman Region, Nigeria

It was a joyful occasion for Sisters Dorothy Sokwo, Rose Bako, Gloria Agada, Francesca Ezeokonkwo, and Affiliate Lucy Agwom, who met for the first time on Sunday, Sept. 3 via Zoom. The

meeting began with an opening prayer led by Sr. Francesca Ezeokonkwo. After prayerful reflection and deliberation, the sisters chose Thea Bowman as the name for the newly formed Region and St. Catherine of Siena as the patron saint. Inspired by the life of Sister Thea Bowman, St. Catherine, and the SFCC's lifestyle, the Sisters are challenged and committed to being a "voice for the voiceless."

The sisters expressed appreciation and joy to Sr. Rose Bako for accepting the challenge and responsibility as the RCC for the Region. Other issues we discussed included strategies for strengthening our spiritual/religious

commitments, the modality of accepting new members, the Becoming Process, and mentoring new members.



The sisters also shared their status updates. Sr. Rose shared an update about the progress of the GATA Orphanage Home - a Home founded on August 31, 2022, in Akwanga, Nigeria, by Sr Rose Bako, SFCC. The home provides shelter, hope, and a future for children while imbibing values such as social values of respect, honesty, and kindness to help them lay a good foundation for successful adult life. The Orphanage Home celebrated its first anniversary on August 31, 2023, and made it to the State and local News channels. The Sisters thanked Srs Gloria and Lucy for attending the event and representing the Region.

Submitted by Rose Bako, RCC



EAGLE REGION

Wisconsin

On a beautiful Autumn day , Sep 14, 2023, Carol Marquis, R.C. and Jean Schuster drove to one of Madison's newer churches. It was actually built by Jean's cousin, Monsignor Wilfred Schuster who resided at St. Maria Goretti for 25 years. The Relic: the actual arm bone of Apostle Jude Thaddeus was on display to be venerated and touched through in a glass case. One could touch rosaries or objects to the case making them third class relics. Each person had ten seconds to pray and venerate asking for St. Jude's intercession. It was an all-day event 1pm to 10 pm. Bishop Hying's Mass (200 attended) and also all-day

confessions offered. We prayed for you, our sisters, and for God's global blessing. St. Jude, as Apostle, knew 1st hand of his cousin Jesus' love, care and instruction. Jude travelled globally and died a martyr's death.

Later we enjoyed fabulous hamburgers. All of Madison diocese is undergoing restructuring and we ask for your prayers for a smooth transition starting in Advent. The new Cathedral will be at St. Bernard Church. An arson burnt St. Raphael's Cathedral in 2005, so almost 20 years have passed with no Cathedral. In closing, we look forward to assembly highlights. Regards to all Carol Marquis R.C.

- Submitted by- Jean Schuster



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Sr. Margaret Gonsalves



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INQUIRER

Submitted by the SFCC Africa Archivist.



Pauline Wambui Thome
 St. Rita Region-Kenya
 Born on 30/10/1987-Thika.
 Pauline Thome has 4 siblings.
 Her mother is Augusta Nungari
 and her father is Patrick Thome
 both are farmers.

Pauline Thome joined the Dominican missionary sisters of the sacred heart of Jesus and after 7 years as a junior sister she left the congregation because she felt she was treated unjustly despite of her loves and service to God through the Congregation.

Pauline Thome guiding principles in life are being there for others, Radiating God's love and hope to all and standing for what is true and right.

Pauline Thome holds a bachelor's degree in Education and Certificate in peer counselling. She is currently teaching at Huruma mixed secondary school Nairobi.

Pauline Thome was attracted to SFCC by the way the evangelical vows are interpreted.



Jescah Andabwa
 St. Rita Region-Kenya
 Born on 7th/11/1994 Kakamega
 Jescah Andabwa joined
 Franciscan sisters of
 Immaculate and served the
 community for two months after

profession. She left the congregation because of tribalism and jealousy despite of her desire to continue to serve God.

Jescah Andabwa guiding principles in life are being there for others and hardworking.

Jescah Andabwa holds a certificate of secondary school and currently working as a instructor at Divine mercy Ukwala Training Institute.

Jescah Andabwa was attracted to SFCC by the way sfcc serve with freedom .



Caroline Achimba
 Emmanuel Region-Kenya
 Born on 14/11/1969-Kisumu.
 Caroline Achimba joined
 Franciscan sisters of St. Joseph
 Asumbi. She left congregation
 as a junior sister because she

was not able to meet the community life demands despite of her loves and service to God through the Congregation.

Caroline Achimba guiding principles in life is working hard with determination and not giving up in life despite of the daily challenges.

Caroline Achimba holds a Certificate in counselling psychology and nursing. She is currently working at Yala Sub-County Hospital – Siaya County.

Caroline Achimba was attracted to SFCC by the way the evangelical vows are interpreted.



Chibuoke Ifeyinwa stella
 Nigeria Region
 Born on 1/7/1955 Nigeria
 Chibuoke Ifeyinwa Stella has
 10 siblings. Her mother is
 Justina Oduagu Chibuoke,

counsellor by profession and her father is Jonathan Ibekwe civil servant with Nigerian railway cooperations.

Chibuoke Ifeyinwa Stella joined the congregation of Handmaids of the Holy Child Jesus and after 45 years of profession she left the congregation because of misunderstanding in the congregation. Chibuoke Ifeyinwa Stella guiding principles in life prayers, all is grace and trust in divine providence.

Chibuoke Ifeyinwa Stella holds Certificates in nursing and physiotherapist.

Chibuoke Ifeyinwa Stella was attracted to SFCC by the practice of the evangelical counsel and the maturity to live one's self gift to God.



GRACE TUMUHIMBISE
UGANDA REGION

*Born 30/4/1969 in Kabale
Grace has 9 siblings.*

Grace joined the Evangelizing sisters of Mary in 1986 and in 2014, she left the congregation because of her personal conflict with her superior General.

Grace guiding principles in life are; Love of God and neighbors, respect of life, patience, understanding, humility among others.

Grace holds a Bachelor's degree in education majoring in History and CRE

Currently working as Self-employed.



Elizabeth Mafura

Dar es salaam Region-Tanzania

She was born in Bungoma county in Kenya. And she has 6 siblings.

Elizabeth Mafura joined a Congregation which she left after 7 years as a junior sister because she had asked permission to go and take care of her sick mother.

Elizabeth Mafura guiding principles in life are being focused in life and being guided by prayer.

Elizabeth Mafura is currently working as a teacher.

**Congratulations Dear Sisters
Welcome to SFCC**



Olive D'Souza
India Region

Olive holds a degree in nursing and is currently a nursing supervisor. She is also a coordinator for prison

ministry.

Rexilla Raymond
India Region

Rexilla is a Senior Staff nurse who ministers in palliative care. She is also active in midwifery. resides in Mumbai.



Olive and Rexilla attended the International Assembly in Nairobi, Kenya, where they were affirmed by all present. - Submitted by Fran Campbell



Sr. Margaret Aringo,
St. Rita Region



Sr. Felister Makewa,
St. Bhakita Region



Sr. Tabitha Kariuki
St. Bhakita Region.

SFCC Kenya welcomed three new affirmed sisters at the international assembly Nairobi, Kenya on July 16th 2023 - Submitted by Marta Nyaga



Obituary



Barbara Rice
LIFE 1942-2023
SFCC 1975-2023

Barbara Rice, a founding member of the Northern Lights Region in Alberta, Canada, departed this life on June 27, 2023, surrounded by loved ones. A former member of the Ursulines in France (where she spent her Novitiate), Barbara and other Ursulines met Fran

University where they were part of an international community, spending three summers earning a MA in Theology. Fran recalls how “they all joined SFCC within a year, and we all went to the Annual Assembly in Portland the following summer. They met Lillanna for the first

time there.” In 1980, Barbara also earned a MA in Theology and Early Church Philosophy from Toronto University, and devoted her life to the work of religious education.

As a founding member of the Northern Lights Region with Fern Benz, Violet Kroetsh, and Elaine Patsula, Barbara also facilitated two Annual Assemblies in Calgary in 1981 and 2012 and served on the ATA Team from 1984-1986. Barbara is remembered as one of our founders as she lived with Lillanna during her time in Seattle, embodying the SFCC Spirit. Barbara remains an angel at the side of all in SFCC, especially those who were given the gift of knowing and loving her in this life.

Submitted by Karol Jackowski, Archives



Maria Ignazia Bunuan
MARINYCT Region
LIFE: 1931-2023
SFCC: 1996-2023

On April 17, 2023 Maria Ignazia Bunuan, known in SFCC as “Iggie,” died of a massive heart attack while at home with her sister, Dr. Josefina Bunuan, in West Roxbury MA. For 39 years Iggie served as a Daughter of St. Paul in the Philippines, many years of which were spent at their Motherhouse in Rome

where she worked as a Licensed Interpreter, active in radio broadcasting for the Order, both in Italian and English. After 17 years at the Vatican, Iggie returned to family in Boston and worked as Liaison Officer for the City Councilor, active with the Filipino Apostolate of Boston and editor of “Lubus,” the Filipino Newsletter of New

England.

Iggie left the Daughters of St. Paul in 1988 and became an active member of SFCC, affirmed by the MARYINYC Region in 1996. Iggie lived her life spreading the Gospel through broadcasting, writing, prayer groups, and visiting the sick and elderly. Her work called her to missions in Italy, Germany, England, Ireland, Korea, Japan, China, Mexico, Colombia, Brazil, and Portugal. She also published two books: “A Gentle Woman, Mary to Filipinos,” and “Lord, Make me an Instrument of Your Peace.” The richness of her life throughout the world is honored and remembered by all those whose lives she touched, especially in SFCC by those who treasure the gift of knowing and loving her. We're all given the graceful gift now of living with her in spirit. **Submitted** by Karol Jackowski, Archives



Erlinda Lanigao
LIFE 1952-2023
SFCC 1999-2023

Calungsod Region, Philippines Erlinda filled every room she entered with energy and enthusiasm. She exuded the same energy for SFCC. There is no doubt that her SFCC

region, Calungsod, will always feel both her

energy and her absence.

Born in 1952, Erlinda entered the Oblates of Notre Daem (OND). She earned a Masters of Arts in Educational Management. Erlinda was with the OND community for 27 years ministering as a teacher. She left the ONDs in September of 1989. For the next 10 years she ministered in at the BEC Center in Naval, Biliran, Philippines.

During August, Erlinda died of cancer in the place of her mission in Naval, Biliran Province. After



Sister Linda K. Cox

Sister Linda Kay Cox, a loving and generous soul, was born on July 11, 1956, in Rolla, Missouri. She passed away at the age of 66 on June 2, 2023, in St. Louis, Missouri. Sister Linda was known for her faith-filled life and unwavering kindness, always putting others before herself.

Sister Linda graduated from Bland High School and went on to become a nurse's assistant at St. Mary's Hospital in Jefferson City, MO. Her passion for caregiving extended beyond her professional life, as she also ministered in Home Health Care. Sister Linda's compassionate nature and desire to help others led her to join the Religious community of Sisters for Christian Community in 1983, where she served as a devoted member until her death.

In addition to her work in healthcare, Sister Linda was employed at St. Joan of Arc School in St. Louis, MO, where she cared for and educated children aged 3 to 5 in the daycare program. Her gentle and nurturing spirit made her a beloved figure in the lives of the young children she worked with.

With a heart full of love and generosity, Sister Linda's interests were centered around her relationships with others. Sister Linda's generous

nature and warm heart made her a cherished friend to many. Sister Linda was always up for indulging in chocolate chip cookies, brownies, or even a "Big Mac." Her presence brought joy to those around her, and her laughter was infectious. Linda's life was enriched by the precious friends she made throughout her journey.

In celebration of Sister Linda Kay Cox's life, let us remember her as an embodiment of love, generosity, and faith. May her spirit continue to inspire and guide us, and may her memory be a reminder of the power of kindness and compassion.

Linda is survived by her mother, Evelyn (Woemmel) Schalk of Bland, Missouri; three brothers, David Daniels and wife Rhonda, Jimmy Daniels, and Jack Daniels, all of Bland, Missouri; two nephews, David Daniels and his wife Cori of Bland, MO, and Adam Daniels and his wife Ashley of Owensville, MO; great nieces; Emma, Bella, and Bree all of Owensville, MO, and Alison and Camri of Bland, MO, other relatives, and a multitude of friends who will dearly miss her.

Sister Joann Kuchler.

Online condolences may be shared with Sister Linda's family at www.eatonfuneralhome.com



Letter From Jeana Bodart :

Thank you, dear sisters, for all your loving support and prayers these past couple years as my body and mind were clearly dying. For some reason, the Lord suddenly changed the course of my decline, to everyone's surprise (Hospice, nursing home, family, friends, and myself). In May 2023 the changes started happening day by day. I'm now in Assisted Living doing very well. Just wanted to thank you and share this amazing news. My new address and email are:

Jeana Bodart

Kingston Residence #206, 7515 Winchester Road
Fort Wayne, IN 46819, (Phone will come later.)

jeanabodart@outlook.com

Prayer For:

As for Sr Dolores Bazin, SFCC, latest news, we've learned that she's been diagnosed with a severe "Dementia" which led her friend who compassionately took her to her home in New Hampshire to attend to her needs, (and this for six years, since 2017), to sadly, transfer her to: Saint Francis Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, 406 Court Street, Laconia, NH. 03246 Tel: 603-524-0466. We try to keep in touch with her friend, Ms Laurie Mc Daniels, for the latest while we keep holding them in our prayers. Thank you so very much, and please, be assured of our thought and prayers.

Submitted by Marie-Paul Jaston, RCC for the MARINYCT Region



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