

PROPOSAL

4th Vow of Individual Financial Responsibility is Not Needed

Any woman wishing to journey with us towards affirmation as a Sister For Christian Community, is introduced, by her mentor, to Our SFCC Profile. It states, “As self-supporting women, we are financially responsible for our personal needs and in the spirit of stewardship share responsibility for the common goals of the community.”

RATIONALE

- In *Sudden Spring (1983)*, Lillanna Kopp, SFCC writes: “Poverty In The New Emerging Communities, (using SFCC as a case example), ...Makes each sister personally responsible for her own education, work position, and payment for her own taxes, insurance, medical, living, travel, study, recreational, retirement, and burial...” A 4th Vow of Individual Financial Responsibility, is redundant and not needed.
- In *The SFCC Profile: Socio-Theological Perspective (1995)*, Anne Brotherton, SFCC, shares: “Again, as a contemporary community, SFCC’s experience an exhilarating—if sometimes frightening—new adulthood in assuming responsibility for our own material needs, an aspect of SFCC which enables us as never before, by actually sharing in, the challenges of ordinary people who must plan and pay for their own livelihood, their education, their healthcare, their retirement, their death and burial. Even their taxes! The insecurity is not easy for many of us, especially those who come from “total care: congregations, but it makes us “real” in a world where reality is harsh, indeed for so many of our brothers and sisters.” Individual Financial Responsibility is a given in our Profile.

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