

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2018 CHAPTER DIRECTIONAL STATEMENT [Updated 4/16/20]

Goal/Outcome Desired: Strengthen and expand intercultural living and respect for diversity.

<i>Action Steps</i>	<i>Responsibility</i>	<i>Completion Date</i>	<i>Current Status</i>
Intercultural Living for Mission is the theme of the Assembly	CPT		Completed
Leadership invited Sr. Katie Pierce, IHM for facilitation regarding Interculturality (IC).	Leadership	7/09/18, 8/29 to 8/31/18, 10/09/19	Completed
International Novitiate in St. Louis, Missouri	Leadership, Formation Teams		On-going
Mary in Catholicism and Islam Interfaith Gathering at VDM Chapel	Ruah staff; CCVIs	11/11/2018	Completed
Read Fr. Anthony Gittins, CSSp's book, <i>Living Interculturally for Mission</i> with handouts. Invite Fr. Gittins to give Interculturality workshop during the Assembly	All CCVIs	Assembly 2020	Workshop Cancelled
Identify good articles for both individuals and local communities	All CCVIs	Chapter 2022	Ongoing
Four CCVIs attended UISG Seminar in Rome, <i>Engaging our Diversity through Interculturality.</i>	Srs. Kevina, Ethel, Marisol, Helena	Jan 2019	Completed
The theme of the 2019 Fall ARC regional gatherings was interculturality. CCVIs who attended the UISG Interculturality Seminar in Rome in January 2019 gave presentations at each 2019 ARC regional gatherings and they continue to implement aspects of the seminar. They also sent a survey about IC to all CCVIs in March 2020	Srs. Kevina, Ethel, Marisol, Helena	Fall 2019 ARCs	Completed
CCVIs participated in <i>Weaving Cultures</i> in San Antonio, a two-year interculturality workshop by the Mexican American Catholic College (MACC)	Srs. Ricca, Joyce, Marilu	Sept 2020	(2019-2020) Ongoing
Webinar: <i>Leadership in Intercultural Communities: Skills Required, Challenges, Learnings</i> by UISG. (See Appendix A)	VDM CCVIs	01/22/20	Completed

ABBREVIATIONS: **ARISE** - A Resource In Serving Equality; **CFC** - Community Family Centers; **CLDP** – Collaborative Leadership Development Program; **CONFREGUA** - Conferencia de Religiosos de Guatemala; **CONFRES** - Conferencia de Religiosos y Religiosas de El Salvador; **CSFN** - Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth; **EECC** - East End Community Collaborative; **GCCM** - Global Catholic Climate Movement; **HRRC** - Houston Rescue and Restore Coalition; **LCWR** - Leadership Conference of Women Religious; **LHC** - Lovers of the Holy Cross; **RCRI** - The Resource Center for Religious Institutes; **SAC** – St. Austin Center; **SC** – Social Concerns; **UISG** - International Union of Superiors General

Goal/Outcome Desired: Explore new and enhance existing collaborative ministries and partnerships

Action Steps	Responsibility	Completion Date	Current Status
Existing collaboration and partnership arrangements: CHRISTUS Health, SCH, ARISE, CommonSpirit Health, St. Austin Center (SAC) co-ministers, Young Adult Ministry, etc.	CCVIs		Ongoing
East End Communities Collaborative (EECC) - alliance between the congregation, SER Jobs for Progress, El Centro de Corazon, Community Family Centers, United Methodist Church . We continue to seek more partners. CHRISTUS Foundation for Healthcare received Hogg Foundation grant in May 2019 for EECC. The grant aims to address pediatric mental health in the historically excluded population in the East End. (See Appendix B)	CCVIs, Social Concerns (SC), EECC Committee	2025	Ongoing
Collaboration between CCVI Houston with C.C.V.I. San Antonio schools and CHRISTUS Muguerza Hospitals in Mexico.	CCVIs (Houston, SA); Srs. Elfa, Martha Irene, Maria, Miriam		Ongoing
Collaboration with C.C.V.I. San Antonio on a bi-lingual school in Guatemala	Leadership and Collaborative School, Guatemala Committee	2022	In process
Collaboration with the Lovers of the Cross of Than-Hoa and Than-Hoa diocese in Vietnam to teach ESL	CCVIs, Vietnam Pilot Program Committee	2018, 2019	2020 cancelled
Board/Sponsorship Workshop	CCVIs (Houston, SA) and CFNS	Feb 26-27, 2019	Completed
2020 Ethics & Sponsorship Responsibility Tri-Council/Corporate Member Conference	Leadership with SA CCVI and CFNS	Jan 9-10, 2020	Completed
Three year Cohort Board/Sponsorship Program	CCVIs (Houston, SA) and CFNS		In process
Governance/Sponsorship Formation Program	CCVIs (Houston, SA) and CFNS; CHRISTUS	Jan – Dec 2020	On-going
International Collaboration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Talitha Kum through the U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking - Global Catholic Climate Movement (GCCM) 	CCVIs through SC		Ongoing
US Collaboration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NETWORK Advocacy - advocates for justice, inspired by Sisters - Houston Rescue and Restore Coalition (SC in the Advocacy and Research Committee and Steering Committee) 	CCVIs through SC		Ongoing

Carrigoran House engaging with the Franciscan Clarist Congregation, Alphonsa Province, Pala, Kerala, India	CCVIs, SCH		In Process
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Goal/Outcome Desired: Optimize discerning dialogue in relation to missioning.

<i>Action Steps</i>	<i>Responsibility</i>	<i>Completion Date</i>	<i>Current Status</i>
Publish the existing process for missioning	Leadership	11-14-18	Completed
Follow the existing process when missioning	CCVIs		Ongoing
Share congregational needs with the sisters when feasible	Leadership		Ongoing
Provide education on both individual and communal discernment	CCVIs		Ongoing
UISG Webinar: Everyday Discernment: Heeding God's Daily Invitations to Grow by Fr. Timothy M. Gallagher, OMV. (See Appendix C)	CCVIs	Nov. 2, 2018	Completed
Reflection Days on Discernment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kenya – Fr. Raphael Kitheka, Challenge in Religious Life Conference, 4/4/19 - CA – Fr. CJ Cabarrus, 10/08/19 - US – Fr. Barton Geger, Basic Principles of Discernment, 01/25/19 - Ireland via Zoom with US 	CCVIs	2019	Completed
Assembly Speaker on Communal Discernment – Brother Simon Pedro Arnold	Leadership and CPT	Assembly 2020	Cancelled

Goal/Outcome Desired: Take a corporate stand on the Care of God’s Creation and commit to educate ourselves and others on the current environmental crisis and to take concrete actions individually and communally to care for the earth.

Action Steps	Responsibility	Completion Date	Current Status
Approved Care of Creation Corporate Stand at Chapter	Chapter delegates	April 2018	Completed
Laudato Si book provided for congregational members	CCVIs		Completed
Called to Conversion: Laudato Si and Catholic Ecological Awakening Conference in Houston with Youtube and DVD’s available to congregation (See appendix D)	Leadership and Social Concerns (SC)	03/16/2019	Completed
Spring 2019 ARCs in all regions focus on Care of Creation with speakers (see above), discussion questions, and suggested resources.	CPT	Spring 2019 ARCs	Completed
Invite the Office of Social Concerns to work with the Care of Creation Corporate Stand and share the suggestions for implementation	CCVIs, SC		Ongoing
Waste Audit through <i>Zero Waste Strategies</i>	SC, Env. Com, Leadership	03/06/19 to 03/07/19	Completed
Two half-day staff retreats for Villa Associates to do an “examination of consciousness” about their relationship with nature.	Ruah, SC	04/08/19 – 04/10/19	Completed
VDM Earth Day celebration with RSU Challenge. Corporate Stand shared with the Villa Associates. (See Appendix E)	SC, Sr. Rachel, Environment Committee and Leadership	5/15/19	Completed
Start composting at VDM (See Appendix F) Composting agreement with <i>Farm Dirt</i> hauling company	SC, Sr. Rachel, Environment Committee, Leadership	Presentation 8/27/19 and 8/28/19	Ongoing
Speak with Houston City Council regarding Climate Change. Participants: Sr. Ricca, Sr. Mary McHale, Sr. Paulette, Herbert James, and Monica Hatcher (See Appendix G)	SC, CCVIs, Villa Associates	6/25/19	Completed
Ecumenical Observance of the World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation at VDM (See Appendix H)	Leadership, SC	09/07/19	Completed
CCVIs in Kenya to plant 2,000 Trees	Kenya CCVIs		Ongoing
Three Sisters in Central America attended Retos del Sinodo Amazonico Para La Vida Consegrada in Costa Rica sponsored by Conference of Religious of Central America (CLAR)	Srs. Magdalena, Ubalda, Betty	11/29/19 – 12/01/19	Completed

Central American Sisters participation in CONFREGUA Assembly on the Care of Creation and CONFRES on Ecological Conversion.	CA sisters	02/11/2020	Completed
Global Catholic Climate Movement / Catholic Climate Covenant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sr. Ricca and Monica Hatcher attended Conference, <i>Laudato Si and the US Catholic Church</i> Conference in Nebraska in June 2019 - Ongoing participation in educational resources including webinars and financial contribution 	CCVIs, SC		Ongoing
Angeles Investment Advisors instructed to start Impact Investment. This was approved by all members of the Board	Leadership; Investment Comm.	03/01/19	Ongoing
Social Concerns include Care of Creation as one of our priorities to raise consciousness and education when distributing information for Grants and Community Investments,	CCVIs, SC		Ongoing
Participation in <i>Sowing Seed for the Future</i> Campaign by UISG. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CCVIs included in the video presented during the XXI UISG Plenary on May 6-10, 2019. (See Appendix I) - <i>Sustainability In The Spirit of the Integral Ecology of Laudato Si'</i> - 01/17/20 - <i>Querida Amazonia</i> - 03/13/20 (See Appendix J) 	Leadership and SC	(see first box)	Ongoing
Participation in <i>Global Tent for our Common Home: Religious Sisters Connecting Worldwide for the Pan-Amazon Synod</i> by UISG <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A symbolic tent made and placed at the entrance of the main Villa building as a reminder to pray for the Synod and to create awareness. - Online Prayer: October 8 and 24 – Sisters at VDM participated - Online: Final Meeting at UISG <i>The Synod through the eyes and hearts of the Religious Sisters who attend the Synod</i> – Oct 28 	Leadership, VDM sisters	October 6-27, 2019	Completed
<i>The Word Among Us</i> Fall 2019 Issue on Care of Creation (See Appendix K)	Communications Dept./Sr. Rose	Fall 2019	Completed
St. Mary's Clinic Blessing and Dedication incorporate tree blessing in the ceremony to commemorate the 50 th Anniversary of Earth Day.	CCVIs	04/22/2020	Cancelled
CPT meeting via Zoom to reduce Carbon footprint	CPT		April 2020

APPENDIX:**A –**

Leadership in Intercultural Communities: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s2rSf6Xn6rQ&t=311s>

El liderazgo en las comunidades interculturales: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TkWgcyI7upo>

B –

Hogg Foundation Grant: <https://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/Hogg-Foundation-awards-mental-health-grants-13842319.php>

C –

UISG Discernment Workshop: http://villaowa.christushealth.org/exchweb/bin/redir.asp?URL=https://youtu.be/d4q6_jS1Lmg

D –***Laudato Si and Catholic Ecological Awakening***

- English Video #1: <https://youtu.be/k4HBEyDkGTI>
- English Video #2: <https://youtu.be/VQ7G1rxqW2g>
- Spanish Video #1: <https://youtu.be/6EgZhO74bMI>
- Spanish Video #2: <https://youtu.be/nbtn3BmqIis>

Texas Catholic Herald article: <https://www.archgh.org/news-data/texas-catholic-herald/caring-for-the-earth-a-moral-responsibility-for-catholics-panelists-say/>

Catholic News Service: <https://cruxnow.com/church-in-the-usa/2019/02/20/bill-that-prices-carbon-pollution-would-yield-a-dividend-for-everyone/>

E –**VDM Earth Day Video sent out to sisters and Associates**

English: <https://spark.adobe.com/video/x6ofC0SJmkfGy>

Spanish: <https://spark.adobe.com/video/skGm1eNpV1Lcb>

F –**Composting presentation**

English: <https://prezi.com/view/FhA65kO1hskHTdnjHyZ7/>

Spanish: <https://prezi.com/view/yZeWEWtaknHejbgnflCt/>

G –

City Council presentation: <https://houstontx.swagit.com/play/06252019-2425>.

H –

Houston Chronicle article: Sisters of Charity take pope's call for change to heart <https://www.houstonchronicle.com/life/houston-belief/article/Sisters-of-Charity-take-pope-s-call-for-change-14437214.php?t=24454bc4a5>

Texas Catholic Herald article – not available online

Fox News coverage: <http://www.fox26houston.com/home/houston-faith-leaders-gather-to-discuss-climate-change-concerns>.

NCR article: Season of Creation spotlights threats to biodiversity (Sr. Ricca quoted): <https://www.ncronline.org/news/environment/season-creation-spotlights-threats-biodiversity>

CCVI Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/pg/CCVIHouston/photos/?tab=album&album_id=654989898243369

I –

UISG's Sowing Seed for the Future: YouTube video sent out to Sisters and Associates. <https://youtu.be/pqb8yKxl7kU>

J –

Querida Amazonia: https://youtu.be/eYJcAi_eOJA

K –

The Word Among Us English: https://www.dropbox.com/s/cdlebl8o9dzqfpu/SOC_TWAU_2019FW_191125.pdf?dl=0

OTHER:

LCWR Region XII blog on CCVI Corporate Stand: <https://lcwr-region12.blogspot.com/2019/09/houston-ccvis-corporate-stand>

LCWR Region XII blog on Zero Waste: <https://lcwr-region12.blogspot.com/2019/09/houston-ccvis-new-environmental.html>