

PRESENTATION ASSOCIATE NEWSLETTER



May 2021

Presentation Associates Vision Statement. *The Associate Community is a strong, loving, and caring group of people, diverse: ethnically, gender wise, age wise, and economically called by the mission and charism of Nano Nagle. We support each other in our spirituality and in the following of the Presentation charism as lived out by Nano Nagle and passed on to us. Not words, but deeds best expresses it.*

Associate Program Handbook, Sisters of the Presentation San Francisco, September 2020

Outreach the Topic of the Day

On April 10, 2021, Associates gathered to unpack the large and important topic of Outreach. **Kathy Wade** again facilitated the workshop. The big questions we need to talk about were presented and we shared our ideas in breakout groups, and brought the results of our sharing back to the big group. The ideas were many and varied. It was clear that more work needs to be done to come to a consensus. The feedback from the Associates in attendance and Kathy Wade's suggestions were reviewed to determine our path forward. **The Associate Team has scheduled a workshop for June 19, 2021 from 10 AM to 2 PM to focus on the information generated and give the group direction for the next steps. Put this important date on your calendar and be part of the process to establish the direction ahead.**

As always, we will frame our discussion in prayer. Kathy Wade provided us with a reflection on Nano and the many bridges of Cork to remind us that we are daughters of Nano and Presentation People. We all were clear that any Outreach was to spread the Presentation charism and Nano's mission today. **We will again remind ourselves on June 19, 2021, of that purpose through prayful reflection.**

Election for 2021 Associate Team Members

The Governance Committee has completed the special election to decide which of the present Associate Team members will continue for another two-year term. Rosalie Cabrera and Kay Sweeney were elected. The Governance Committee earlier sent out for approval the change to the Associate Handbook concerning the terms of Team members. The reason for the change was to always have experienced members on the Team. This special election was necessary to decide who would be the Team members to continue.

The committee has received nominations for the two new Team members to be elected at our Annual gathering on Saturday, September 4, 2021. All of the

nominees have been contacted. Jane Hetherington, Pat Diaz, Gerry Fagoaga, May Barisone, and Kathey Valenzuela will participate in a Day of Prayer on July 24, 2021 with Kay and Rosalie to define the Call to Leadership. The Day will be led by Christy Brink, a spiritual director and group facilitator.

Conference of Presentation Sisters Associate Leaders Meet.

Kay Sweeney attended the monthly meeting of the leaders of the Associate programs on May 11, 2021. Representatives were present from Aberdeen, Union of Presentation Sisters US and Canadian Provinces, New Windsor and Kay from San Francisco. The group talked about the organization of the group, financial planning for the future, and if gatherings were open to both Sisters and Associates. The consensus was that things were evolving in all areas and we were looking forward to the gathering in September in Sioux Falls, SD of Presentation People as a step toward more definition of where we are heading.

Charism Carriers: Embracing the Call to Leadership

On May 18, 19 & 20, **Kay Sweeney** and **Jane Hetherington** will be attending a retreat sponsored by the North American Conference of Associates and Religious. **Carol Zinn, SSJ**, Executive Director of LCWR, will open the retreat on May 18th with the keynote reflection. This online experience will flow between prayer, presentation, personal reflection, reflection in small groups, back to large group and prayer. It will give Kay and Jane an opportunity to share with Associate Leaders from other congregations. They will share current realities, and engage in spiritually discerning a shared future for Association by creating new ways to integrate and carry forth individual charisms. **They are looking forward to bringing back new ideas to share with us all.**



NACAR Newsletter is available at:

https://nacarin.wildapricot.org/resources/Documents/the-associate/NACARAssociate26_2.pdf



Bay Area Conference of Associates and Religious invites us to join them on **June 2nd at 10am Pacific Time** for their tenth zoom event entitled **"A Fire in Our Hearts"**! We will recall the presence of our God within us as we walk together in prayer and much hope. You will be invited to share your thoughts of what makes you

burn inside with the Goodness of God as we walk our journey through life. Register: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZltdeuvrD4iE9ZVP0W1TmLuUcFalz7eoCaN>

Community Leadership is now planning our participation in Light the Lantern in Sioux Falls SD on September 23-25, 2021. They are planning to invite a number of Associates to attend. We are all looking forward to this gathering as a wonderful sharing with Presentation People from all the Conference Congregations. See you in Sioux Falls!



A Walk with Nano: From Birthplace to Grave.

A group of Associates joined virtually with the Friends of Nano and Union Presentation Sisters from April 19 to 26, the day of Nano's death. Along the way we reflected on Nano Nagle, her life and work, and her great Faith and Compassion for the Poor. We reflected on the places that were important to Nano as the walkers in Ireland visited them. The Walk ended with a prayer service at her grave. Sister Anne Lyons PBVM gave a talk on Nano and her meaning for us all. The following prayer was offered

Lord God,

*You raise up people from age to age
To speak anew Your Word to us
And to show us your ways.
Such is Nano Nagle.
In days when courage is needed,
You give us this woman of strength to walk before us with conviction.
In days of great change,
You present us with a prophet whose faith is firm
As the light of her lantern brought hope
into the lives made wretched by poverty and oppression,
so may she inspire us
to compassionate action for those in need around us.*

The Associate Team

Kay, Sr. Anita, Rosalie, Pamela, and Tina