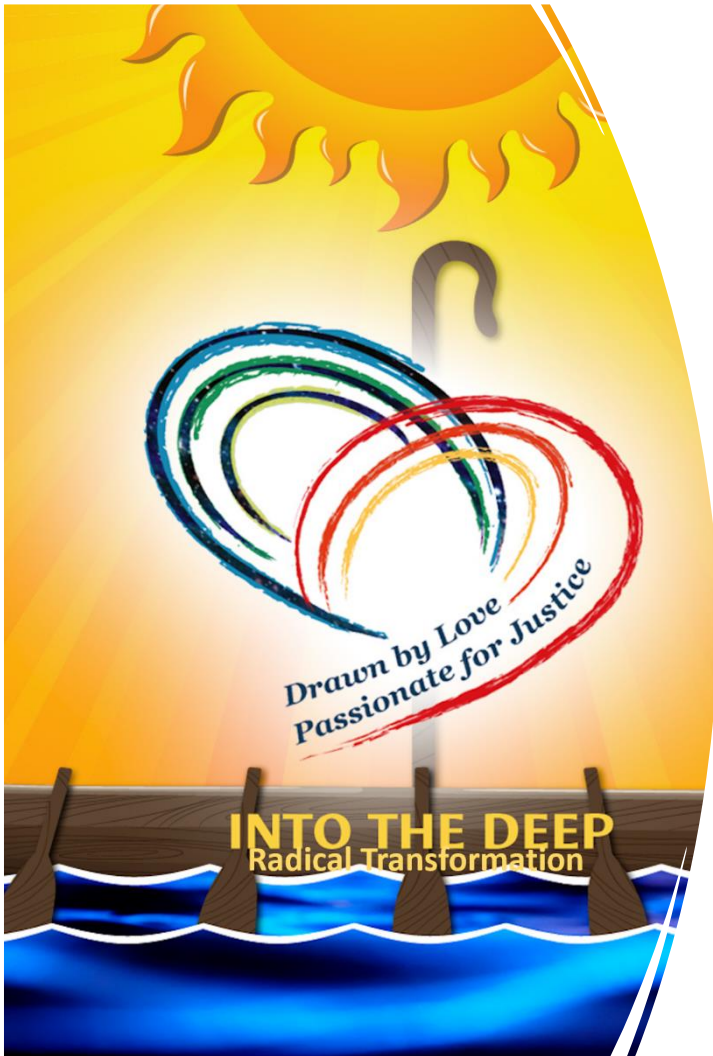


Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd
Phase II—Journey to Chapter 2021



Resource Kit – Video 3
June 2021

Chapter Agenda

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Introduction to The Resource Kit for Video 3 *Communal Inner Work for the Chapter Journey*

In Part 2 of Video 3, we reflected on how the Prophet Isaiah describes God's servant as the one who brings true justice; the One who does not break the crushed and bruised reed, the One who does not quench the wavering unsteady flame. (Is 42:3-4) In this imagery we glimpse something of the characteristics God's just servant is to uphold.

At one with Christ, we, too, are the servant charged with not breaking the bruised, crushed reed within us and within others. We are called to not quench a smoldering wick or wavering flame which is the very light of God within each of us. In this very reality of our lives, both the brokenness and the giftedness, we are at one with all of humanity. We keep God alive through our tenderness, our love, and our pursuit of justice.

To do this journey, we need others especially when we are the crushed reed or when our flame is about to be blown out. To understand this more fully I'd like to share a "haiku" from a student of the great, Japanese poet Basho from the 1600's. The student, Kikakou, wrote:

*A blind child
guided by his mother,
admires the cherry blossoms...*

This haiku reminds us that each of us takes turns being the blind child, the guiding other, and the blossom. As we face struggles, conflict, and the next crossing place, it is helpful to ask ourselves: "In what ways are we blind? In what ways are we the guide? In what ways are we the blossom itself?"

To help address these questions, we invite you again to use the journal resources that accompanied Video 2, ***Journey to the Heart -Meditative Journaling and Heart Wisdom- A Reflective Process for Personal Transformation***. These processes help us to face ourselves, the struggles, the impact and invite us to choose how we want to attend to the crushed reed or the wavering flame **within each of us**.

With this video, we are offering a third process entitled: "***Communal Heart Wisdom- A Reflective Process for Communal Transformation***". You will find this on the Chapter Website in the Resources for Video 3.

As the haiku expressed, we can be vulnerable as the blind child or by allowing the other to be our guide. We can face the dilemma and find our place in it.



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“When we are our vulnerable selves together and entrust ourselves to the other, we can know what it means to be valued and appreciated in all our loveliness, brokenness and frailty.’ Engaging in this communal journaling process is a true experience of being in communion or relationship with one another.” (Hilary Musgrave – Core Team, OLCGS Journey to Chapter– Video 3 Part 2)

There are two parts to the **Communal Heart Wisdom** process. Part 1 is the same material for individual reflection found in the **Heart Wisdom- A Reflective Process for Personal Transformation** resource provided in Video 2. Part 2 invites both communal reflection and process.

The first step in the Communal Heart Wisdom is for the group or community **to select a specific issue or experience** that they wish to focus on together through the lens of the heart’s capacity to listen, see, think, and respond.

In Part 2, the group is invited to share their heart’s insight or wisdom. In a spirit of contemplative listening and attending, group members explore their common ground around the issues or experience and how to move forward together.

Clearly, to engage in this process will take time and a definite commitment by everyone in the group. Groups or communities may decide to do this process over several days, enabling individuals to do part one in their own time and then meeting as a group or community for Part 2 on a specified day.

We encourage you to use the **Communal Heart Wisdom** resource with your friends or learning partners or community as you address and break open the Chapter topics over the coming months.

We also refer you to the **Handouts** in this Resource Kit for your personal reflection, group sharing and feedback for Chapter preparation.

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Video 3: Chapter Agenda - Handout #1

Reflection on Chapter Topic: Universal Culture of Justice

Sit in the quiet and notice what is stirring in your heart as you reflect on what you heard in the Interviews with some Sisters and Mission Partner in Part 1 – Video 3.

- ❖ **What is awakening within you as a result of those heartfelt sharings?**

Gather with a friend or your learning partners or your community to discuss the following questions:

- ❖ **How does what you heard relate to your own experience?**
- ❖ **How prevalent within the congregation are the issues raised in this sharing?**
- ❖ **Which issues do you believe are the most important concerns for the congregation?**

Take time after your sharing to consider the following question:

- ❖ **What did you hear that you most want to remember and hold in your heart?**



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Video 3: Chapter Agenda - Handout #2

Reflection on Chapter Topic: Foresight for the Future

Sit in the quiet and notice what is stirring in your heart as you reflect on what you heard in the Interviews with some Sisters and Mission Partner in Part 1 – Video 3.

- ❖ **What is awakening within you as a result of those heartfelt sharings?**

Gather with a friend or your learning partners or your community, to discuss the following questions:

- ❖ **What do you feel is going to be needed to move into the future?**
- ❖ **What would generate hope and inspiration for making this journey?**
- ❖ **What are you willing to let go of and surrender to the new and unknown that is emerging?**

Take time after your sharing to consider the following question:

- ❖ **What did you hear that you most want to remember and hold in your heart?**



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Video 3 - Handout #3

Chapter Topic Preparation for September

Cross Congregational ZOOMs.

Personal Reflection In Preparation For Group Sharing

In preparation for your group sharing, to address the pertinent questions for the two chapter topics, Universal Culture of Justice and Foresight for the Future, prayerfully consider your responses to the questions below. Record your personal responses to share with your small group.

Universal Culture of Justice

- ❖ From your perspective, what might an OLCGS Universal Culture look like?
- ❖ What is needed to build and/or strengthen a solid foundation for this Universal Culture of Justice at both the local community level and at the ministerial level?
- ❖ What one or two initial first steps would you want the Chapter to discern in order to begin solidifying a commitment to creating a Universal Culture of Justice?

Foresight for the Future

- ❖ As a congregation, what do you sense and/or feel will be needed in order to move into the future in a vital, relevant and viable/sustainable way?
- ❖ If the Chapter embraces the importance of living with foresight, what questions should it be asking for the sake of the mission? What concerns should it focus on?



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Video 3 - Handout #4

Chapter Topic Preparation for September

Cross Congregational ZOOMs

Group Sharing

Gather in small groups within your Units to address questions pertinent to two Chapter Topics: Universal Culture of Justice and Foresight for the Future. Invite someone to serve as a recorder to record your group's response to the questions for each topic. The following is a suggested process your small group may find helpful to use for its discussion.

Process for Small Group Sharing

Begin with a simple prayer to center your hearts. Following this, in a spirit of contemplative listening and dialogue, each person shares their personal responses to the questions on the Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd Universal Culture of Justice in Handout #3 - Video 3 Segment 4.

*Having done so, create a group response to this following question. The recorder records the group's response on the **Response Form in Handout #5 on the next page.** Submit your group's **Response Form to your Unit Leader by the 15 August 2021.** This information will help shape the content for the Cross Congregational Zooms in preparation for the Congregational Chapter.*

- ❖ **What one or two initial steps would you want the Chapter to discern in order to begin solidifying a commitment to creating a Universal Culture of Justice?**

In a spirit of contemplative listening and dialogue, each person shares their personal responses to the questions on the Foresight for Future in handout #3 - Video 3 Segment 6.

*Having done so, create a group response to this following question. The recorder records the group's response on the **Response Form in Handout #5 on the next page.** Submit your group's **Response Form to your Unit Leader by the 15 August 2021.** This information will help shape the content for the Cross Congregational Zooms in preparation for the Congregational Chapter.*

- ❖ **If the Chapter embraces the importance of living with foresight, what questions should it be asking for the sake of the mission? What concerns should it focus on?**



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Video 3 - Handout #5

**Chapter Topic Preparation for September
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GROUP RESPONSE SHEET

Group Name: _____ **Unit Name:** _____

Chapter Topic: Universal Culture of Justice

Please record in the space below your report from your group sharing.

Chapter Topic: Foresight for the Future

Please record in the space below your report from your group sharing.

Please return this response sheet to your Unit Leader by the 15 August 2021.

Thank you from the CCPC and the Chapter Core Team for this good work.