IHM
COORDINATING COUNCIL

Jane Herb's Introductory Remarks at 2022 November CC Meeting

- From the responses of the discussion in the community circles regarding governance and this discussion today, there is a call to look at our governance with fresh eyes.

- In light of this, let me share with you the thoughts of the Leadership Council regarding the next steps.

- We recommend that the committee be composed of two LC members, the Vitalization Committee (Marianne Gaynor, Mary Ann Penner and Helen Ingles) and three additional IHMs.

- Let me share with you our rationale for the composition of the committee.

- Members of the Vitalization Committee: The purpose of this committee is to "review the effective functioning of the Mission Circles, the Wisdom Circle, the Blessing Circle and Coordinating Council on an ongoing basis. It will, also, evaluate these structures and processes in light of IHM future reality, recommending any changes to the Coordinating Council prior to the Chapter."

- Two members of the LC: The Leadership Council is working on a proposal for consideration regarding leadership for the election in 2024. Integral to our discussion is what structures may be created to provide support for the leadership as the number on the council may decrease and to continue our practice of shared leadership. Having two members of the LC on this committee would insure an integration of all facets of the governance conversation.

- Three IHMs: We felt that with such an important topic, we would benefit from different perspectives.

- Our Associates are integral to how we have chosen to share IHM life and mission. Some Associates will participate in the conversations through community circles and two Associates by participation in the CC. It is the hope of the LC that the committee will also engage the Associate Council in conversation as the committee explores possibilities.

- This committee would be an ad hoc committee of the Coordinating Council.

- The LC also recommends not changing our Constitutions but rather ask for a period of experimentation as we live into our new reality. Marlene Weisenbeck FSPA, a canon lawyer suggested this at the LCWR Collaborative Hubs. I had a further conversation with Sharon Holland who affirmed this approach.