

Chapter 2008

March-April Questions for Reflection

These questions are for your personal reflection in preparation and for an Associate meeting discussion. We will be expecting collective responses from Associate meetings by May 1, 2007. You may return individual responses if you wish or are unable to attend an Associate meeting.

- 1. In preparation for your Associate meeting, and for personal reflection, please contemplate Mary's visit to Elizabeth (Luke 1: 5-24). Can you find any similarities in your own life? Revisit those times when you have been surprised by God. Can you verbalize them? What did you notice that moved your heart?**
- 2. Re-read the summary of Associate responses to the January 2007 reflection questions. Have we accurately described Grey Nun Associates' responses to our Chapter reflection questions?**
- 3. Is anything emerging from your prayer or reflections that you would like to share?**
- 4. Is there anything else you want to add?**

If you wish, you may send personal responses on or before May 1, 2007 by email to Sr. Mary Lee Farrell at makeitso2921@peoplepc.com or by post to Sr. Ann McKee, GNSH, 1750 Quarry Rd., Yardley PA 19067-3998.

Response Sheet for Associate Meetings

Introduction

Following your personal reflections on the visit of Mary to Elizabeth, we invite you to have a conversation at your Associate meeting during March or April. As a context for this discussion, we offer the following quotations from Margaret Wheatley's book Turning to One Another (2002):

"... For conversation to take us to this deeper realm, I believe we have to practice several new behaviors. Here are the principles I've learned to emphasize before we begin a formal conversation process:

- *We acknowledge one another as equals.*
- *We try to stay curious about each other.*
- *We recognize that we need each other's help to become better listeners.*
- *We slow down so we have time to think and reflect.*
- *We remember that conversation is the natural way humans think together.*
- *We expect it to be messy at times.*

... Where can we find the courage to start a good conversation? The answer is found in the word itself. Courage comes from the Old French word for heart (Coeur). We develop courage for those things that speak to our hearts. Once our heart is engaged, it is easy to be brave.

... It takes courage to start a conversation. But if we don't start talking to one another, nothing will change. Conversation is the way to discover how to transform our world together."

**ASSOCIATE MEETING
COLLECTIVE RESPONSE FORM**

1. In your Associate meeting, share stories of being surprised by God. In light of your personal reflections and the stories of surprise that you have heard/shared with your sisters, please tell us: What did you notice that moved your heart?

2. Re-read the summary responses from Associates. Have we accurately described your longings and concerns with respect to Chapter 2008?

3. Is anything emerging from your prayer or discussions that you would like to share?

4. Is there anything else you want to say?

Associate Group Identification:

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