

LAG RESPONSES TO CPC January 2008

The following list contains all comments received by the CPC from LAG Groups “in your own words.”

What did you find helpful in this process and/or this mailing?

- We found the experience of reflecting together, listening to each other and coming to mutual agreement to be a bonding experience. It is a good process because it involves everyone. It is an all-inclusive process that gives everyone a chance to express her opinion. The concerns represent a LAG response and not only an individual response; this is good.
- Format and setup of issues
- Identification – Headings
- The organization was very helpful.
- The sisters appreciated the timely manner in which our chairperson, Sr. Jean Liston, presented and carried out the process for reflection and sharing based on the CPC guidelines. She allowed for a prayerful and relaxed atmosphere to reflect and share, especially, when the sisters engaged in calling forth sisters to serve in leadership. There existed the freedom to express individual views about the sister being called forth both in the positive attributes and the reservations one may have about the sister.
- There was a wide range of high quality information from the congregation. The committee worked extremely hard to be as inclusive and organized as possible and to put the issues so succinctly, they were easy to deal with in terms of the requirements of this “LAG Response Form.” The committee did a phenomenal job!
- Categorizing and numbering of the issues;
- Clear and helpful directives
- Everything seemed well thought out, organized.
- The Spirit is moving us forward

- We found the process of sharing insights together very helpful as was our discussion about members we would call to leadership.
- The categories under which issues were listed were helpful
- The time to prepare ahead of time, dialogue was open, the process flowed freely, time spent in reflection was obvious and it was “easy”.
- The way the proposals were grouped and condensed. Even if we wouldn’t have always grouped them the same way, it gave us a starting point for our thinking.
- The process itself seemed to go more smoothly than at our last meeting. I don’t know if we’re getting good at it or if this content was more conducive to the process.
- Group discussion/examination of issues helped to clarify
- Returning to the issues increased our ownership and helped us to see the interfacing among many of the issues
- Chapter committee kept us on target

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE:

- We recommend that the CPC:
 - Continue to encourage all our Sisters to pray and dialog and talk to each other and be prepared for Chapter.
 - Continue to ask us as LAG groups to report on our personal reflection and group discussion.
 - Continue to use this simple experience/process because it seems helpful.
- Timing of chapter still seems to be a concern.
- We seemed rushed to do all the work that needs to be done. Maybe start a little earlier.

- The categories are important. The concerns/suggestions under each category by the separate LAG are very similar/do not vary that much. It seems that Chapter will be discussing each category, being careful not to lose any of the subtleties of the LAG input
- To continue the process in whatever we are planning or going to do.
- We recommend that all 3 parts of our proposals be disseminated in written form to give us the context of where the ideas were coming from.
- There was difficulty in accessing the website information. Some people could not find the 2nd and 3rd parts of the issue sheets.
- At first we weren't sure what we were choosing—the issue or the category. We went with the category and listed issues we felt important under it.
- We got this mailing two days before our meeting. “Snail mail” folks had not received their packet. All the e-mail folks got their's.
- No recommendations but a great big “Thank you” to the CPC for organizing our thinking and helping us move to a new level.
- Keep on doing what we're doing.
- Keep up the good work. I think we're starting to get the hang of it. 😊
- Some had difficulty accessing materials off the computer
- It would have been helpful to have the whole content of the issues for review before our meeting. We understand that there were technical problems. This is just an observation.