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**JOURNEY OF ONENESS UPDATE: NEW MEMBERSHIP**

**New Membership Team meets in St. Louis**

The nine members of the U.S. New Membership Team engaged in a two-day gathering, March 11–12, at Mercy Center in St. Louis, Missouri. Sue Weber, consultant, facilitated the meeting. She led the group through activities that resulted in the team members naming practices they want to integrate into their work together. They also identified and prioritized topics for strategic planning when they officially begin their ministry in July. Other outcomes of this gathering included a commitment to creating opportunities to engage membership more fully in new membership ministry, such as promoting vocations and forming welcoming houses for inquirers and new members in which to live. The team anticipates holding planning days in cities across the U.S. so that they can meet with sisters and engage in conversation about new membership.

Information about the sisters on the New Membership Team can be found in the February 7 *Mercy Now*. Look for a more detailed report about this meeting in the May/June issue of ¡Viva! *Mercy.*

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