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**JOURNEY OF ONENESS UPDATE: Ministry**

**Institute Leadership Team appoints ministry co-directors**

Sister Christine (Tina) McCann and Jane Sprankel, who served as project coordinators for the Ministry Implementation Team, are the two new Institute co-directors for ministry, effective July 2020. As co-directors, Christine and Jane will provide leadership and continue the overall ministry integration process, which will be the focus of their first year.

“Since 2015, Tina and I had the privilege of working first with the Ministry Design Team and then the Ministry Development Team in developing a plan for the Institute ministry function,” says Jane.

The charge in the design and development phases was to envision and define a ministry function that would encompass service and support for Institute-sponsored social, spiritual, pastoral and healthcare ministries.

“The experience, expertise and contributions of the participants in these teams were invaluable to the thinking and planning for this function. This foundational work provides direction as we establish the office,” says Jane.

“Like the ministry of each individual sister, these sponsored ministries demonstrate an ongoing response to our enduring concerns,” adds Christine.

The purpose of the soon-to-be established Institute Ministry Office is to support and encourage the more than 100 spiritual, social, pastoral and healthcare ministries now sponsored by the Institute in their response to the needs of our time. The work with the ministries will focus on mission integrity, leadership and governance development and sustainability. Attention will be given to all Institute ministries with respect to the international and intercultural realities within the different countries.

The office will also assist the ILT in planning for ministry in the future and in their canonical responsibilities for these ministries. As initial steps are taken in 2020–21 to establish the office
and organize for the future, local leadership teams and ministry directors will continue in their responsibilities for the ministries.

Currently, Christine serves as the director of sponsorship for the Mid-Atlantic. In this role for seven years, she provides support to the nine Institute-sponsored social service and spiritual ministries within this geographical area. She also supports the Sponsor Council and the Leadership Team in their responsibilities for the ministries. Working with the sponsored ministries through processes of strategic planning, governance, transition and change management, she has also served as a facilitator for other religious communities and organizations. Prior to this ministry, she served in leadership for 24 years within the former Merion and Mid-Atlantic Community and as a school administrator and educator. She holds a BA in English from Gwynedd Mercy University and an MA in leadership, administration and organizational development from Boston College. She has done post-graduate work in religious studies and organizational change.

Jane currently serves as the ministry director for South Central; prior to that, she served as assistant director for four years. She worked and taught at Saint Louis University School of Social Work for eight years, teaching courses in health policy, feminist social work and spirituality, and serving as the director of graduate admissions and financial aid for the School of Social work. Prior to that, she held social work positions within healthcare, Catholic education and other social services. Jane holds an MSW from Saint Louis University in Missouri and a BA in sociology from the University of Toledo in Ohio. She has done post-graduate work in theology at the Catholic Theological Union.

They will both continue to work in their current locations—Christine in Merion, Pennsylvania, and Jane in St. Louis, Missouri—and retain local responsibilities as determined by their leadership teams until July 1, 2021.

Photo: Sister Christine McCann (far left) and Jane Sprankel (center right), the two new Institute co-directors for ministry, meet with West Midwest ministry director, Mike Poulin (far right) and South Central assistant ministry director, Cindy Costello, (center left).