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JOURNEY OF ONENESS UPDATE: Sisters’ Life and Governance

Integrating Sisters’ Life and Governance: next steps
In the next few days, each sister will receive a letter from the Integrating Sisters’ Life and Governance Committee summarizing the responses from the October–November 2018 consultations and describing the next steps for the March–April 2019 consultations. It will also include a timeline for the consultations in October–November 2019 and the preparation for the Second Session of the Chapter in 2020.

In its letter, the committee references the widespread support that the October–November 2018 consultations revealed regarding the values we hold in common. In the consultations, sisters also responded to the structures that we want to retain at the local level to support our relationships with one another and to call forth the voice, participation and engagement of members. The committee also recognizes those new elements, outlined in the letter, that were widely suggested for implementation.

In the March–April 2019 consultations, the committee will ask for affirmations of its recommendations based on the October–November 2018 consultations. The March–April consultations will also focus on the nomination and election of delegates, and the committee will provide you with materials for reflection prior to the consultations. Finally, the committee will request initial consultation on the role of the intermediary leadership, which will replace the existing Community Leadership Teams. Additional consultations in October–November 2019 will develop the roles and responsibilities of the levels of authority and leadership for both sisters’ life and governance.

The committee is grateful for your continued commitment to the consultation process and looks forward to engaging as many as possible in the months ahead regarding these important areas of our life together.