

**NCVR Midwest Region
Conference Call Meeting Minutes
October 28, 2015**

Present: Judith Davies, OSF; Ellen Dunn, OP; Janet Fulgenzi, OP; Louise Hembrecht, OSF; Marilyn Kerber, SNDdeN; Fran Moore, CDP; Carolyn Puccio, CSJ; and Rita Wenzlick, OP

Our Prayer for Autumn Days was provided by Carolyn Puccio, CSJ.

We began by sharing some good news items with one another.

A good bit of time was spent on our Fall Elections. Ellen and Marilyn spoke to the responsibilities of the Chairperson and Secretary. Nominees were: Joan McGlinchey, MSC and Joyce Candidi, OSHJ for Chairperson; Marilyn Kerber, SNDdeN and Rita Wenzlick, OP for Secretary; and Judith Davies, OSF and Carolyn Puccio, CSJ for Treasurer. Joan and Joyce were not able to be reached to determine their willingness to serve. A number of those present who were nominated shared why they could not assume a role at this point. After discussion, the new Officers will be: Marilyn Kerber, SNDdeN, Chairperson; Rita Wenzlick, OP, Secretary and Ellen Dunn, OP, Treasurer. Ellen will check with Nancy as to when the term begins. **New Chairpersons will be installed the weekend of May 20-22, 2016 in Chicago.***

Resources shared:

+Spiritual Directors International has excellent resources, written and video, that are able to be shared with religious in the diocese.

+*Vision Magazine* 2015 has a “do-it-yourself discernment retreat.” The editors will give permission to use it in the diocese.

+*Origins* has had some very good articles for the Year of Consecrated Life, there is a recent one by Sharon Euart, RSM.

+Fran is looking for resources on transition, people or written.

+Judith expressed appreciation to those who were able to give her suggestions for the role of an Advisory Board.

Ellen brought the idea of our having a Spring Get-Together in lieu of our not having a General Assembly this year. As a Region we have not been successful at getting together other than at our General Assembly for some time. Some cited lack of funds in our dioceses, our small number and our geographical spread as challenges. Carolyn would be willing to host us in the Twin Cities and said resource persons are available locally. There is a Conference Center that

could host us. Ellen encouraged all of us to think about this possibility and we will meet by Conference Call after the first of the year to consider this idea further.

Ellen and Marilyn were thanked for their service to the Region over the years and their willingness to continue in new capacities.

Submitted by: Marilyn Kerber, SNDdeN

***Learned in a conversation with Nancy Mathias, OSU.**