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THAT ALL MAY BE ONE

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Becoming One With The Divine



HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Hotel Team is looking forward to our gathering for our Annual Assembly. Hoping the reservation process is now a smooth process. If there are any further issues, please contact Mary Rose Accetturo, SFCC at mraa5002@yahoo.com or 1-414-530-0916.

THEME

"I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them."

John 17:9-10

Christ is glorified in us when we have unity and if we are going to have unity, we must become one with the Divine: not just in the spirit, but in character. In our journey, of becoming one with the Divine, these simple tips remind each of us that getting closer to the Divine is just one small act away.

Get Quiet. Turn off the radio and TV, step away from your computer, put away your cell phone, and find a quiet spot to simply rest in God's presence.

Read the Bible. Underline, highlight, or written out passages, verses, phrases or words that speak to you. These are the gifts that keep on giving when you need encouragement down the road.

Write Your Prayers in a Dedicated Notebook. These can be for others or yourself. Then spend time in prayer.

Go for a Walk and Talk with God. Share your heart: your joys, your sorrows, your questions,

your challenges, your plans and your hopes.

Meditate on Scripture.

Choose a verse or short passage, read it several times and invite the Holy Spirit to speak to you about what you have learned in the context of what's happening in your life now.

Put on some Worship Music. Immerse yourself in the melody and lyrics. Sing along, dance...or just listen. Open your heart to be energized and transformed.

Marvel at the World God has Created. Walk in the woods, sit by the water, observe the creatures or drive to a park for picnic and enjoy the scenery along the way.

Journal. What has God been speaking to you about today.

Share what God has Done for You. Witnessing is a powerful tool for our own spiritual growth and an invitation to others to acknowledge their own God story.

Do Something for Someone Else. Give with love, without expecting anything in return.

Use the Gifts God has Given You. God calls you to use all your gifts, talents and influence to serve others and cultivate Christian community.

Fast. Fasting brings clarity of mind and gives you the potential for a remarkable encounter with the Divine.

Be Grateful. Thank God for your blessings every day. -Submitted by 2024 Assembly Team

ICC NOTES

As we progress into 2024 SFCC is growing and developing throughout the world. The growth in Africa is steady and there are new members and people in the becoming process in Europe, USA, Philippines and elsewhere. We are truly blessed as a community and enriched by the growth and the international dimension.

The preparation for the transition for the new ICCs continues. We met on January 31 and then every two months. Our gathering begins and ends with prayer. It will include personal spiritual sharing and reflection on the community. We will look at issues facing the community and also share how the present ICCs have handled practical issues such as finances and connecting with one another. The new ICCs and the present ICCs will gather before the

international assembly face to face in addition to our bi-monthly meetings

Fast approaching Ash Wednesday falls on Valentine's Day, helps us open our perspectives that Lent (which comes from an old English word that means spring) is about new life....Lent is about love: eliminating what hinders love; doing what increases love, and having reminders to do the above so that we and the world may grow in love

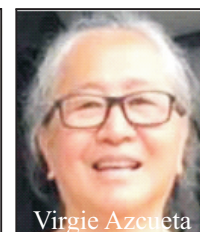
Our prayer is that we may be instruments of peace and oneness in our deeply troubled and divided world and that others will be inspired by the Spirit to do the same.



Carmen Gillick



Denise Ware



Virgie Azcueta



SFCC WEBSITE UPDATE

Last summer at the assembly in Kenya funds were approved to update the current website and move it onto a new web host, as well as implement the newest software template for websites.

The web designer was hired in August and, as of the printing of this ATA, he has completed the initial transfer to the new software. I will be meeting with the designer virtually during the month of February to learn the new software tools.

As soon as the new website is completed and launched onto the internet you will be notified through the three most used SFCC chat platforms: WhatsApp SFCC Global, SFCC Philippines Messenger and Rise Up. An announcement will also be in the ATA issued nearest to that date.

At that time, I will step aside as the primary website monitor. In my place, Virgie Azcueta will serve as interim monitor. She has already learned the current software program and I will teach her the new program. I am excited that the new software will present SFCC much more professionally.

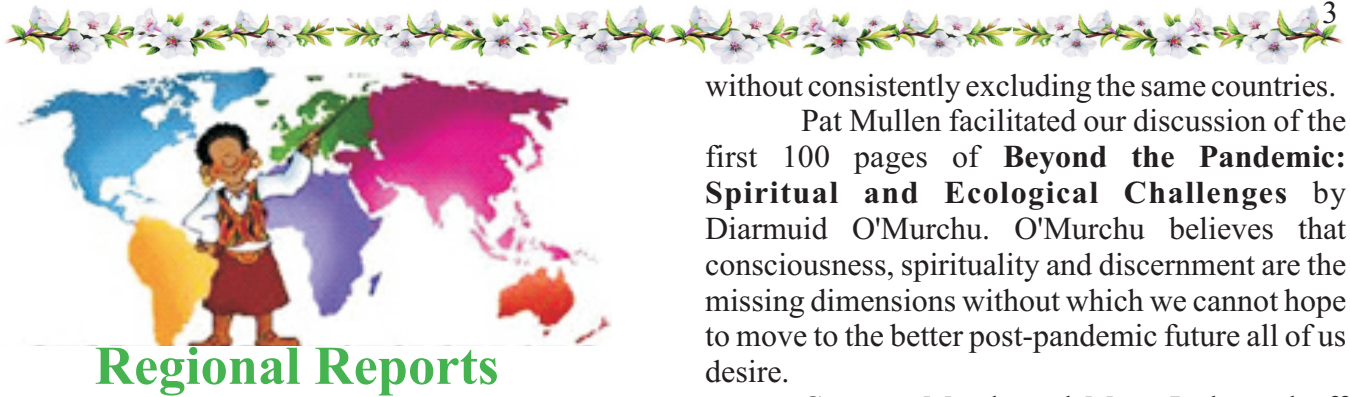
The current website was designed and created by me and I have continued to monitor and update it since 2014. I have enjoyed offering this service to the membership.

Many of our recent Inquirers have made their initial contact through our website mailbox. Families use the same mailbox to notify us of the death of some of our members. Available in the Member Section are the SFCC Viewbook, Sudden Spring, and the complete member picture directory, as well as current issues of the ATA.

The site has proven its value to us many times over, especially to those who attended the past two assemblies virtually.

I hope the website will continue to be both a private and public asset to SFCC during the months and years to come.

- Submitted by Fran Campbell



DAM Region
m e m b e r s
Suzanne Dunn,
Jeannette Love,
Rose Miles, Pat
Mitchell, and Pat
Mullen met in
p e r s o n i n

Phoenix, AZ on October 21-23. Spain Region members Magda Bennasar and Carmen Notario and guest Mary Jo Meadow joined us virtually.

The following morning, we extended a warm welcome to Mary Jo, followed by a time to catch up on what has been happening in each other's lives since we last met in the Spring.

Carmen and Magda led is in reflecting on a prayer of Rabbi Nachman of Bratslav that connected well with our reading and reflection later that day on the book we are reading by Diarmuid O'Murchu.

As a follow-up to the Assembly in Kenya, we discussed possible ways to facilitate more communication throughout the community. It was suggested that perhaps different regions could volunteer to host, once or twice a year, a time for those interested to connect virtually. If multiple regions would be willing to do that, we could potentially have these opportunities scheduled on a monthly basis. Since there's no "perfect" time that works for everyone, given the global nature of the community, the times could vary from month to month. That way we could accommodate the various time zones that our members live in

without consistently excluding the same countries.

Pat Mullen facilitated our discussion of the first 100 pages of **Beyond the Pandemic: Spiritual and Ecological Challenges** by Diarmuid O'Murchu. O'Murchu believes that consciousness, spirituality and discernment are the missing dimensions without which we cannot hope to move to the better post-pandemic future all of us desire.

Carmen, Magda and Mary Jo logged off after our discussion. We made the decision last February to focus on positive stories around social justice issues. While we are well aware of all of the continuing concerns globally, highlighting positive efforts and successes in these areas gives us hope.

Jeannette Love: Inner Explorer is mindfulness for children that helps them cope with what we are leaving behind to the next generations.

Suzanne Dunn: Humanitaria's 100% recyclable and biodegradable cardboard bed can be assembled in five seconds without the need for tools and costing only a fraction of traditional alternatives. It ensures immediate aid within the first 24 hours of an emergency.

Rose Miles: Agrivoltaics, also known as co-location, solves multiple problems by locating agricultural production, such as crop or livestock production or pollinator habitats, underneath or adjacent to solar panels.

Pat Mitchell: Terracycle developed first-of-their-kind solutions to recycle the unrecyclable: waste streams that aren't typically curbside recyclable. Their goal is to eliminate the idea of waste by creating collection and solution systems for anything that today must be sent to a landfill. Our closing reflection, facilitated by Pat Mitchell, was a time of silence with instrumental music in the background.

Our next meeting is scheduled for February 15-18, 2024 and will be held in Palm Desert, CA.

-Submitted by Pat Mitchell



Local SFCCs in Florida, USA joined with Inner Peace Ministries to celebrate Ita Hickey's 90th birthday.

From left: Carmela Chetcuti, Ita Hickey, Jean Riggs, Andrea Zebiegen

Submitted by Fran Campbell



**Koinonia
Regional
Meetings**
December and
January: Sisters
that were present
were Patsy

Guyton, Carmen Gillick, Fran Smith, Mary Jo Meadow. Rachel Richards was not feeling well because she is recovering from surgery. Also Jeanne Tighe, Dennis Tisler, and Sally Soules could not join at this time. Debbie Clingsmith, an Inquirer, joined us as well.

Mary Jo Meadow led opening prayer. Each related how their Thanksgiving included sharing a meal with family/friends. What a gift. Afterwards, we each responded to the sharing question; "How do you experience Christ's presence especially in Advent." This is by sharing the challenges of

sickness of others, sharing a shoulder to cry on, encouraging young adults, teaching families English and being mesmerized by the birds in the trees.

We each share our lives and insight with those we live with and around. By sharing our food, wisdom, knowledge, finances and love.

We presented prayer requests and closed with prayer by Debbie Clingsmith.

On January 5th we met again and Rachel was able to join us as well as another Inquirer, Becky from Nigeria who is presently living in Kentucky. We followed the same as the previous month plus introducing Becky to us and having her introduce herself. As we continue to grow we pray that all may be one and that we may be instruments of peace in whatever way possible.

-Submitted by Patsy Guyton,



On December 9, 2023 Ellen Gerlach and Janet Thompson hosted 18 sisters in a virtual visit to their home at Marydwell

in DE. For the past 30+ years the sisters from WEB had gathered there for an Advent/Christmas celebration with prayer, sharing and lots of good food.

We remembered many of our sisters who were always part of these events and who have now passed on. After a tour of the natural beauty surrounding their home, we joined in prayer which included the reading from Is 11: 1-10. Each sister then expressed how/where she finds hope in these troubled times. A Christmas ornament for the sisters present was placed in the manger scene as prayer was offered for the individual's intentions. It was a rewarding time spent together and we are grateful for Ellen and Janet's hospitality.

On Saturday, January 13, 2024 ten sisters from the region gathered for our monthly Zoom. After some sharing and an opening prayer service devoted to the upcoming Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we entered into a discussion of the two questions posed concerning racism in religious communities. Sisters spoke of their experiences in their former communities many years ago,

recognizing that over time the culture has changed and these same communities have become more diverse. Concerning black women in our society, the first and only assumption is always one of incompetence. Black women have to be better than their white counterparts to compete. Black women do not aspire to equality; they know they have to excel above equality.

As regards SFCC, the challenge was offered: How many personal friends do we have that are persons of color? How do we support the African American community? The pictures on the SFCC website do not indicate much diversity. That seems contrary to our charism "that all may be one". Do we promote what we profess? In response it was noted that our diversity is not in the U.S. but in Africa and the Philippines. When the website is updated and sisters are listed alphabetically, it will look more diverse. Also, it was noted that the opening picture on the website shows only white hands holding the globe and, in the Members Only section, the picture of the women looks, not like sisters, but like a group of corporate professionals. Could we not picture a group of our sisters instead?

We are grateful to Mary Jo for facilitating the meeting in Kass' absence. We closed with a prayer for the New Year. Our next Zoom will be Saturday, February 10.

-Submitted by Alma O'Brien



The Northern California Region gathered via Zoom Sunday, January 13. The meeting was facilitated by Nona

Barairo who also led the opening and closing prayers. We each shared a recent personal challenge. Virgie Azcueta: her permanent relocation in Kenya and finding a safe place to live there, as well as developing a network of nearby neighbors and friends.

Nona Barairo: retirement and finding meaningful ministry while also struggling with unexpected serious health problems.

Lorena Barot: application as part time faculty at the local university to supplement her income from full time teaching position. Pay is very low in the Philippines. Hopes to relocate to Los Angeles, California, US. Fran Campbell: struggle with unexpected health problems and trying to complete the training needed to pass both the archives and the website on to other SFCCs.



Inday Ente: the problems involved with transitioning between her former community and SFCC. The paperwork and appointments involved in extending her visa in the US so she can complete the home health care training program there.

Rose Claire Nanjira: the uncertainty about her transition from Kenya to the USA where she is in training as a home health caregiver. Unexpected health problems resulting from living in a climate (Seattle, WA) very different from that in Kenya.

Mary Villanueva: trying to find her place in an English and Spanish-speaking parish. Trying to volunteer there as a Eucharistic minister.

-Submitted by Fran Campbell



Namaste and Maranatha Regions

The Maranatha Region of Wisconsin met on October 28th at Avalon Square in Waukesha. Present were: Judith Smith, Roberta Zelhofer, Rosella Reinwand, Julie Krueger, Darlene Kanera, Elaine Beluschak, Betty Bradley and Deb Murphy.

The meeting opened with a beautiful reading from Maya Angelou prepared by Julie Krueger. The prayer focused on the pain and loneliness in the world and on our good God, the source of life and healing.

The majority of our meeting centered on the Synod. Sister Judith Smith gave highlights of the Synod, comparing the Synod with our community. We are a Vatican II Community, becoming and transforming as a group through communication and listening.

Lilliana started SFCC with the vision of a circle, in which everyone can speak their truth in understanding and dialogue. SFCC has what the



Synod was striving for under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. SFCC also has the diversity that the Synod brought to the tables. We have 19 nations with no division. Our unity has held for 53 years of communication and listening. We are the voice of the future, constantly in process through regional meetings and assemblies.

Moving the archives to Marquette University in Milwaukee was discussed. With the archives so close, we were wondering if we will have access to them or if they will be closed. We also reviewed the latest All to All and enjoyed hearing all the news from different areas.

Knowing this was the last time we would be together until Spring, Julie brought the meeting to a close with the song "God be With You" by JR Rankin, in which we sang "God be with you till we meet again."

Our next meeting will be April 20, 2024

-Submitted by Darlene Kanera & Deb Murphy



THEA BOWMAN REGION

The Thea Bowman Region had a gathering from the 6th to 10th December 2023 at the Missionaries of St. Paul Headquarters, Abuja, Nigeria. Present at the meeting were Rose Bako, SFCC, Gloria Agada, SFCC, Affiliate Lucy Agwom Akare, and inquirers Francisca Blackwell and Comfort Adayede.

During our gathering, we centered our reflection on the scripture passage from Colossians 3:13-14, which emphasizes the importance of forgiveness, unity, and love. The theme we selected for the occasion was "We are One," and we discussed ways in which we can come together through life's events and share the gift of life with others. We also reflected on Lillanna's vision for SFCC, which involves breaking down hierarchies and promoting unity in diversity by adhering to gospel values such as equality, reverence, and care for creation.

In Jesus, the Light of the world, we see light. We encouraged one another to deepen our spiritual journey by spending more time in the light of Jesus, growing in knowledge, trust, and wisdom so that we can face the challenges of the dark world with clarity.

Towards the end of our gathering, Sr. Lucy Akare Agwom made her Affirmation on December 8, the feast of the Immaculate Conception at the Chapel of the Missionaries of St. Paul. We ended our get-together with a Thanksgiving mass on Sunday, December 10, at the nearby Sacred Heart Parish Gwagwalada. Our next meeting will be via Zoom on January 28, 2024.



-Submitted by Rose Bako, RCC

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SOUTH NIGERIA REGION



Bernadette Sampson



Stella Chibuoke

BAKHITA REGION



Jane Waruguru Kimathi

AFFILIATE

SOUTH NIGERIA REGION **-NIGERIA**



NNEKA OKORO

SFCC- in south Africa region in Nigeria welcomed two new affirmed members and one affiliate. The ceremony took place on 21st December 2023.

Kenya welcomed one more affirmed member to the Sisters For Christian Community.

AFFIRMED on February 10, 2024

Submitted by Marta Nyaga, Africa Archivist

Food For Thought

Lent is not about penance. Lent is about becoming, doing and changing whatever it is that is blocking the fullness of life in us right now. Lent is a summons to live anew. The first challenge of Lent is to open ourselves to life.

News :

Carmen, Mother of Maria Victoria (Marivic) Cotiamco (Manila Region) passed away on 29 December 2023. May Carmen's soul rest in Peace



Lilian, Esther, Patricia

Affirmation Celebration
Affiliates Esther Chioma Iheme, Patricia O Irogementi, and Lilian Ehidihamhen from the Ruah UK Region were affirmed as members of SFCC on Saturday, 20th January 2024. Their commitment ceremony took place during Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Joseph's Catholic Church in Battersea,

London. Mass was celebrated by Lilian's cousin, Fr. Mark Odion MSP.

Their commitments were witnessed by SFCCs from the UK Region: Stephanie Hartas, Roz Frampton and Mary McCullough who, along with family and friends, enjoyed a celebration

meal at a nearby restaurant following the ceremony. It was a truly joyful occasion and the UK Region are delighted to welcome Esther, Patricia and Lilian into full membership of SFCC.

Please join us in praying that they will be blessed abundantly and will continue be a blessing to others in all that they do.



(Left to Right) Roz Frampton, Fr Mark Odion, Lilian Ehidihamhen, Esther Iheme, Patricia Irogementi, Mary McCullough, Stephanie Hartas

-Submitted by Stephanie Hart

INQUIRER



Lucy Kingori, St. Rita Region-kenya

Lucy was born on December 10, 1977 Othaya – Nyeri.

Lucy joined the congregation of the immaculate heart of Mary and after final profession she left the congregation to be free to work in her apostolate.

Lucy's guiding principle in life is prayer and working hard for success.

Lucy holds a masters in MBA and bachelor in education. At present she manages children project and project for the aged.



Caroline Wangari, Emanuell Region

Caroline was born July 2, 1989 Thilka Kiambu County. Caroline joined the congregation of Daughters of the Heart of Mary. And in the year 2020 she left the congregation as junior sister due to her misunderstanding between her and superior. Caroline's guiding principle in life is prayer, hardworking and being smart. Caroline holds a certificate in counseling Testing and she is currently working as medical consultant with Grass international company. **-Submitted by the Africa Archivist**



Sochima Mamah Michigan Region

Sochima Mamah was born and brought up in Enugu Nigeria August 20th 1974.

Sochima completed most of her studies in Nigeria. She has earned a degree in Dental Hygienist (therapy), and post graduate and Masters' degree in Public Administration from Nigeria in 2010. Sochima professed 2009 March, and was opportune to be in USA March 4th 2011. Sochima became an American Citizen. She did her RN and working in Providence Alaska Medical Center. Sr. Carmela Chetcuti came visited her in February 2023. Sochima plans to move to VA in search of a job either in hospital or prison in any state in USA. Sochima lived in Michigan for 12 years.

-Submitted by Carmela Chetcuti

OBITUARY



Theresa Guisti
Life: 1939-2023
Sfcc: 1985-2023

Because Theresa Guisti desired total privacy with no information about her death published, it is only recently that her sisters in the MARINCT region learned of her death on October 2, 2023 at Waterbury Hospital from pancreatic cancer. Thanks to the kindness and understanding of her friend Mr. Jimmy, owner of the funeral home in Waterbury, CT, we know that Theresa departed this life peacefully surrounded by friends. Her body was cremated and buried next to her parents and sister Irene. She asked for no obituary, and no name engraved on the tombstone. Her wishes were faithfully honored.

Before joining SFCC in 1985, Theresa served as a Sister of Mercy in Connecticut for 21 years. As Sister Marie-Paul Jaston recalls, "Theresa was very much loved by neighbors and residents at the Naugatuck Housing Authority where she lived for 23 years after retiring." In a handwritten note left behind by Theresa, she listed work she had done and hoped would never be forgotten: "Love of nature. Love of animals. Teacher of English as a second language. Parish worker in African American Parish. Staff worker in group home. Ministry to elderly in public housing." The note concluded with, "Cancer robbed me of future service to God and his people."

Marie-Paul speaks of Theresa as a "beautiful example of Christian charity, touching many lives by loving service and fidelity to the Gospel. She cherished the SFCC community, kept in touch faithfully, holding SFCC in her heart, praying for the good of all." A Requiem Mass is being offered for Theresa at the Cathedral of Holy Cross in Boston on January 27th, 2024. May we all light a candle for Theresa in gratitude for the gift of her sisterhood, while apologizing for this obituary to honor her life in SFCC.

-Submitted by Karol Jackowski



Lien de Jong-Zwart
Permanent Affiliate
LIFE: 1946 -2023
SFCC: 2001-2023

Lien was attracted to SFCC by our vision and charisms, especially the SFCC interpretation of the Evangelical Vows: Obedience, as 'giving -ear -to'; people feel heard and seen; Chastity, as unconditional love/respect; Poverty, as dedication of all our time, talents and possessions to the work of peace& reconciliation, wherever we live, work, wait. She was filled with joy when she signed the Covenant of Permanent Affiliation with SFCC in 2001.

Lein's life accomplishments were as a teacher and an artist; married in 1968 to Dirk de Jong, two sons and 4 grandchildren. In addition to singing (62 years) in the Church Choir, Lien was with song and tambourine at the start of the Gospel Choir, the *Sea Singers* (1997). She also sat on the Board of Directors of the *Hedwig Huis non-profit Foundation*, founded by Ineke Bruggeman and Teresa Takken (1996).

Lien served on the St. Agnes Parish Council; in Ecumenical and Interfaith Committees; *Pax Christi*; *Amnesty International*. She was the 1st female Lector Pastor in the Old Catholic Church (OKK) *Union of Utrecht* countries in the 1990s, with an authentic pastoral disposition and attitude towards all. For years, once a month, Lien and I travelled to Den Helder for our Lector work in the St Nicolas parish there.

Lien & Dirk dedicated many years to housing and assisting refugees arriving in the Netherlands. Her involvements in SFCC were with our Benelux Region since 2001, facilitating and hosting gatherings and sharing sessions, as well as providing housing to sisters visiting from other European countries and abroad.

A woman full of joy, light, positivity and pure of heart....she is deeply missed by all who knew her. Lein remains a course of inspiration throughout years to come.

-Submitted by Teresa Takken, Benelux, RCC





Lucille Buhl, 93,
Life: 1930-2023,
SFCC: 1981-2023

Entered eternal life on December 2, 2023. She was born at home on a farm in the Town of New Holstein, WI on August 28, 1930 and baptized as Marie Magdalen Buhl. She was the sixth of seven children born to the late Frank A. and Margaret (Salm) Buhl. She attended Holy Rosary Parish School. After completing her freshman year at New Holstein High School, she entered Holy Family Convent on Silver Lake in Manitowoc, WI to become a Franciscan Sister of Christian Charity. She entered the novitiate in 1948 and made her First Profession of Vows in 1949.

She completed her undergraduate degree in 1967 at Holy Family College and was a member of the first class to study at the new college. Her vocation included teaching and being a principal at various parish schools in the Green Bay Diocese.

In 1979 she moved to the Kansas City area and taught at St. Patrick's School, Kansas City, KS. She joined the Sisters for Christian Community (SFCC) in 1981. She was principal at St. Stephen's Academy in NE Kansas City from 1982-1986. In 1987 she became the first Pastoral Associate at St. Sabina Parish in Belton, MO. Among her many duties were visiting the sick, bringing communion to people at home, in nursing homes and in hospitals, working with The Legion of Mary, senior citizens, and other ministerial duties. In the mid 1990's she started working at the Cullen Funeral Home, helping with visitations and other duties. With love and gratitude, we honor the life of Lucille Buhl and welcome her into the everlasting life of SFCC.

-Submitted by Karol Jackowski



Erlinda Lanigao,
Life 1952-2023,
SFCC: 1999-2023

Calungsod Region, Philippines

Erlinda filled every room she entered with energy and enthusiasm. She exuded the same energy for SFCC. There is no doubt that her SFCC region, Calungsod, will always feel both her energy and her absence.

Born in 1952, Erlinda entered the Oblates of Notre Daem (OND). She earned a Masters of Arts in Educational Management. Erlinda was with the OND community for 27 years ministering as a teacher. She left the ONDs in September of 1989. For the next 10 years she ministered in at the BEC Center in Naval, Biliran, Philippines.

During August, Erlinda died of cancer in the place of her mission in Naval, Biliran Province. After three days the body was brought to her home by her families in Malangas, Sibugay Zamboanga, where she was buried in her own backyard garden. The SFCCs Teresita Apor, Janeth Mapa, and Lorraine Pagola of the Calungsode Region were present for the funeral mass and burial in order to support Erlinda's family and friends. Erlinda was affirmed into SFCC in 1999. She continued her ministry in the Naval Diocese where she was a member of the Diocesan Federation Team. She was also a BEC Coordinator.

Many will always remember Erlinda in her service role as facilitator of the SFCC International Assembly in Manila (2019) where she kept everyone focused and on track. There was no denying her energy that week nor her complete enthusiasm for the assembly itself.

Erlinda is missed by her family, friends, her SFCC region and by all the SFCC in the Philippines.

-Submitted by Fran Campbel and Bing Bulala, Asia Area Archivist



Anne Fowler
Life: 1938-2024,
SFCC: 2017-2024

For 50 years Anne Fowler served with the IHM sisters in Pennsylvania as elementary school teacher and Principal. Having received permission to care for her invalid mother in 2001, Anne acquired a position first as Director of Religious Education at St. Joseph Parish in Tom's River NJ where she served for many years.

After five decades of service Anne left the IHM's, and through her friendship with Carla Barr became interested in SFCC. Fran O'Connor mentored Anne as she made the decision to join SFCC and was welcomed into Sophia Circle in 2017. Fran visited Anne frequently as her health deteriorated over the last five years. Anne shared a home with her nephew Paul who cared for her as she prepared to depart this life on January 9, 2024. Anne adored Paul because without him "I would've ended up in a nursing home." We can all take comfort in knowing without a doubt that Anne was welcomed Home by Carla Barr and all our dearly departed Sisters.

-Submitted by Karol Jackowski



Thoughts to Reflect on our upcoming Assembly: Becoming One with the Divine

That Outer World is full with Divine Consciousness;

This Inner World (*every being*) is also full with Divine Consciousness.

From fullness is manifested fullness.

From the Fullness of Divine Consciousness, the World is manifested,

Taking fullness from fullness, fullness remains, because, Divine Consciousness is Non- Dual and Infinite, (Ephesians 3:19)

The Oneness of God is spoken through the mystical Gospel of John: 17:21-23. The Oneness of God is also speaking through Hindu Vedas and Upanishads, from the middle of the 5th century through the 2nd century BCE. The Hindus pray, "He is the one God, hidden in all beings, all-pervading, the Self within all beings."

It also speaks through Jewish Kabbalah, through great Sufi mystic poets and in all the great religious traditions. The Sikh says in the Mul Mantra, "He is the Sole Supreme Being, of eternal manifestation." The Talmud says, "Let us always consider ourselves as if the Holy One dwells within." The Koran says, "I have breathed into humans My spirit," and We learn from Christianity, The book of Deuteronomy says, "Hear O Israel: the Lord our God is One,".

The only way to experience the Oneness of God is by merging our small being into Big Being- the Universal Consciousness-God.

Martin Luther King Jr. says, "We are challenged to develop a world perspective. No individual can live alone. No nation can live alone. And anyone who feels that he can live alone is sleeping through a revolution. ... The world in which we live is geographically one. The challenge we face today is to make it one in terms of [community]." (Sunday sermon on March 31, 1968)

There is fullness, which is limitless Brahman, the efficient and material cause of creation, fullness which is the known and the knowable objects comprising the world, the effect called creation comes forth, taking away fullness from fullness, adding fullness to fullness, fullness alone remains.

Here is a wonderful prayer by St. Teresa of Avila. This prayer is so simple yet meaningful. It strengthens the weak, removes all fears and calms our inner most torments and leads us to the Oneness of all:

Let nothing disturb you; Let nothing frighten you, All things pass away. God never changes. Patience obtains all things. He who has God, finds he lacks nothing. God alone suffices.

Chant: Om Asato Maa Sad-Gamaya | (O God lead me from untruth to Truth)
Tamaso Maa Jyotir-Gamaya | (O God lead me from darkness to Light)
Mrityor-Ma Amritam Gamaya | (O God lead me from death to Life)

-Submitted by Margaret Gonsalves RCC India

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IF ATTENDING IN-PERSON -- ASSEMBLY REGISTRATION

Hotel Room Cost: \$129 plus Tax for a Single or Double Room (Accessible Rooms Available)

Assembly fee: \$350 – Includes

- FREE Shuttle from Airport to Hotel
- \$15 Breakfast Voucher for Each Day per Person; FREE Wi-Fi; Outdoor Pool; Onsite Restaurant
- Extended Room Rate of \$129 for 3 days prior and 3 days after Assembly

Note: Please call Hotel Direct Number to Reserve Room under Sisters For Christian Community group, Also, provide names of members rooming with you, to assure everyone receives Breakfast Voucher.

IF ATTENDING VIA ZOOM -- ASSEMBLY REGISTRATION

_____ I would like **Option #1** **\$150 – Attending Whole Assembly**

_____ I would like **Option #2** **\$ 75 – Attending Business Meeting and Collegial Process Only**

Note: Please provide your email address to receive the Assembly Zoom Invitation.

EMAIL: _____

Make checks payable to:

Sisters For Christian Community

Send completed form and fee to:

Deb Murphy, SFCC, 13060 W Bluemound Rd. Unit 108
 Elm Grove, WI 53122 USA

REGISTRANT INFORMATION:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE (PROVINCE): _____ ZIP: _____

COUNTRY: _____

CELEBRATING JUBILEE? NO: _____ YES _____ NUMBER OF YEARS: _____

MAKING COMMITMENT? IF YES,

REGION: _____ SFCC MENTOR: _____

PLEASE REGISTER BY 6/1/2024



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