SPiritual Longings
Underway
• First Sunday Contemplative Sitting.
  • January to June focused on Identity and Life in Mission, Adrian Dominican Constitution and Statutes
  • Weber Center offerings.
    • Days of Mindfulness Meditation.
    • Workshops exploring Laudato Si’, the Scriptures, and spirituality.
    • Retreats focusing on spirituality, mysticism, and the psalms.
• Private Directed Retreats.
• INAI: A Space Apart.
  • Creative exhibits: Connecting the Threads and Quiet Moments.
• Presentations for Embracing the Future/Encuentro con el Futuro/Pagyakap sa Hinaharap in the summer of 2019.
• A Sister Reflects blog

Exploring
• Establishing a Spirituality Committee.
• Forming Omega Discussion Groups.
  • Additional ecumenical/interfaith offerings.
• Possible offerings in Mission Chapters.
• Communal book studies.

Sustainability
Underway
• Implementing a computerized program of tracking all waste to help reduce it (includes garbage to landfill, hazardous waste, recycled materials, and composted food waste).
• Reducing plastics on campus by removing plastic bags from office wastebaskets and plastic drink bottles from vending machines.
• Planting trees and other perennials to increase carbon sequestration.
• Expanding the collection of compostable food and other materials on campus.
• Planting more fruit and nut trees and other food-producing perennials in the Permaculture Edible Food Forest.
• Developing theological reflection questions for sustainable living.

Exploring
• Solar-energy generation options for the campus and CASA apartments in West Palm Beach, Florida.
• A computerized program of tracking food and beverage products to help support healthy meals and sustainable food choices (e.g., reduced meat and increased local, sustainable food purchasing).
• Collecting post-consumer food waste to reduce exports to landfill.
• Compostable food service products throughout campus.

Resilient Communities
Underway
• Mission Groups in Dominican Midwest, Dominican West, Florida, and Great Lakes Dominican Mission Chapters have submitted ideas for geographic locations in which to implement a resilient communities effort — and most Chapters have identified at least two strong possibilities. During 2019, volunteers in those Chapters will be asked to research those possibilities to help select the optimal location.
• The Adrian Resilient Communities Committee is doing further research on demographics, needs, and current work of community organizations in Adrian, incorporating the suggestions received from Mission Groups in Adrian-based Chapters; Sisters and Associates living in the Adrian area; and campus Co-workers, who responded to a survey developed by the Committee.
• Sisters in the Our Lady of Remedies Chapter are promoting resiliency by supporting several new income-generating efforts — organic food growing, sewing, and meal preparation — among indigenous and indigent communities.
• Sisters are assisting immigrants at the U.S.-Mexico border.

Exploring
• Sponsoring a daylong symposium on May 20, 2019, to highlight the importance of ecological sustainability to creating resilient communities. More to come!

Deepening Relationships/Honoring Diversity
Underway
• March 13, 2019, Dine and Discuss at Weber Center on Blood at the Root: A Racial Cleansing in America by Patrick Phillips.
• Sharing and discussing interculturality case study, created by Adrian Dominicans participating in CTU’s intercongregational conference, “Engaging Our Diversity: Interculturality and Consecrated Life.”
• Engaging young women in discernment about life choices. Come and See Weekend at Weber Center March 1-3, 2019.
• Survey of Associates, evaluating Associate Life; revision of Associate Life Handbook and Formation Book.
• Outreach for National Catholic Sisters Week, March 8-14, 2019.
• Establishing a Sojourners group in Las Vegas.
• Sisters living in the Congregation house in New Orleans have a standing offer to share community with immigrants in need.

Exploring
• Fall 2019 daylong program processing white privilege with the President of Lenawee NAACP, the head of the Adrian Diversity Commission, and a panel of three young black women.