



COMMUNITY NOTES

SISTERS OF THE PRESENTATION

JUNE 2018



To One and All,

Thank you for the beautiful ritual in honor of our installation. Your efforts to make it special did not go unnoticed and will be remembered with gratitude. Thank you:

- Julianne, Beth, Ann and Leanne
- Readers and greeters
- Choir, pianist and organist
- Lisa, the kitchen staff; dishwashers
- Linda, the housekeeping staff
- Those who served all the beverages
- Those who decorated the tables
- Carol for livestreaming the ritual
- Jane for taking pictures
- Jean L. for all the house details
- And for all the hard work behind the scenes we may have missed mentioning

Thank you for the beautiful notes, cards, words of prayers and support from near and far. It was wonderful to see so many of the sisters, associates, employees, friends and family. Also, to those who could not be present. Your thoughts and well wishes meant so much. Know of our deep gratitude. It truly was a special day thanks to each of you!

Sister Carmen Hernandez Sister Rita Menant Sister Joy Peterson Sister Marilyn Breen

Presentation Direction Statement and Commitments

This winter, the Presentation congregation gathered for their Chapter of Affairs and Elections, which occurs every five years. The Chapter of Affairs determined the direction the community for the next five years, and the Chapter of Elections appointed new leaders to carry out the vision and direction discerned by the community. Newly-elected leaders, Sisters Carmen Hernandez, Rita Menart, Joy Peterson and Marilyn Breen were installed on June 2, 2018. In collaboration with the Presentation community, they will implement concrete steps to live the community's commitment to radical hospitality.

Direction Statement

Rooted in the Gospel,
inspired by Nano Nagle, and
united to Presentation Sisters and Associates
around the world
through the International Presentation Association,
we, the Sisters of the Presentation
of Dubuque, Iowa, are called
to live our charism of Radical Hospitality
in kinship with Earth and all people.

Commitments

We promise to live radical hospitality in all relationships,
especially with people made poor, through our commitment to contemplation,
service, advocacy, dialogue, communication and education.

We promise to practice non-violence of mind and heart, speech and action
as we address injustice directly and systemically.

We promise to form partnerships and utilize resources for the purpose or mission.

We promise to implement governance practices that foster dialogue
and communication in decision-making.

Community Statements and Blessings at the Transfer of Congregational Leadership

Many have asked for the community statements and blessings shared at the Transfer of Leadership celebration. They are included below.

As part of the commissioning ceremony, each member of the outgoing leadership team gifted the new leaders with a glass wishing ball and gratitude globe with a blessing for the gifts each have to offer in leading the Presentation community into the next five years.

(Blessing by Sister Julianne Brockamp to Sister Carmen Hernandez)

“May your dreams stir your inner ‘Nano passion.’ May your dreams bring light and hope to our suffering sisters and brothers along the road. May your dreams fire love in the hearts of all with whom you walk – lighting the earth with the gospel of love. And may your chosen words, ‘I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me,’ guide you on your daily path.”

(Blessing by Sister Beth Driscoll to Sister Joy Peterson)

“Your listening heart hears voices that cry: ‘We are waiting ...’ Waiting to be recognized ... to be called by name ... to be loved and treated with dignity. May you dream what is possible for all who wait. May you call forth from us the commitment that will transform these dreams into realities – lighting the earth with the gospel of love.”

(Blessing by Sister Ann Jackson to Sister Rita Menart)

“May God grant you the wisdom of discernment, the peace of truth and the joy of learning in communion with all of life. May your gifts of inquiry and curiosity challenge us to wrestle with the difficult questions and to live into a world our hearts dream is possible. May your missionary heart – ablaze and impassioned by your love of God – lead us in the dance – lighting the earth with the gospel of love.”

(Blessing by Sister Leanne Welch to Sister Marilyn Breen)

“As you move forward, may leadership excite your soul and kindle in your mind creativity to journey beyond known limits. May all that is to come be worthy of the energy of your heart and the light of your thought. May you go, always with Jesus, lighting the earth with the gospel of love.”

After Sisters Carmen, Rita, Joy and Marilyn expressed their readiness and acceptance of the ministry of elected leadership, the Presentation community responded with their own commitments of support and cooperation.

(Read by Sister Anne Marie Kollasch on behalf of the Mount Loretto sisters)

Carmen, Rita, Joy, Marilyn,

Thank you for cooperating with the Spirit and being willing to be on the leadership team for the next five years. We recognize the weight of this responsibility. However, know that you do not carry the burden alone. We will be here to support you in your quest to make the direction statement a living reality in our lives. Radical hospitality needs to begin at home and we offer you our friendship and our prayerful support as we begin a new chapter in our communal lives.

We look forward to conversation, dialogue and transparency in decision-making. We will strive to be open-minded, honest and to speak with courage and compassion. New ideas are always a challenge; we will attempt to see change as an opportunity to grow in new directions.

You can expect us to be team players, cooperating with you in working for justice for all. Please pray that we will be up to the task.

(Read by Sister Maura McCarthy on behalf of the Presentation community)

We, your congregational community and associate members, have whole-heartedly promised radical hospitality and as a result, stand with you, Carmen, Rita, Joy and Marilyn, by committing ourselves to prayer, knowing that as Tennyson expressed it, “More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of.” We also promise to live as abundantly as possible our community life, continuing Nano and Mother Vincent’s custom of warmly loving and caring for one another, spiced with our frequent hilarity.

We remember the first peoples of Earth on which we live, and welcome the new-comers, with their outstanding languages and customs. We promise to advocate for the immigrants and refugees in our midst upholding anti-racism, anti-human trafficking and anti-gun policies. We commit ourselves to the web of life. In this and all that opens us to God’s radical newness, we stand with you in simplicity and unity.

Our Journey in Formation



Through my studies at Catholic Theological Union, I was able to take part in the incredible experience of studying the Scriptures through the travel seminar “Encountering the Bible Lands.” I felt extremely blessed to be able to not only explore the context of the Scriptures, but also to explore the breadth of the Presentation charism in the Middle East.

I was able to spend almost a week with Union Presentation Sisters Silva Francis, Lisa Pires and Anna Manyonga where they lived out hospitality to the fullest. Their ministries focus on peacemaking, working towards nonviolence and education. They increased my understanding and opened my eyes to the effect of the ongoing conflict in the lives of the people of the Middle East. I greatly enjoyed my time with the sisters and hope our paths will meet again soon.

As I continued my time in Israel, I joined my classmates as we explored biblical sites throughout Israel, Turkey and Greece. Below are a few photos and highlights from the trip ...

I was extremely grateful for this opportunity to walk in the footsteps of the founders of our faith from Abraham, to the early Christians, to the Presentation Sisters. I am incredibly grateful to have had this experience and know that it will forever impact my reflections on the Scriptures and my life as a Presentation Sister.

Sister Mary Therese Krueger



Athens, Greece



Presentation Sisters



The group on the steps of the Holy Sepulchre



Baptismal site of Jesus, Jordan River



Floating in the Dead Sea



Garden of Gethsemane



Ephesus, Turkey

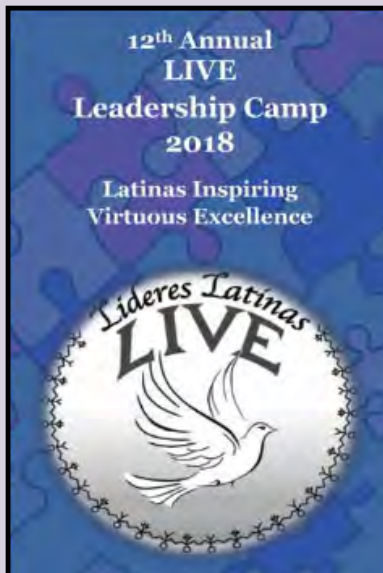


Praying at the Western (Wailing) Wall

From the Office of... VOCATIONS

LIVE Leadership Camp

Get ready! Junior high summer camp is about to begin! Please pray for all of the campers, counselors and staff participating in the 12th annual LIVE Leadership Camp held at Creighton University Retreat Center on June 25-29, 2018. This year two students from Chicago and five students from Hampton will be participating. Sisters Jessi Beck and Mary Therese Krueger will serve as camp counselors. The camp is sponsored by the Aberdeen Presentation Sisters. For more information [click here](#).



Good Reads

Read what young adults have to say in preparation for October's Synod on "[Young People, Faith, and Vocation Discernment](#)"

What does vocation ministry look like today?

"What do you do?" is a common question I get asked. Vocation ministry is filled with educating, inviting and discerning. The following is a list of the main vocation activities since the fall of 2017.

- Chicago's Got Sisters/Dubuque's Got Sisters
- Pizza nights with long-term volunteers
- Service and discernment trip to New Orleans
- Volunteer service events
- Women's discernment groups at colleges
- Attend Mass on college campuses
- Busy Person Retreats at colleges
- High school class visits
- Write TEC retreat letters
- Grade school class visits
- Write articles for diocesan papers and [Vision](#) magazine
- Create [website content](#)
- Contribute to social media platforms
- Invest in online advertising (See [A Nun's Life Ministry](#))
- Collaborate for events with DAVA, [CAVA](#) and [NRVC](#)
- Respond to inquirers
- Stay in touch with discerners
- Invite sisters and associates to prayer and participation

One of the goals for the summer is to look at where we've been and where we might go next. How can we invite women to join us as vowed members? Where do we need to be? Where do we need to reach out? Perhaps there are some new initiatives we can try like evenings of prayer/reflection for women, regular volunteer opportunities or [insert your idea here.]

Where do you see yourself plugging in to vocation ministry in the coming months? What do you need from me? Have ideas? Want to get involved? Let me know. ☺

Sister Jessi Beck



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Beginnings of the Sisters of the Presentation Associate Partnership

By Sister Janet Stelken

IN THE BEGINNING ... The Presentation Associate Program officially began in the fall of 1998. No one could have been more delighted and excited than Sister Ruth Marie Holtzbauer. Sister Ruth Marie had been a great promoter and advocate of a Dubuque Presentation Associate Program for many years. And, finally, it was to become a reality.

Sister Mary Lou Specha was asked to assume the leadership of this new venture. A team of three sisters and three lay women composed the first Associate Process Advisory Committee who worked with Sister Mary Lou. The first year was spent brainstorming, researching and designing what the Presentation Dubuque Associate Program would look like. After much discussion and sharing, it was decided that some kind of orientation manual should be created to be used when directing an associate group. Several sisters were asked to design a "lesson" which would cover one of the following topics: heritage, charism, mission, prayer, community and discernment. Much work, thought and energy were put into these creations. When the final okay was given, the manual was assembled and the groups were ready to begin. An invitation was extended to those who had indicated a desire for such a relationship with the sisters or to persons sisters felt might desire to be potential associates.

A group of three men, seven women, and four Presentation Sisters from the Chicago area pioneered the first associate group. After meeting together regularly for several months, the Chicago group made their commitment on June 4, 2000, becoming the first Dubuque Presentation associates. Other groups made their commitments in the year 2000 as well. Since, and including that first group, there have been 22 groups – in some cases individual persons – totaling 168 associates who have committed to pray, serve and live the mission of Nano Nagle in communion with the Dubuque Presentation Sisters. At present we are delighted to accompany 132 associates and another person presently in the orientation process.

Over the years many people, both sisters and associates, have generously committed time, talent and energy as they served on the associate board or as leaders of an associate group or faithful members who entered heart and soul into this special relationship. We are especially grateful to those who served as co-directors of the Associate Partnership: Sister Mary Lou Specha, Char McCoy, Billie Greenwood, Karla Berns (deceased), Sister Lynn Mary Wagner, Carol Witry, Sister Joan Brincks and Cindy Pfiffner.

Though this process has changed and developed over the years, one thing has not: and that is the commitment and desire of people to grow together and to follow the example of Nano Nagle, a woman of deep prayer and one who reached out untiringly to those in need.

This year, 2018, we celebrate and give thanks for 20 years of what is known as the Sisters of the Presentation Associate Partnership. Both sisters and associates have been enriched and the world blessed because of this special relationship. Many have benefited from the prayers, the works of justice and peace and the charity that have resulted because of the passion and generosity of this group. We have reason to celebrate this 20th Anniversary. Hope to see you during Community Days on July 18-21.

Come One, Come All!! The bigger the group the happier and richer we will all be!

Community Days - Please Come!

Community Days are right around the corner, and we hope that you will be able to join us. Community Days are an important opportunity for sisters and associates to connect or reconnect with each other, build relationships and learn from one another. It is a time to engage in conversation about mission and charism, about the reality of what is happening now and what we are being called to as we move forward. And, of course, it is a time to pray and have fun together. This time together helps sisters and associates view the bigger picture and see what is evolving.



As an associate, you are invited and encouraged to participate in Community Days on July 17-21, 2018. The theme is “Risking Radical Hospitality,” and facilitator, Sister Catherine Schneider, OSF, will lead us as we take a deeper look at our 2018 Chapter commitments. As a part of the Presentation community, your presence and input is needed and valued!

Rooms at St. Columbkille Convent Suites have been reserved, at no cost, for out-of-town associates for Tuesday-Friday nights, July 17-20.

Associates are invited for hamburgers and brats on Tuesday evening at 5:30 p.m. and a social on Thursday evening. All meals are included from Tuesday evening supper through Saturday supper.

There will be an associate gathering on Friday morning and an associate recognition in celebration of 20 years on Friday afternoon. The 60th Jubilee celebration will begin on Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. Mass (morning session will begin at 10:45 a.m.), and Thursday and Friday sessions will begin at 9:00 a.m.

We hope you'll be able to be present and participate in all of Community Days, but if your schedule doesn't allow you to come for the entire time, please come for whatever portion you can!

Please remember to RSVP by June 18 by completing the [Event Registration Form](#) or emailing jean@dubuquepresentations.org.



HISTORY HAS SHAPED US. TODAY WILL BE TOMORROW'S LEGACY.

A History of Community Leadership: 1955 - Present

1955-1961

Mother M. Estelle Pillard (Mother General)
Sister M. deLourdes Verhey (Vicaress)
Sister M. Innocentia Sanner (2nd C.)
Sister M. Robert Reidy (3rd C.)
Sister M. Calasanctius Kelly (4th C.)

1961-1967

Mother M. Estelle Pillard (Mother General)
Sister Helen M. Feeney (Vicaress)
Sister M. Innocentia Sanner (2nd C.)
Sister M. Alicia Howley (3rd C.)
Sister M. Perpetua Ryan (4th C.)

1967-1973

Sister Helen M. Feeney (Mother General)
Sister M. Martin McCormick (Vicaress)
Sister M. Philip Jasper (2nd C.)
Sister M. Edward Dolan (3rd C.)
Sister M. Damian O'Brien (4th C.)

1973-1977

Sister Helen M. Feeney (Mother General)
Sister M. Martin McCormick (Vicaress)
Sister M. Edward Dolan (2nd C.)
Sister M. Philip Jasper (3rd C.)
Sister M. Damian O'Brien (4th C.)

1977-1981

Sister M. Martin McCormick (Major Superior)
Sister M. Jeanine Kuhn (Assistant)
Sister M. Francine Quillin (2nd C.)
Sister M. Alberta Lynch (3rd C.)
Sister M. Sheila Ann Dougherty (4th C.)

1981-1984

Sister M. Martin McCormick (Major Superior)
(Died in office)
Sister M. Jeanine Kuhn (Assistant)
Sister M. Sheila Ann Dougherty (2nd C.)
Sister M. Francine Quillin (3rd C.)
Sister M. Philip Jasper (4th C.)

1984-1985

Sister M. Jeanine Kuhn (Acting Major Superior)
Sister M. Sheila Ann Dougherty (2nd C.)
Sister M. Francine Quillin (3rd C.)
Sister M. Philip Jasper (4th C.)

1985-1989

Sister M. Joan Lickteig (Major Superior)
Sister M. Kathleen Dolphin (Assistant)
Sister M. Elizabeth Presseller (2nd C.)
Sister Ruth M. Holtzbauer (3rd C.)
Sister M. Dennis Lentsch (4th C.)

1989-1993

Sister M. Julianne Brockamp (Major Superior)
Sister M. Diana Blong (Assistant)
Sister Marilyn Breen (2nd C.)
Sister M. Jacqueline Quillin (3rd C.)
Sister Gina M. Foletta (4th C.)
(Resigned during her term)
Sister M. Barbara Rastatter (4th C.)

1993-1998

Sister M. Jacqueline Quillin (Major Superior)
Sister Marilyn Breen (Assistant)
Sister M. Barbara Rastatter (2nd C.)
Sister M. Jennifer Rausch (3rd C.)
Sister M. Irma Ries (4th C.)

1998-2003

Sister M. Joy Peterson (President)
 Sister M. Elena Hoyer (Vice-President)
 Sister M. Janet Stelken (2nd C.)
 Sister M. Dennis Lentsch (3rd C.)
 Sister M. Joellen Price 4th C.)

2003-2008

Sister M. Joy Peterson (President)
 Sister M. Elena Hoyer (Vice-President)
 Sister M. Janet Stelken (2nd C.)
 Sister M. Marjorie Healy (3rd C.)

2008-2013

Sister M. Jennifer Rausch (President)
 Sister M. Marjorie Healy (Vice-President)
 Sister M. Beth Driscoll (2nd C.)
 Sister M. Leanne Welch (3rd C.)

2013-2018

Sister M. Julianne Brockamp (President)
 Sister M. Beth Driscoll (Vice-President)
 Sister Ann M. Jackson (2nd C.)
 Sister M. Leanne Welch (3rd C.)

2018-2022

Sister M. Carmen Hernandez (President)
 Sister M. Rita Menart (Vice-President)
 Sister M. Joy Peterson (2nd C.)
 Sister Marilyn Breen (3rd C.)

Corporate Stance on Immigration

We promise to live radical hospitality in all relationships, especially with people made poor, through our commitment to contemplation, service, advocacy, dialogue, communication and education.

Chapter of 2018 Commitment

This commitment from our recent Chapter captures a congregational hope that in everything we do, we are responding to the call to live hospitality radically. We are pleased to announce that the invitation to make a corporate stance supporting “the implementation of a just and comprehensive immigration policy for the United States that includes a broad-based legalization of currently undocumented persons, providing them a path to citizenship” received a unanimous supporting vote.

There were 84 sisters and associates who responded to the ballot on the corporate stance. Seventy-two sisters voted, which met the requirement of one-half of the congregation voting. Of that, 69 sisters voted affirmed the stance. Two persons neither agreed nor disagreed, which meant their ballot counted as agreement. One ballot was invalid.

During Community Days and in the months ahead, we will strategize actions toward deepening this commitment to be “radical” in our welcoming of immigrants and others in need. We pray for wisdom and courage for each other in living this commitment.

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Sisters of the Presentation Immigration Stance

The Sisters of the Presentation of Dubuque support the implementation of a just and comprehensive immigration policy for the United States that includes a broad-based legalization of currently undocumented persons, providing them a path to citizenship.

We call for:

- Reform of the family-based immigration system to allow family members to reunite with loved ones in the United States;
- Reform of the employment-based immigration system to provide a legal pathway for migrants to come and work in a safe, humane and orderly manner;
- Abandonment of the present border “blockade” enforcement strategy and adoption of a humane enforcement policy that respects human rights;
- Restoration of due process protections for immigrants; and
- Adoption of policies that address root causes of migration.

Rationale:

In 1874, at the invitation of Bishop Hennessy of Dubuque, Presentation Sister Mother Vincent Hennessy and three companions emigrated from Ireland to educate children of recent immigrants to the Diocese of Dubuque. Thus began a long history of education and service to immigrant families, especially those most in need. In our current time, families of immigrants continue to respond to our offer of hospitality and care. As our sisters and brothers in so many places of the world need protection, there is an added demand to offer radical hospitality through just and humane immigration policies. Scripture admonishes us: “You shall not oppress a stranger, for you know the heart of the stranger, since you were strangers in the Land of Egypt.” (Exodus 23:9)

Action:

1. Recognize the myths commonly put forward about immigrants and refugees.
2. Advocate for compassionate immigration policies.
3. According to the Detention Watch Network, 65 percent of immigrants are held in detention centers owned by for-profit corporations. In 2017, an average of 40,000 people were held in detention each day resulting in high earnings for the corporations and inhumane conditions for the detainees. Ask your representative or senator to join efforts to eliminate the national detention bed quota.
4. Promote national policies that address the root causes of migration.
5. Make your community a place of radical hospitality toward immigrants and refugees both in your actions and in your prayer.

NEWS & INFORMATION



Ministry Donation Committee Allocations:

- \$1,500 - Tri-State Coalition Against Human Trafficking

The next Ministry Fund requests are due August 30, 2018.

REMINDER: June 20, 2018 - Partners in Mission Coffee and Cookies

The Partners in Mission Office will continue to offer you quarterly updates on what is happening with our partners.

Please mark your calendars and try to attend the **Second Coffee and Cookies 2018 gathering** being held in the Presentation Center on **Wednesday, June 20 from 1 – 2 p.m.**



We will discuss upcoming Doorways stories and come prepared to share your stories! Below is a list of additional dates for the 2018 Partners in Mission Coffee and Cookies gatherings:

Wednesday, September 19 from 1 – 2 p.m.

Wednesday, December 19 from 1 – 2 p.m.

We look forward to your presence and participation!

Karen Tuecke, Partners in Mission Coordinator

Thank You

Thank you for all expressions of sympathy at the death of our brother-in-law, Jerry Callan. We appreciated all the kind words, in person, and in writing. We also are grateful for those who attended his wake or funeral. It was a large funeral with his family of eight children and all their families, plus siblings from both sides, and other relatives and friends, along with parishioners of St. Mary in Manchester.

Sisters Dolores and Josita Zieser

PLEASE NOTE: There are no July or August Community Notes.



Sister Marie Therese Coleman enjoyed a visit from Tom Robbins, a former student.

*"Great photo of a great lady! So lucky to have had Sister MT for a teacher in the 5th and 6th grades!"
Tom Robbins*

PRESENTATION DOORWAYS

We would like to hear from you!

- Do you have any article ideas for future issues?
- Do you have any ideas or suggestions to improve Presentation Doorways?
- Would you like to be more involved in some way? Perhaps write an article? If so, please include your name and contact information: _____

Please drop the form in my mailbox or mail to Jane Buse-Miller, 2360 Carter Road, Dubuque, IA 52001 or email Jane at jane@dubuquepresentations.org. Thank you. Your input is greatly appreciated!

MONTHLY CALENDAR



JULY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

(B) = birthday
(F) = feast day
(R) = reception
(b) = baptismal

- 6 Thalia Cutsforth
- 8 Mary Standing Bear
- 13 Sister Martha Donnelly (B)
- 22 Carol Kane / Joann Gullickson
- 26 Sister Anne McCormick (F)
- 31 Virgie Luchsinger

Special Events

- 4 Fourth of July
- 5 Chapel Dedication Mt. Loretta Avenue (1912)
- 18-21 Community Days
- 19 St. Vincent Academy completed (1880)

PRAYERS & UPDATES



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Prayers: May 17, 2018 - June 13, 2018

5/24 Jerry Callan, brother-in-law of Sisters Dolores and Josita Zieser and husband of their sister, Kathleen, passed away on Wednesday, May 23, after a long bout with cancer and related illnesses.

5/25 Your prayers are requested as I am in the beginning stages of gathering information of treatment for a brain aneurysm that was discovered yesterday, May 24. Instead of returning to Bolivia I'm awaiting communication from the University Hospital in Iowa City. I count on your support.

Sister Marge Healy

Please pray for Dona Pope, sister of Sister Francine Quillin. A month ago Dona suffered a stroke and a subsequent fall resulting in a hip fracture. She was recuperating in a care center. Dona died on May 24. Dona has six children. Her husband died of a heart attack several years ago while they were camping in Canada.

6/8 Associate Colleen Vlasisavljevich's brother, Donald Conlin, passed away on June 7. He is survived by his wife Kerri. They have no children. Donald had leukemia and many other health issues.

6/12 Please remember in your prayers Marge and Wally Krawczuk and family. Their 13-yr-old grandson was killed by a drunk driver while riding his scooter. Marge, a former member, and her family live in Colorado. If you choose to send a card:

Marge and Wally Krawczuk
605 W 57th St. Lot 24
Loveland, CO 80538

6/13 Please remember Larry Steve, brother of Associate Sherry Giesemann, in your prayers. Larry passed away on June 9.