Chapter Commitments Responses

- **Strengths:** the Writing Team was faithful to our discussions and included radical hospitality, IPA, Nano, justice issues, property, leadership issues and structures
  Guidance – in first paragraph begin with the larger picture, beginning with Jesus, Nano, IPA and then DBQ
  What we felt was missing: Jesus, the Associates, and some kind of strong personal/individual/communal call to some kind of action; last paragraph needed to include something about communication or dialogue with the leadership structures; a process suggestion that there will be more dialogue for the community regarding the leadership structures, prioritize some of the justice issues listed within the document so we can leave the Chapter with a clearer direction of where we are going

- 1. Suggest we keep the present Directional Statement
  2. Replace present commitments with tweaked ones from the document received today
  3. That all be phrased or implemented under radical hospitality from a contemplative stance
  4. make a commitment to IPA statements which are very clear and identify us as global

- Grateful for the work of the committee and the opening paragraph indicates clarity of our identity and connectedness
  Guidance – Say “We are called to” instead of “We will...” to better articulate a feeling of openness
  We find the document lacking in referencing our spiritual foundation
  recommend reaffirming the current directional statement and then build commitments that would call to ever deepening and expanding the goals of ministry

- Thanked the Writing Committee for their work
  Would like to see Jesus included in the first paragraph; IPA was also important because of the non-violent practice
  really need some action; the word “explore” is used often - could we say “one pace beyond” somewhere in it instead
  keep the direction statement but add the part about radical hospitality
  use the phrase “deeds not words,” in place of actions

- We really saw the concepts highlighted in the four issues
  The first sentences are good beginning but would like to see stronger action verbs moving us beyond the exploration
  would like to see the use of governance instead of leadership as a stronger vision being broader that just a leadership team, that there are participations that are part of governance
  Can we start big in the very first, beginning with IPA and then going local?
  How might we include Associates, perhaps begin to use the term more commonly

Presentation People

Appendix 15
We were wondering about using the phrase “effective structures;” how do you really measure effective structures?

- We would like to thank the Writing Committee at putting flesh on our conversation; did a good job of targeting the various areas we had surfaced

We need to open our minds and hearts to meeting new people and their values and spirituality; this came up in regard to new membership and how we may need to think about the words that we use

We need to flesh out our individual thoughts and link it back to radical hospitality and action; sometimes we use words but seldom act on them; another word for radical is to be risk-takers

We need to look at the verbs, some of which are static; we could be more active in the verbs that we use

As regards the Leadership Model, we used the words evaluating and experimenting structures that would lead us to do something

In the listing of things — does it include going beyond those that are listed?

- We saw that this was a clear and faithful summary of our work

We would like to see that our addressing the issues of justice be done under the umbrella of non-violence so that non-violence become the framework from which we act on justice issues

We would like to use the active words to convey that we will do it and not just see what needs to be done

Regarding leadership, we would like to see dialogue, transparency and communication be explicitly included

- Second paragraph dealing with relationships - include inclusivity, mutual respect and dialogue

Third paragraph - begin with the concept of practicing non-violence in our heart and mind and then address the issues of social justice – don’t list them as issues may change

Third paragraph – eliminate lists – the issue is the value of justice as we use our resources, leave it (the concept of resources) large because it may lead to something more than just physical/financial resources, it may come to include human resources

The last paragraph - is structure really the right word? Or is it really a way of participating in decision making or the way we grapple with issues together?

- We see this as a strong and comprehensive statement

First paragraph we added the word Gospel (call to radical hospitality and the Gospel), and also added Associates

Third paragraph - explore and implement

Fourth explore - explore and determine

- Affirmation of strength in regard to the statements meeting the requirements of Chapter Statements and appreciate the inclusion of the four areas that were put forward by the Chapter and strong reference to IPA

Recommend being inclusive of Associates and Presentation People and Partners

One common focus came up in our conversation and also if we really need to list all the possibilities of the areas of justice and the uses of the property
 Recommend that the examples be eliminated in paragraphs three and four because they are limiting
   Begin paragraph 3 with “We will explore (or some other word) ways to address issues of justice and we will practice non-violence of mind, heart, speech and action and our depth of radical hospitality will gradually unfold.”

 Great job Writing Team
   We thought the first paragraph could be something of a directional statement and what follows could be the commitment statements
   We felt that non-violence was important and we moved it to the 2nd paragraph
   We would like to make the verbs more active as well as governance versus leadership
   The examples are listed as “e.g.” which means they can be expanded – also an affirmation of the things in which we are already engaged
   It captured a lot of the possible usages in paragraph 4 – didn’t feel limiting to us because they are just examples

 Felt there was a call to be more inclusive finding a way to incorporate Associates in the document
   Spent most of our time discussing how this document might fit in with our existing documents; we felt the phrase commitment might be a little difficult to deal with and thought maybe we could call them Chapter Calls as ways of living out our Directional Statement and Commitments
   In light of that, we felt that maybe we could replace the statement of the evolving consciousness of the cosmos with embracing the Gospel call to Radical Hospitality as a way of incorporating what we have been sharing together

Supportive Participant Responses

 Everything seems to be in the future tense, poverty was one of the issues of justice not listed, following the example of Nano doesn’t seem to fit with property – sooner would go with relationships or justice; need clarification of who is participating in the decision-making

 Strongly feel the first paragraph but would add the word followers of Mother Vincent rather than foremothers because that has a different connotation from different times; 2nd and 3rd paragraph would add explore and commit to ways to address and implement; in the 4th we would suggest adding the need for professional help in using financial resources; continue to explore more dialogue in 5th paragraph

 5th paragraph would like to stress – use ZOOM more and students from local colleges in sharing to keep us updated on things happening in our world

 Personal comment – this statement is for our community – we use Associates for our community so better than a term that is used in IPA. These are our Commitment statements – we WILL live better expresses this commitment. [Is it enough that the listing will be included with the archival materials? This is not just for us; it will be made public. We suggested that the listing be a footnote. Perhaps listing ]
**Common themes**

- Somehow want the document to be more inclusive than the present document
  (Associates, Partners in Mission) Presentation People
- More active verbs to be added or replace what is in the document
- No listing which could be limiting, be more general *(good for us to keep in mind what we are already doing, listing as examples)*
- Incorporate a stronger call and commitment to non-violent stance in all we say and do
- Still unsettled around statement around leadership; should it be leadership or governance
  - Leadership is more about pragmatic/practical questions
  - Governance is more about systemic structures; means for dialogue and communication