Chapter Commitments Draft 2 Responses

- Rooted in the Gospel of Jesus, 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 by practicing non-violence of mind and heart, responding to the cry of the Earth and people made poor, to transform ourselves and our world.
  We commit to:
  - Confront injustices directly and systemically
  - Determine the future use of property and facilities for mission
  - Create new governance for ongoing participation in decision-making
- Delete the words “As Presentation People” – this is included in the last sentence, or drop Presentation People from the last sentence.
- 1st paragraph - We the Sisters of the Presentation of Dubuque, Iowa, are called by the Gospel and by the charism of Radical Hospitality inherited from Nano Nagle. We live united to our Associates and Presentation People throughout the world... (last line) We will continue to explore ongoing inclusive participation in decision-making; We choose to reaffirm the direction statement with Radical Hospitality
- The commitments included the essence of our contributions
  1) As Sisters of the Presentation and Associates of Dubuque, IA we are called by the Gospel and our charism, inherited from Nano Nagle, to Radical Hospitality We live united to Presentation People throughout the world by our communion with the International Presentation Association.
  In #’s 2-4, omit the word will
  In #2, add prayer before “service”
  In #4 we share and continue to explore the use of resources and partnership for mission as related to the use of our property and facilities
  In #5, We will explore and implement new models of governance to foster participation in decision-making
- The first three commitments are fine
  In the Preamble, remove “as Presentation People” and “our Foremothers”;
  in last paragraph remove “governance for;”
  We would like clarification on the next steps
- 1st paragraph – We the Sisters of the Presentation of Dubuque, Iowa, and our Associates...Mother Vincent Hennessy and all our sisters who have gone before us...
  4th paragraph - We will, for the purpose of mission, explore and determine the use of our resources, properties, facilities and partnerships
  5th paragraph – We will promote governance that encourages participation in decision-making
- Replace preamble with tweaking of Directional Statement to include Presentation People/Associates/IPA and Radical Hospitality.
Follow format of previous commitments with “We promise to live Radical Hospitality...” as umbrella with bullets
  o Practice
  o Determine
  o Continue
  o Add transparency to the list
Use “ownership of governance” into the last bullet
EX: We promise to live Radical Hospitality in all relationships, individually and communally, through commitment to service, advocacy, dialogue, communication, transparency and education by:
  • Practicing non-violence of mind and heart, speech and action as we engage and confront injustices directly and systemically in collaboration with partners for mission
  • Determining the use of property and resources for mission
  • Broadening participation in decision making to increase ownership of governance
❖ Strengths: Common themes highlighted at the end of the morning were well heard and worked into the second draft; partners and associates were included, lists were left out, non-violence included;
Weaknesses: first paragraph wasn’t as smooth as we would have liked; three verbs need to be stronger “inherited” from Nano Nagle (possibly legacy of...), determine (perhaps foster...), continue to explore – explore (possibly explore, experiment and implement);
Wondering if Radical Hospitality might not be something we add in each commitment or at the end of the first paragraph;
took out the word “other” before foremothers
❖ Paragraph 1 – delete “As Presentation People” already included later in paragraph; delete “by” before “our charism” – write as “ by the Gospel and our charism”
paragraph 4 – delete “the use of” – write “related to our property”
the rest of the writing is well done
❖ 1st paragraph - As Presentation People, the Sisters and Associates of Dubuque, Iowa...;
2nd paragraph - take out the words “individually and communally”
4th - paragraph – We will explore and determine the future use of resources and partnerships in light of our mission
5th paragraph – We will explore and develop a new style of governance for ongoing community participation in decision-making
❖ 1st paragraph - Rooted in the Gospel of Jesus, 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. [this serves as the directional statement]
2nd paragraph – delete “all”; add through “our “commitment; add “empowered by contemplation;”
3rd paragraph – change injustices to injustice
4th paragraph – We will form partnerships and utilize resources for mission;
5th paragraph – We will implement (or promote) governance practices that foster
dialogue and communication in decision making

- We affirm the statement; paragraph two needs prayer
- As Presentation People, the Sisters of the Presentation and Associates of Dubuque,
  Iowa, are called to Radical Hospitality by the Gospel; and by our charism inherited from
  Nano Nagle, Mother Vincent Hennessy and our other foremothers.

We live united to Presentation People throughout the world by our communion with
the International Presentation Association. We will live Radical Hospitality in all
relationships, individually and communally, through commitment to service, advocacy,
dialogue, communication and education. We will practice non-violence of mind and
heart, speech and action.

We will continue to engage ourselves and others in issues of justice: e.g. care of the
Earth; immigration; homelessness; human trafficking; racial, religious and sex
discrimination.

We will initiate and implement a plan for the use of resources and partnerships related
to our property and facilities for mission.

We will implement effective structures for governance and ongoing participation in
decision making

- Define Presentation People – since we said Sisters of the Presentation and Associates,
  where is the word for benefactors?
  Why is communication listed before education?
  It was suggested by someone to add contemplation in #2 to say contemplation after the
  word through – could it also say contemplation and the Holy Spirit’s guidance?