

PRAIRIE REGION REPORT

This in between time has been filled with connections, collaboration, gratitude and wonder! Over the course of the last seven days; work with the National Formation Group, Communal Spiritual Exercises with the Ignatian Lay Volunteer group, Circle of Elders, Annotation IXX Spiritual Directors, Regional Council, National General Council, the National Implementation Working Group, and the blessing of our National Formation Workshop. Tempting to stop '*by woods on a snowy eve, but we have promises to keep and miles to go before we sleep.'* Pilgrims together, on the Way.

Post National Assembly, across CLC, there has been tender new growth, encouraging connections and conversations. Comforting to know there are sufficient resources and more for the year ahead. Across all these actions and connections there is commitment to humble spiritual conversation and communal discernment. It could be that Covid-19 has given us a fresh view of the simple and powerful leadership each and everyone of us is called to. Washing our hands, wearing a mask, staying home, saves lives. Discerning, sending, supporting evaluating, together, sustains Mission.

Ruth Chipman

It's been delight to walk together as the Prairie Region Leadership Transition Team. We had planned to develop and share a regional discernment framework this Fall but chose to delay anticipating gifts and graces from the National Communal Discernment Work Shop. Yesterday Project 175 arrived (attached) and confirms our direction.

Our hearts overflow with gratitude for each of you. Together, over the last six months, we supported, participated in or facilitated more than 22 CLC events that connected folks from across North America! Last night we connected with CLC USA for a World CLC Graced History presentation. Far from being solitary, isolated groups we experienced that we are part of a world-wide community asking, 'Lord, what will you have us do?'(Acts 9.6)

Let's pause and savour the gifts and graces of this season, knowing the new year brings a new journey. The beautiful carols that Fr. Erik Oland sang for us in the Advent celebration continue to warm our hears and below is a link to one of the carols, *In the Bleak Midwinter.*

Peace & joy, Sharon A. Helen, Ruth, Marek