

CIRCLE OF ELDERS REPORT

The Circle of Elders (COE) met on October 19 and November 30.

In our October meeting we identified work we feel called to act on.

1. We will ask Elders to share their Ignatian journey through newsletter various communication efforts (newsletter/bulletin, website, zoom, emails)
2. We need to "show up", that is humbly listen, encourage and support regional meetings, group guide training efforts, etc. (Elaine will speak on behalf of COE at the Central Assembly, sharing our greetings and encouragement on Oct.23.) Ruth will send similar greetings to the Atlantic Assembly.
3. We have started the process of inviting Elders to join the COE.

Susan Ranbow, Emmaus Community, CLC BC/Rockies region discerned and accepted our invitation to become a member of the COE and has also agreed to be the Elder rep on General Council.

We are drawn to the image of being a grandparent and like trees in a forest, we propagate and shelter new growth.

In our November meeting we decided to invite all elders to pray for the following:

- General Council.
- Leadership conversion,
- Support for emerging young leaders.
- Planning for final guides session
- Meeting with Korean representatives
- Future stories from Haiti.
- A CLC newsletter Editor.
- Dec 4th Haiti Grandparenting Group meeting with Projects group.
- Expanded membership of Circle of Elders list.

We recognize the power of intercessory prayer and we ask that:

All CLC groups accept an invitation to commit to praying every Wednesday for effective solutions to the Climate Crisis.

Elders telling their stories: We will invite all elders across CLC Canada to reflect on the gift of CLC for them, and then write their reflection in one paragraph, to be submitted to the newsletter editor for publication. Our hope is that this process will be an instrument of keeping our CLC Canada alive and evolving.

Submitted by Lois Zachariah for COE members: Mary Balfe, Ruth Chipman, Susan Ranbow, Elaine Regan-Nightingale, and our group guide, Lois Campbell, CLC U.S.A.