**CPC - CONSULTATION WITH CONGREGATION**

**Round One**

**Community Reflections and the Landscape of our World**

**…Moving Toward Chapter 2020**

*You have been engaged in a series of reflections flowing from Carol Zinn’s presentation and questions over the past several months. You have reflected on and suggested ways to collaborate, outreach, and network for specific actions beyond yourselves. In our world many movements are shaping our hopes, fears, dreams and dreads. We invite you to take some time to reflect on your responses to the Community Reflections and what is happening in our world. If possible, bring the fruits of your prayer and reflection to your local community, cluster, associate community or other SOG group(s) for deeper sharing. Finally, we ask that you bring your insights and observations to the upcoming Assembly for a more indepth conversation with others.*

**The Landscape of our World …*What is going on?***

* The “MeToo” movement in response to violence against women
* The plight of migrants and immigrants globally – those seeking refuge from oppression and those seeking a better life
* Racism, discrimination, prejudice, bias and intolerance of any people who are different from us
* Sexual abuse and cover up in the Church
* Climate Crisis and Climate Denial
* Widening gap between those who have much and those who have little
* Breakdown of traditional institutions
* Government Corruption

**Questions for reflection: Please keep your responses brief.**

1. **How do you perceive these realities having any influence on:**
   1. **The shape of religious life for the future**
   2. **How we live communally**
   3. **Our ministries**
   4. **Our perception/practice of the vows of Chastity, Poverty, Obedience**
2. **To what do these realities call us?**
3. **Why these realities?**

*Please bring this reflection paper with you to the Assembly.*

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