



## National Board

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*Called To This Hour:* An hour like none other.

I gaze at the logo for our annual conference as I reflect on the two meetings we've held in February. A convergence of precious pieces come together that signal a new time in history, yet a familiar journey traveled by many. *Time* for each of us holds a variety of meanings.

The time of preparation for our upcoming conference has held familiar elements that all needed to be assembled in new and exciting ways. During our meetings in February the many pieces we looked at, discussed and came to agreement on flowed from our past planning experiences.

Timetables and schedules, an overview to formulating each day. Gathering the information from presenters, participating organizations, keynote speakers: questions about live or video presentations, liturgical experiences, financial needs and expectations that determine our registration fee, along with how this is all done virtually. Lots of pieces to be considered. A dialogue with a NIX representative assisted in lowering some of the concern and questions regarding the 'virtual' experience. We experienced great possibilities.

Of paramount concern: "When can we get the schedule and dates to those awaiting registration?" We are delighted to have that available so your calendars can be marked. The registration will soon follow.

What seemed so large and looming at the beginning of February, now seems to be falling into place in an exciting way. Like the timepiece in our logo, there are many little pins and gears that are now coming together and moving each second and minute along. Each has been oiled in its time, connected with its adjoining piece and now moves forward uniquely doing 'what is theirs to do'.

As we move toward the culmination of planning and into the experience for all 'Franciscan hearted participants', there are questions we can each ask ourselves, "*What is mine to do at this historical moment of time? How will I move our charism forward by living, participating in and relating as sister and brother to the human family?*" We have a rich legacy to leave. Each one of us has a unique gift of presence and talent to bring to our mission.

Like the title for celebrating International Women's Day, March 8, "She Believed She Could So She Did", Clare and Francis believed and did what was theirs to do. Today each of us is called to believe and do what is ours to do.