



National Board

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"Let the sisters and brothers always be mindful above all things that they must desire to have the Spirit of God at work within them." (LR 10:8; FLCL 10:7)

During the month of January, this exhortation of St Francis was energetically enfleshed throughout our National Board meetings. Hearing the updates from the Commissions echoed newness and the **vitality** of the Spirit working among us all.

The three meetings held this month continued to focus on *Called To This Hour 2021*. There is an awareness that *"The Hour"* has already begun and we are well on the way. Much planning, collaboration and moving forward is taking place within the Board, the Commissions and ELFO. At one of our meetings, we met with Margaret Carney and Bryan Froehle regarding the goals and specifics of the Assembly format and content. The goals for this *historic gathering* can be summarized in three words: *SUSTAIN, TRANSFORM, EXPLORE*.

Called to this Hour: The 2021 Franciscan Federation Assemble Goals

- ❖ Sustain the vision of the Third Order Regular of the Franciscan movement in the United States in this new era.
- ❖ Transform the Franciscan Federation to assure that it sustains the vision of Franciscan Life and ministry in this new era.
- ❖ Explore potential structural connections with Franciscan organizations to support this transformation.

Other areas of our meetings discussed were: the Newsletter, website improvements, planning with NIX, and the budget.

If you were one of the many registered for the first COR Zoom Meeting and met the 'glitch', we hope you will take the opportunity to view the recording found on our website. See you again February 18 for the next one.

Recently, Ron Rolheiser, OMI in talking about the challenges today for society and religious life stated that one of them is the crisis of imagination, rather than a crisis of fidelity and faith. Our Franciscan imagination toward future possibilities of our Charism is alive and well. Won't you and your 'Franciscan hearted' friends join us as we imagine a future of peace, unity and comm-unity as did Francis and Clare? Registration will be coming soon.