



## Executive Committee of the Commission of Elected Leaders: January 2021

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**Members: Damian Novello, Frank Scornaienchi, Joyce Shanabarger, Leonette Kochan, Judith Wood, and Carl Vacek discussed current Federation events and encourage all Elected Leaders to be involved.**

The Franciscan Federation is moving forward with energy to **CALLED to THIS HOUR**, the Federation's annual conference, **AFC 2021**. Scheduled for June, 11-14, the conference, as well as its preparatory events, are being held virtually this year.

***Several stages of preparation are already in place and members are highly encouraged to join in the preparation by:***

1. **Participating** in 'Moving Forward' Zoom sessions introducing key Franciscan organizations who will be a part of the AFC 2021 gathering. For those who were unable to participate in the first zoom session on Jan. 21, the link to its recording is available on the Franciscan Federation website. Registration is on our website.

The remaining zoom sessions and leaders to be introduced are scheduled as follows:

Feb. 18	Franciscan Media – Kelly McCracken Association of Franciscan Colleges and Universities – Debi Haug
March 18	Commission on the Franciscan Intellectual Tradition – Darleen Pryds Franciscan Action Network – Maria Orlandini, OSF
April 15	Emergent Group – Persons who are newly vowed or associate members of Franciscan Congregations and "Franciscan hearted" persons who share a passion for the Franciscan charism and its proclamation.

2. **Reflecting** on our priorities and concerns in relation to our political, social and economic situation in the United States at this time:

Feb. 22	Racism: Where Do We Go From Here?
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A presentation and conversation with Jason L. Miller, from FAN, will help us reflect on addressing this issue in the United States now. Our JPIC Committee will set a date to meet to prepare its 2021 Resolution soon after.

NB: The Federation's National Board has sent a letter of congratulations on their Election to President Joseph Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris. The letter is posted on our website.

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3. ***Saving*** these dates that are of special interest to the Commission of Elected Leaders:

AFC planning also includes an early opening of the conference with four pre-conference Zoom sessions in May. These will be 90-minute gatherings for discussions among Federation members and guests, on the four Mondays of May, from 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM Eastern Time.

May 4: Official Opening of the Conference

May 11: Meetings of Commissions to prepare for the Annual Meeting of the Federation on June 13, 2021 during the Virtual Conference Days when they will meet again.

May 18: Thematic Unveiling: Seeing Socially, Assessing Contextually, Acting Ecclesially.

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