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Dear Lynn,

I hope you and your community are staying well and safe during these uncertain times.

As you know in May we cancelled the in-person RCRI 2020 Conference scheduled for September 28 – October 1. At that time we announced that we would plan an alternative virtual conference in the Fall. Recently we announced that we would be holding a virtual conference for three consecutive Friday afternoons on October 23, 30 and November 6 from 12:00 noon – 4:00 (EDT). The condensed program will include an Exhibit Hall and two sessions each Friday with three webinar offerings per session. Eighteen webinars will be offered for the series.

Some workshops from the original program have been selected for inclusion in the virtual conference. The panel on “Canonical Governance Options and Possibilities for Collaboration” has been selected as one of the eighteen webinars to be included in the virtual program.

I am writing to ask if you are still interested in and available to be part of a panel as an executive director of a collaborative to address this topic. This webinar will be held on Friday October 30<sup>th</sup>, from 1:15 to 2:15 pm.

I am listing the information we shared in January since some institutes’ situations may have changed since that time.

*Moderator* – Sharon Euart, RSM

*Brief Context* - Demographic Reality

*5-6 Panelists:*

- Commissary
- Leader of a Collaborative Initiative
- ED of another Collaborative Initiative
- Leader of an institute merging provinces
- Canon Lawyer or Facilitator working with Institutes
- Leader of an institute in transition and considering the options

*Possible Focus Questions* for presenters (8-9 minutes each) – shortened given the 60 minute timeframe for webinar – you may want to select a few of the questions rather than try to address all. This would allow for a brief Q&A session

- What led you (the institute) to choose this option?
- What advantages does it have for your situation? Any disadvantages?
- Are there learnings from your experience that would be helpful to others?
- What would you suggest to leaders whose institutes are in transition that they consider in making choices?
- Are there resources that helped you and your institute in the process?
- Are there resources that you did not have that would have been helpful to you in the discernment process?

NIX Meeting & Conference Planning will be guiding the virtual program and we are confident that it will work well for our program. More details from NIX and RCRI will be available in the next few weeks regarding preparation, recording and technical assistance.

RCRI will provide a stipend for your participation in the virtual conference. I really hope you will consider our invitation and I look forward to hearing from you.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Gratefully,

*Sr. Sharon Euart, RSM*  
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Executive Director