

Ongoing Formation Update

- 1) Recommended Resources form to be distributed through Board of Directors (attached).
- 2) The following proposal to be further addressed and developed with Advisory Committee.

Ongoing Formation 2020 Program Proposal

Version: Initial draft for Advisory Committee review

SUMMARY:

Given the in-person interaction limitations in place due to COVID-19, the original proposal of bringing in quarterly speakers and streaming to local-led group sessions has been postponed. The following proposals outline three options that can address ongoing formation needs during this immediate term. The objectives for all three programs are as follows:

- Increase awareness of available and recommended resources
- Enable communications and interaction across communities
- Provide support and learning for members

PROGRAMS:

Ongoing Formation Roundtable Calls

Description: 90-minute monthly video conference calls facilitated and led by Lyn Korte open to all members from WRC member communities

Structure:

1. Lead with deep dive into one posted resource led by volunteer presenter, followed by open discussion
2. Introduce new resources posted on WRC website
3. Call for new/additional resources and topics

Book Club/Discussion Groups for Community Members

Description: 90-minute bimonthly in-depth video conference discussion on pre-specified reading or video led by volunteer, open to all members from WRC member communities.

Structure:

1. Identify reading or video assignment
2. Seek volunteer to prepare question/discussion guide
3. Post designated reading or video and discussion guide on WRC website with call details
4. Volunteer leads call using discussion guide for open participation

Book Club/Discussion Groups for Leaders

Description: 90-minute bimonthly in -depth video conference discussion on pre-specified reading or video led by volunteer, open to leaders of WRC member communities and to LCWR network. (Consider LCWR newsletter for content and content leaders.)

Structure:

1. Identify reading or video assignment
2. Seek volunteer to prepare question/discussion guide
3. Post designated reading or video and discussion guide on WRC website with call details
4. Volunteer leads call using discussion guide for open participation

TOPICS:

During our previous call, we had highlighted grieving/loss/change and community living and discussed building the topics in conjunction with the liturgical calendar. Of course, now, we can add angles related to quarantine, safer at home, social distancing, etc.

I have pasted below images from the Liturgical Calendar (see attachment). I will need guidance in tying topics and themes into the calendar.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Dec. 1, 2019 – Jan. 12, 2020	Advent, Christmas	Vol. I
Jan. 13 – February 25, 2020	Weeks 1 to 7, Ordinary Time	Vol. III
February 26 – May 31, 2020	Lent, Triduum, Easter	Vol. II
June 1 – Aug. 1, 2020	Weeks 9 to 17, Ordinary Time	Vol. III
Aug. 2 – Nov. 28, 2020	Weeks 18 to 34, Ordinary Time	Vol. IV
Nov. 29, 2020 – Jan. 10, 2021	Advent, Christmas	Vol. I

PRINCIPAL CELEBRATIONS OF THE LITURGICAL YEAR 2020

First Sunday of Advent	December 1, 2019
Ash Wednesday	February 26, 2020
Easter Sunday	April 12, 2020
The Ascension of the Lord [Thursday]	May 21, 2020
Pentecost Sunday	May 31, 2020
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	June 14, 2020
First Sunday of Advent	November 29, 2020

NEXT STEPS:

1. Committee discuss and agree final proposal
2. Submit final proposal to Board of Directors
3. If approved:
 - a. Identify topic priorities
 - b. Seek volunteer discussion leaders according to topics
 - c. Plan call calendar
 - d. Send invitations