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Finance and Administration

“With great power comes great responsibility and great responsibility comes with great power” was the starting point of Yolanda Borbon, Congregational Treasurer as she moved to the topics on stewardship, integrity, credibility and responsibility and pointed out that accountability and transparency is a concrete expression of the spirituality of stewardship. The leadership credibility through values and virtues in which participation, empowerment, and solidarity would lead to “One Body for Mission”. The participants reflected on - values and virtues they would need to promote in order to become one body for mission and to shift from charity model to empowerment model. Yolanda enlarged on the significant role that Good Shepherd International Foundation plays regarding the sustainability of Good Shepherd Mission into the future.



Deeper Communion

As we continued our journey of transformation we looked at ways of being together that will lead us to deeper communion and CHRIST CONSCIOUSNESS. The video clips on Developmental psychology by Sr. Maria Tasto, OSB, helped the participants to unmask the distorted perspective of self that we carry. In our reflections and sharing, we acknowledged that we have created a false self program of happiness to answer our needs for security, affirmation, control and belongingness. We experienced the struggles within as we journeyed to discover our true selves and seek the great, strong, wise woman inside each one of us.



Our journey was further enriched by our session on contemplation and the talks of Fr. Thomas Keating, OSB, on the Spiritual Journey through ‘Cantering Prayer’. We were led to go deeper into our contemplative consciousness, the place where God dwells and where our deepest longing to be intimately united with God-place where we can participate fully in God’s unfolding mystery and infinite possibilities. We are invited to simply BE and to take a long loving look at our God and to allow God to take a long loving look at us.

Evolutionary Leadership of Jesus

We looked at Jesus who challenged social/political system of his society and all forms of domination, who was a bearer of the dream of God for a world of justice and compassion. He not only challenged the social practices of the time, he proclaimed the values of the kingdom of God. As leaders we are challenged today to be visionaries and to change the Old Story to New Story.

Integrated Approach to Mission

While speaking on integrated approach to mission, Theresa Symons, the AP MDO regional manager, shared on how relevant the Spiral Dynamics and Quadrants are as diagnostic tools for mission effectiveness. The successful implementation of strategic plans is directly co-related to the

wellbeing and congruency of mission partners (self and community). Theresa also emphasized the need to integrate Justice and Peace, Spirituality and Best Ministry Practices.

Partnership for Mission

It was a revelation for the participants when three Sisters from Singapore/Malaysia Province - Elizabeth, Imelda and Jossie - shared their struggles, pains and uncertainties at the initial stage when lay mission partners were integrated in their life and mission. Theresa also shared her experiences as a lay mission partner. And now they see their presence has brought new energy and vibrancy in the mission. Today reflecting back on having to let go of one's comfort zone was an opportunity for the mission to continue and grow. Reference was made to the Good Shepherd Asia Pacific Partnership Handbook.

Planning Forward

The last two precious days of sacred journey were spent in gathering the learning and rich experiences of 45 participants. We were amazed how each one had captured the inputs of 'Transformational Leadership for Mission Now and into the Future'. In individual presentations, the participants expressed the way forward creatively by way of drawing, arts and craft, storytelling, singing, dancing, and presenting power points, cartoons, and their credo of leadership. The participants articulated their vision and commitment to take forward their learning to the Province, Communities and ministries.

Closing Ritual



The closing ritual began with the happy memories displayed on the screen of our sacred journey together of 26 days. The psalm on sacred journey and the whole ritual was a moment of deep joy within our heart and gratitude to God. To conclude the ritual the participants danced 'The Pond of Life' symbolizing the abundant blessings of God poured on each one of us and allowing to carry the blessings to share with Sisters and lay mission partners in our Province, Communities and to people around us.



"Pond of life"



Participants of 'Transformational Leadership for Mission Now and into the Future' with Jill and Elaine, Facilitators, Theresa Symons Manager MDO AP and Joan Lopez, Unit Leader of Singapore/Malaysia Province