



Capuchin Franciscan
Province of St. Joseph

Mission Effectiveness Commission

Meeting: 1 November 2007
Appleton WI

Present: Keith Clark, TL Michael Auman, Joseph Monachino, (Mr) Dave Bartel, (Mr) Mark Gillett, and (Ms) Roberta Swift (via telephone). Perry McDonald was excused.

Review of assembly: We have a transcription of the comments from the assembly, with some suggestions. It was noted that several table groups at the assembly mentioned that they wanted to see another assembly during the next triennium, and also that they would like assistance on “next steps” to be taken following the assembly.

Some suggestions received were to hold regional meetings, encourage visits to ministries (as has been done to some extent). We also need to find ways to “bring the assembly” to those who were unable to attend.

What does the commission see as possible “next steps”, based on the feedback received from the assembly participants?

- What could we provide to ministries to help them in the “next steps”?
- What can we do to further the understanding of the term “partners”?
- How can we help ministries continue some enthusiasm for the energy created by the assembly?

It seems that we need to find a way to at least facilitate various ministries’ understanding of the term partner, even though the actual understanding of that term may vary from ministry to ministry.

Keith shared his essay on “partnering,” suggesting that it be published (after revision) in *Partners* magazine.

The suggestion was made that Jeff and Keith compose a letter to all ministry directors explaining that by “partnering,” we are not speaking about changing organizational structure. This could be a “next step” in continuing the discussion. Then, *Partnering* magazine could help all of our partners (friars and lay) understand this.

Jeff also believes that ministry directors are going to want “tools” to help with the follow-up from this “next step.”

Roberta: We certainly want to “focus” on our mission and values; however, a better understanding of “partnering” will help us do this effectively.

Can we put this issue in perspective (partnering). How does our vision of partnering further the mission and values?

There needs to be an “expectation” given to the ministry directors so that there will be an impetus for them to tackle this issue.

So, the group feels that we need to:

- Publish a revised essay in *Partners* magazine
- Create a communication to the ministry directors
- Create some type of “tool” for directors to utilize in discussing “partnering” with their specific ministry.
- Create a “time-line” so that we can anticipate and plan for the next provincial assembly.

Where do you see your gifts called forth, and where do you see yourself sharing responsibility for fulfilling a common mission.

Follow ups:

Keith & Jeff will prepare the essay for Partners magazine, and prepare a letter to ministry directors as a follow-up to the magazine essay.

TL: Will compose a chapter proposal regarding legislating a provincial assembly for the next triennium. This proposal will come from the Mission Effectiveness Commission.

Next meetings: Jeff will poll the members regarding dates.