

USC West Gathering November 2018 EVALUATION

Q1: Overall how would you rate our West Region 2018 gathering?

Answered: 41

Skipped: 0

Unsatisfactory	Below Expectations	Met Expectations	Exceeded Expectations	Outstanding	N/A	Total	Weighted Average
0.00%	0.00%	9.76%	53.66%	36.59%	0.00%		
0	0	4	22	15	0	41	4.27

Q2: Prior to attending the November 2018 West Region gathering, what did you expect?

Answered: 37

Skipped: 4

- Did not know what to expect
- I wasn't sure what to expect. I had hoped that we would not deal with organizational things. Sheila's letter for the Feast of our Lady of Sorrows "whetted my appetite for the gathering
- Not a meeting with input.
- I might have missed something, but I wasn't sure what the topic would be. I was pleased that the focus was slavery and racism, and recall that at the Assembly last summer there was mention that the topic would be continued. I wondered if the reason not announcing the topic in advance of the Regional Meetings was a fear of possible reactions. Again, if I missed a communication, the fault is mine.
- No expectations.
- Did not know what to expect.
- Less focus on the main topic, which happy to say, was well developed.
- I intentionally kept my expectations low.
- Pretty much a repeat of other meetings.
- I expected a regional meeting when the majority of us would be passive spectators. I was delighted that the meeting was so interactive. We were all involved.
- I wasn't sure but thought it would pretty much follow the usual format.
- I wasn't sure what to expect.
- Information about how the USC province responded to history
- I was anxious.
- I was not expecting anything.
- I did worry that, given the content, folks might get defensive or attacking...or I didn't know. I just hoped for the best.
- I really wasn't quite sure. In a way perhaps I thought – same- will be the same. But hoping for a different format.

- I wasn't sure how the topic of racism was going to be presented.
- Something similar to what happened, but without details.
- Knowing the topic, for once, I was looking forward.
- Some education about racism in the U.S.
- My expectation was to learn more the history of slavery.
- The slavery and racism is a heavy subject. Therefore it will be a hard week-end.
- Nothing. I was really allowing the Holy Spirit to soften my heart. I really wasn't feeling at all.

- I looked forward to seeing people and seeing Maureen’s video.
- I was hoping that we would do sharing in small groups, but was afraid that it might be mostly input.
- Same old, same old.
- I had not really understood that the focus, almost entirely, would be on the slavery issue. However, I’m very glad that it was.
- Nothing
- I expected last year’s evaluations would be listened to, and the process would improve, year-by-year...I think this happened....
- Not sure what to expect.
- Less coherence and great spirit.
- No real expectations but genuine openness to learning I did ask about 4 weeks prior if ASSOCIATES WERE INCLUDED
- To gather together – to celebrate – to inform and be informed.
- I didn’t form expectations
- I was hoping for openness on the part of each rscj and trusting that the Spirit would move us forward together
- I expected some negative feelings to be assigned to me as one who failed to grasp the meaning and impact of slavery in the US; I did not experience these feelings.

Q3: How would you rate our facilitators (Lois and Marina)?

Answered: 39

Skipped: 2

	UNSATISFACTORY	BELOW EXPECTATIONS	MET EXPECTATIONS	EXCEEDED EXPECTATIONS	OUTSTANDING	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
▼ The facilitators allowed for sufficient Dialogue.	0.00% 0	5.13% 2	38.46% 15	38.46% 15	17.95% 7	39	3.69
▼ The facilitators encouraged participation.	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	37.84% 14	40.54% 15	21.62% 8	37	3.84
▼ The facilitators helped stretch our thinking and brought out new group ideas.	0.00% 0	2.63% 1	42.11% 16	44.74% 17	10.53% 4	38	3.63
▼ The facilitators were 'real,' 'honest' and sincere.	2.56% 1	0.00% 0	30.77% 12	38.46% 15	28.21% 11	39	3.90

- They complemented each other.
- Well trained facilitators.
- Shared stories...
- Lois was a bit egocentric and patronizing, as if addressing children – frequently saying things like ‘I am so impressed..wow” All would have benefitted from some restraint on her part. The point is not whether or not she was a beneficiary of our gathering.

- Marina's talk on Friday evening helped set the tone for the weekend. The sensitivity to individuals and to the group was very well balanced. Lois obviously did her homework in preparation.
- The video that Lois showed were outstanding.
- I was only able to be present on Sunday
- The jokes by Lois could have been omitted. A loss of time.
- I thought Marina was outstanding. I was disappointed with Lois. I did not think that she got a feel for the group. I found her to be slightly condescending at times.
- These questions were hard to answer because I found Marina much more helpful than Lois. This reflects my assessment of Lois' leadership more than Marina's, which was very good.
- She has a sense of humor.
- I am rating Marina here except in regards to the first one. Marina was outstanding on all levels. Loved her demeanor and what she chose from Sheila's OLOS talk, etc. On the other hand, Lois pretty much kept to her agenda esp. with Cracking the Cod. Not enough time for sufficient dialogue or reflection. She never check with group where we were!
- I felt Marina's talk the first night was outstanding. I felt Lois' remark about "I commend those of you at Oakwood for staying" was condescending.
- We are heard, then flexible and out of box gathering.
- The did not rush us!! Thank God, O Lord God almighty!
- The stop/start/write/discuss was not a smooth rhythm. I prefer seeing, then jotting impression, then keep discussion for the whole until last.
- Hard to rate them together. Parts of the program seemed slow and unnecessarily drawn out.
- I thought the flow of the weekend was good and am grateful to all who worked so hard to prepare and carry out the process and practical arrangements.

Q4: How would you rate our 2018 program?

Answered: 41

Skipped: 0

	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	VERY GOOD	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
How Do We Show Up? (Feelings Exercise)	0.00% 0	5.56% 2	22.22% 8	44.44% 16	27.78% 10	36	3.94
Stories of "other" (Lois, Mary Kay and Marina)	0.00% 0	2.78% 1	2.78% 1	61.11% 22	33.33% 12	36	4.25
Black Lives Entwined with Our History (Maureen Chicoine video)	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	9.76% 4	90.24% 37	41	4.90
Marcia Chatelain Video	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	2.56% 1	28.21% 11	69.23% 27	39	4.67
Glossary of Terms	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	14.71% 5	44.12% 15	41.18% 14	34	4.26
Conversations on Race that Matter Now (16 mini-video-clips)	5.00% 2	0.00% 0	5.00% 2	40.00% 16	50.00% 20	40	4.30
Province Business (Team Report)	0.00% 0	5.71% 2	25.71% 9	37.14% 13	31.43% 11	35	3.94
Reflection and Integration (Personal Reflection)	0.00% 0	2.86% 1	17.14% 6	42.86% 15	37.14% 13	35	4.14
Deepening: Suggestions for Next Steps as a Whole	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	11.76% 4	64.71% 22	23.53% 8	34	4.12
Prayers	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	42.86% 15	57.14% 20	35	4.57
Liturgy of the Eucharist	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	2.50% 1	35.00% 14	62.50% 25	40	4.60
Quality of Dining Service	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	2.63% 1	26.32% 10	71.05% 27	38	4.68
Efficiency of Serving Meals	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	2.56% 1	25.64% 10	71.79% 28	39	4.69

- I sensed that there was a good mix at tables
- Well trained servers excellent food. It was life
- Though all the video-clips were valuable, I thought there were too many. Perhaps having fewer and allowing for more discussion at the tables would have been more helpful. The liturgy was wonderfully planned, but I thought singing all the verses of songs we had already sung a few times during the meeting was a little overdone.
- No answer means I couldn't remember the item!
- Mix and match – good idea but it became confusing to some.
- Snacks- a diversion and very big distraction and counter to the maintaining of interior reflection. It would contribute to any of our gatherings, regional, province, etc. if restraint were a feature to counteract the US emphasis on consumption, self-indulgence, entertainment, distraction and over-planned events.
- IMHO, we did not have sufficient time for personal reflection and Dialogue between Black Lives Entwined/Chatelain presentations and Conversations of Race (Friday Morning – Friday Afternoon). It felt very swift and controlled
- For those things I didn't answer, at this point, I can't remember them!
- We were all actively participants in the meeting. Great
- Not enough time for reflection.
- It felt that we were a bit rushed in the work at our tables on Saturday morning – more reflection would have helped. I have a particularly negative reaction to the feelings check-in with the list of feelings at the opening of the meeting. I would be happy to skip that at future meetings.
- Not enough time for sharing.
- I was present only on Saturday
- Spirit of meeting
- I couldn't answer "deepening" sorry
- I could have used more down time, especially Saturday afternoon, for example, if we had used fewer video clips. The program felt packed. Did it have to be?
- I'm biased about the meals, of course! Loved Maureen's matter-of-fact-ness; Lois never patronized, she was "right down there with us," every moment; video clips enlightening, in spite of Irma's not liking the video being chopped up.(!)
- Is there a reason Associates not present? Letters from Rome and St. Louis seem to include them. This didn't seem like just us topic.
- Didn't care for the division of the video up into clips. We might have had time for more discussion without breaking it up. I heard some people however say they liked that format.
- On Saturday afternoon, I would have liked to see maybe 8 video clips from "Conversations..." so that we discussed more, had some break time, and brought some reflections more specifically into dialogue with our daily lives.

Q5: How well did we do as a community in living into the intentions for the gathering?

Answered: 41

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	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	VERY GOOD	TOTAL
Deepen our Community	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	34.15% 14	65.85% 27	41
Tap into our collective energy	0.00% 0	2.50% 1	5.00% 2	37.50% 15	55.00% 22	40
Renew our energy for mission as RSCJ	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	2.56% 1	48.72% 19	48.72% 19	39

- Have evaluations AT Assembly.
- It was life giving.
- Dealt with real world issues beyond “ourselves”
- Care for one another
- I always feel like we want to be there. I know I love being with my sisters in the West!
- Hard to speak for “the community” since we dispersed afterwards...
- I think our facilitator over-congratulated us for what we were asked to do.

Q6: What did you love or appreciate about the gathering?

Answered: 40

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- Table conversation.
- The whole process was well executed.
- Really sharing with one another.
- How at ease people were with one another.
- The well-orchestrated video clips. No technological glitches!
- Seeing friends/discussing a serious topic was great.
- The excellent research and production of the video was so well done and the perfect lead into the focus of the meeting.
- The work that went into the research and gatherings in Grand Coteau, the sharing of personal experiences at table.
- The fun ‘gifts’ on the tables... Several enjoyed using them.
- Overall honesty and recognition of our history and what it calls us to at present.
- The courage to address our history and our legacy; willingness to talk about racism together.
- It was without tension; relaxed, we seem more comfortable with each other. The smaller tables were better for conversation, but still – Perhaps a few groups could go to Fireside room, Garden room, patio, if a nice day?
- We were all active participants in the meeting. Great.
- It was good being together. At our table everyone seemed comfortable in being able to share what they had to say.

- The life, the enthusiasm, the stretching, the mixing and the learning.
- The table Groupings were the best ever
- I loved that we dealt with this subject. It's a call to us that there must be more.
- How hard so many worked to make it happen.
- That people stayed at the table and enjoyed one another's company.
- Positive attitudes. Willingness to participate.
- Being with other rscj, broadening my understanding of racism, effort to ensure that the Oakwoodians present were those who could participate.
- The seriousness of the topic/focus – its implications for our history and for our awareness of aspects of today's world and culture.
- Dealt with real world issues beyond "ourselves"
- There was a real focus, it kept moving and no time was wasted...all in one room helped this as did keeping everything as large group, or table talk. Previous years I feel time as wasted with small groups or table talk and then reporting of each table or group to the whole... etc.
- Smaller tables, flow of the meeting, I Dillard's leadership, liturgy
- Prayers, sharing
- Maureen and Irma's presentation. No rush to produce result. Allowed to share ourselves.
- The honesty, the love I felt from so many, the staying at the table (I know we made Rosemary happy), the openness to a hard/difficult topic.
- Smaller tables. Excellent table group and Jane's leadership.
- Small group sharing.
- We did not focus on ourselves or our region. We were given ways to raise our consciousness.
- Both the input on our history and the exchanges we had at the table.
- It was peaceful and quietly energetic.
- Nobody rushed us! We actually had LEISURE time at the tables, and room for silent spaces there. The spill of "next steps" was so 'controlled' ...can't wait to see what the other regions came up with...
- Seeing some of my Sisters who I had not seen for a long time.
- The harmony and total engagement.
- The way we were with the topic and with one another learning how I enslave/am enslaved. Some of my thoughts/experiences confirmed.
- The focus.
- The discussion with people at my table.
- I loved the way rscj were real about their own experience, had patience with others' experience and openness to the Spirit.
- I appreciated the rscj at my table and the openness and love evident among each of us and all of us.

Q7: What shifted, changed in you as a result of our gathering?

Answered: 34

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- Attitudes toward racism
- Only increased my interest.
- Got me to really think about racism.
- Maureen Chicoine's research was an eye-opener.
- To learn more about the cause of racism it.
- I became more conscious of unconscious expressions of racism in myself and others.
- Wanting to do more learning and action on Racism
- Difficult topics could be looked at and talked about...
- Confirmed my interest in and desire for well-planned gatherings, but with the exception of the snacks distraction
- Less anxiety, more joy being there
- I realized anew the depth of racism in our country
- I think I have a greater awareness of how much racism exists and what steps I can take in my life to help to do something about it.
- Broadening of my knowledge and subsequent shift in certain perspectives.
- To be more aware.
- Irma Dillard shifted me by just being so good to me.
- I again touched my own racism and re-committed to work on it.
- I learned anew and was helped by positive attitudes and a willingness to participate.
- My understanding of racism, our past history and role in racism.
- I have a more truthful sense of our history and how our actions were influenced by the cultural assumptions around us. I am alerted to things I might do unconsciously that carry messages I don't intend or attitudes I wish to change
- Appreciation of my own family and religious history.
- Sensitive handling of slavery topic and awareness of our history of slavery as RSCJ
- Research input opened my mind and heart without fear.
- I felt more accepted as a black woman this time and not just because I'm black. I felt more whole in this group this time. And appreciated.
- Nothing comes to mind.
- Saw more how to combat racism in me and to appreciate others.
- I realized in a deeper way how complicit we have been in our slavery in the Deep South.
- Simply a deepening of my understanding of our relationship with enslaved people.
- My sense of belonging.
- I feel more comfortable being able to be honest about what I think and feel, as this is now more acceptable. Nobody is cracking a whip, or praising those who "step up to the plate" (that still peeves me, from 2 years ago!)
- Our ability to listen & learn from each other.
- Deepening relationship and identify with the West region.
- I was a little more aware of racial issues and had more insight into the value of being counter-cultural in our own time, as Philippine in her own was not with regard to slavery, although she did have reservations about it which she allowed other people to talk her out of.

- I could identify my/our own stages of struggle and growth and challenges I/we still face.
- Well, I don't know. A spirit of openness and service and loving acceptance is truly at the heart of what we were saying; I deepened this sense for myself.

Q8: What did you dislike about the gathering?

Answered: 29

Skipped: 12

- Evaluation missing
- Nothing
- I can't think of anything
- It was all good
- I have already expressed these above. They are: not knowing the topic or focus before the meeting. Knowing it would have helped me to prepare myself better for the meeting. The video-clips (all good) were many and the process became repetitious. The liturgy was well-planned, but singing all the verses of songs we had already sung many times during the meeting seemed overdone.
- Some of our Sisters were not able to engage..."no hearing aids," medical issues, dialogue across tables too hard
- Never enough time to connect with old and new friends...
- The lighting in the room and the noise level, in part from the snack wrappers and chatting
- The planning for the gathering: jumping from facing and uncovering history to taking-action with **no real consideration of making connections and working towards healing**. Segregated: Descendants of Enslaved had one event and Descendants of Enslavers/RSCJ had our own.
- Could we possibly have moved to discussion about some concrete action against racism? Maybe that would have been too much to ask of one regional meeting.
- The days were too long and too intense for me personally. I was sore and spent long before ended Sat. evening.
- Missing most of Saturday.
- N/A
- I'm not sure what I didn't like. Perhaps that it's really just a beginning, and I hope we commit to next steps, seriously.
- The whole atmosphere was uplifting and positive.
- There was nothing.
- 2-5 min sharing
- I LIKED the gathering. I found again the tight space conditions a challenge and sometimes distracting
- Writing and answering question.
- Messing up "Conversations on Race" which were excerpts from the video Cracking the Code. I viewed that video twice and was not happy what it was chopped up like that and we just ran through it like the house was on fire. I felt we got robbed? Cheapened the real video. I hope everyone will get a chance to see the full version.

- Same as above.
- A bit rushed; we need to build in a bit more time for prayer and reflection.
- Too packed for me. So little time for prayerful reflection and visits with other RSCJ in our region.
- I would have preferred a shorter beginning to the liturgy (less repetition).
- The liturgy.
- I was pleased with the process.
- I thought the facilitation in some cases was agonizingly slow. The absence of Associates. Collaborators. When is this going to change. What value is there in not having them present as part of our mission. Perhaps regions should differ on this as the organization of associates seems to differ in regions. Possibly take a survey of the regional opinion before the event. Sometimes naysayers are a very loud minority.
- Too short for a huge theme as racism. I would have preferred interaction with more rscj on the theme, not just my table.

Q9: If you were to describe “where we got to by the end of the gathering” what would you say?

Answered: 34

Skipped: 7

- Felt ready to move in a more concrete way. Felt more humble and ready to study racism in present day.
- I believe our interest and knowledge was deepened. Deepened the interest and want to know now.
- We will now move forward regarding slavery and racism.
- I think we were much more aware of both our own past as implicated in the slave-holding and enlightened about how racism is a persistent issue in our country and in our hearts.
- That I need to do more reading on racism.
- In general, I felt very satisfied and I still carry the content of the meeting with me until now.
- A commitment to learn more of our own history in Racism and find ways to engage in the present.
- A bit of the fear factor with regard to the topic was addressed and heled us/me to move forward.
- We got to an important start to be transparent about the Society’s history and recognition of the diversity among us.
- Early steps of facing and uncovering our history.
- More unity, willingness to do this kind of thing.
- As a group, I think we all moved closer to realizing the depth of racism even in the province. But what are we going to do about this realization.
- An enlarging of knowledge, vision and perspective, and a desire to move to the next step (slavery today and in other areas of the US. This meeting focused only on the South and Eastern realities. An incomplete perspective.

- I for one will be and am aware of attitude and language.
- We were better informed about our history and accepted our role in all of this.
- I'd say that we got to a place of wanting to take a next step.
- A willingness to move forward.
- Desire as a Region to continue exploring the topic and to take some form of action.
- I think there's a great openness to learning more about our engagement with enslaved people and that we are more ready to talk about attitudes we might need to rethink today towards all who are oppressed – most especially the earth.
- It was not an "end" but a "beginning."
- Deeper awareness of our involvement with slavery in the 1820's and 1900's AND our steps of acknowledgement of our past actions with the commitment to address and try to make right our mistakes.
- So grateful and thank you.
- To live better way the "reality of racism," and not in denial.
- Wanting and looking for more especially more conversation, dialogue.
- We communicated well with each other.
- A desire to do something
- We were on the verge of owning our part in our slavery in the Deep South. We were on the verge of owning our racism now.
- I think we made a great leap forward in our understanding both of our Society involved in slavery and our understanding of current feelings/relationships with African American people.
- Into a peaceful and positive place.
- I cannot speak for others, only for myself. I felt I can be more "myself" now within the group. I felt empowered. I also felt the Western region congealed a bit more than before. We seemed to enjoy being together this time.
- I had good feelings about the gathering.
- Greater understanding and commitment to anti-racism.
- Perhaps more simple in admitting honestly what we did during slavery.
- I think we now realize we need to go deeper into our biases, our states of privilege, and what we can do to make a difference in our communities and ministries.

Q10: Was the schedule too long, too short or about right?

Answered: 40

Skipped: 1

	TOO LONG	TOO SHORT	ABOUT RIGHT	TOTAL
Contemplative Space	2.50% 1	40.00% 16	57.50% 23	40
Small Group Activities	5.13% 2	17.95% 7	76.92% 30	39
Large Group Space	0.00% 0	2.63% 1	97.37% 37	38
Communal Prayer	2.63% 1	18.42% 7	78.95% 30	38
Fun & Recreation	2.86% 1	22.86% 8	74.29% 26	35

- Moments of silence could have been longer. I wasn't too aware of "fun and recreation!"
- The space was well used.
- Too much planned, limiting emphasis on interior time.
- I'm very grateful for down time at Vallombrosa.
- Fun and recreation??? Did we?
- I was very conscious of the emotional drain the weekend had on me and was very tired!! I would have loved some more personal time, but given how seldom we come together, continuing our conversation made sense.
- It was great having the liturgy all together rather "wasting" time moving to the chapel.
- It is important to interact with other RSCJs, more free time for it.
- I wished we could have used the Sunday morning for the racism stuff. Needed more time to process and reflect.
- The Oakwood staff worked so hard to have all perfect for us.
- Could there be time for a Sat. afternoon rest please?
- People who choose to absent themselves Friday night possibly should be encouraged (next time) to take leave of their jobs early on Friday to avoid traffic jams which are truly terrible in the Bay Area, spend the nights at Vallombrosa. They really missed a lot by not showing up Friday night, and I missed them. I think this should be addressed.
- I was only there on Saturday.
- I just wish the whole thing had been longer – maybe a 4-day shared retreat style.

Q11: How invested do you feel in addressing the issue of racism?

Answered: 40

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	NOT AT ALL INTERESTED	SLIGHTLY INTERESTED	MODERATELY INTERESTED	VERY INTERESTED	EXTREMELY INTERESTED	TOTAL
▼ Willing to engage in helping move this initiative forward in the Province	5.00% 2	7.50% 3	20.00% 8	45.00% 18	22.50% 9	40
▼ Desire to learn more about our Sacred Heart slavery history	0.00% 0	7.69% 3	20.51% 8	41.03% 16	30.77% 12	39
▼ Desire to learn more about white privilege and the "Black Lives Matter" movement	0.00% 0	7.50% 3	15.00% 6	45.00% 18	32.50% 13	40
▼ Desire to learn more about contemporary slavery	0.00% 0	5.13% 2	12.82% 5	53.85% 21	28.21% 11	39
▼ Desire to learn more about our history with Native Americans	0.00% 0	10.26% 4	15.38% 6	46.15% 18	28.21% 11	39
▼ Desire to explore Chapter Calls more deeply in relationship to issues of racism and classism today	0.00% 0	5.13% 2	17.95% 7	35.90% 14	41.03% 16	39
▼ Desire to focus on genuine human connections with my sisters of the global majority	0.00% 0	2.63% 1	13.16% 5	34.21% 13	50.00% 19	38

▼ Willing to pray for our Province as we continue to probe and move this initiative forward.	0.00% 0	2.56% 1	2.56% 1	20.51% 8	74.36% 29	39
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Q12: What new issue or question would you like to explore?

Answered: 27

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- Our relations with other countries and with immigrants
- How racism interfaces with the lack of peace/with violence.
- Our vocation ministry
- I need to give this more thought.
- How culturally sensitive are the communities we live in – foods, decorations, style of welcome?
- Issues of social-economic class among rscj, past and present.
- Making connections and working toward healing with the descendants of our enslaved. DIALOGUE. DIALOGUE. DIALOGUE.
- What can we DO now.
- This focus was east and south primarily. I think to have a comprehensive understanding of the other forms of “slavery” that were dominant in other parts of our country i.e.,: Immigrants, migrant workers, low income persons forced to work multiple jobs to support their families. GOOD Educational access for all not just mediocre schools with mediocre courses, which just push kids through. Also address “native Americans” universally and the Chinese in the West when the emigrated in large nod. I am grateful and bless those who work so hard to Do this for us...
- Present day slavery
- Classism in the Society. I think that we have more of this than racism. However, the younger members seem to have less of it than the older ones.
- I have to think of this a lot more.
- I am deeply committed to pursuing the oppression of earth’s resources and this limits that amount of time/attention I might give to these very important issues today!! There are many parallels between the two - - the enslaved earth and all whose lives are being seriously and negatively affected join together in crying our for justice!
- It would take a space bigger than this! (Know the suffering of people where WE live)
- Human trafficking/slavery (both sexual and labor)
- I pray.
- Do not forget “Asians in America”
- Nothing new but want me/us to really get into how all the above is connected and what is all really means! My issue is your issue/your issue is my issue!

- Too broad a question – I want to know what we can do for the immigrants, for the climate change, etc.
- In what other types of racism besides African-American racism have we been involved or are we involved? For example, racism Asians and Latinos.
- I wonder whether we might also focus on our relationship, both past and present, with the Native Americans.
- **The Doctrine of Discovery**; the invisibility of indigenous peoples to the Society of the Sacred Heart in the US & possibly to Sacred Heart Schools' curriculum & experience. It is one thing to learn about "our" history with the indigenous, but the need today is to learn what's going on NOW with indigenous peoples in our countries, and what has resulted for them from the effects of the Doctrine of Discovery over the past 500 years. What IS that history, and why haven't we explored and learned it? Why aren't we learning it now? There is so much to learn! And there are the "descendants" of the Potawatomi...who are now in nine nations! Some of those I met on the Trail of Death commemoration told me of how they appreciate their experience of Haskell University in Lawrence, Kansas...which got me to thinking: shouldn't we be offering scholarships for college education to some of these people? Didn't Philippine come for Indians? Isn't education our mission? There is tremendous disparity of wealth among the current populations of indigenous in this country. Who among us is even connected, or wants to be? I'm raising my hand!!
- The environment
- Implications of racism today in our Country
- Formation of groups to work together to take practical action on an issue of injustice in a region or in the nation.
- Our relationship with other peoples of the Global Majority, particularly indigenous peoples of USA and Canada.
- I feel Maureen's video gave me a concrete, visual history of what racism meant for us in some of our houses in the US. "slavery" affected so many peoples and culture – Chinese, Mexican, Japanese, etc., that I need to be respectful and to learn of how other races, too, view their times and conditions of slavery.

Q13: Do you have specific personal actions, commitments you plan to take to help move us forward?

Answered: 25

Skipped: 16

- I have joined the JPIC group on Native Americans
- Definitely work with immigrants
- Work for peace, non-violence, alert to where racism is a thread in this.
- Do more reading on the subject of racism and why it still is a problem.
- I desire to become more sensitive and conscious of racism and unconscious expressions of racism within myself.
- Reading and online assessments.

- That as communities could we try and discuss some of the issues before gathering together?
- Continue my search to understand and respond to the times in which we live, acknowledging the past.
- I will continue my work with the Coming to the Table community.
- I'd like to be more attentive to incidents of "white privilege" here at Oakwood, and lovingly bring them to the attention of my sisters.
- I plan to be on the lookout for opportunities to lessen acts of racism and to be more informed about racism.
- Mostly checking my own thinking, actions, labeling and behavior.
- No.
- Share our research on the Doctrine of Christian Discovery with as many who want to hear it (treatment of Native Americans)
- This might interest only a few, but I've written a couple of books on how African American Catholic communities have developed a style of worship that is deeply related to the history of their oppression.
- I am doing what I can to keep up with the world in the context of our daily prayer at Oakwood.
- Yes...conversations, work with a coalition on topic, study.
- Continuous conversation.
- Yes indeed. 1. Plan on continuing to work with Maureen C. on researching and finding our descendants. 2. Work with PT on next steps. 3. Create with Erin Everson our real history in video.
- I sign petitions, read to inform myself and talk about these issues with others.
- Not yet.
- Be more aware of my responses/reactions to others, especially those of the Global Majority.
- Keep current indigenous issues, plus past history of indigenous peoples, before our eyes. My JPIC group, on Indigenous issues, has decided to keep meeting monthly.
- Yes, examine my exclusion of others, my criticism, classism, snobbism, white privilege.
- I want to explore this theme as it affects young people today

Q14: What suggestions do you have for future West Region gatherings? How can we continue to improve the ways we meet, work, and learn together?

Answered: 29

Skipped: 12

- Fromme Institute has an excellent series on California...on the decimation of the Native American tribes.
- Repeat this kind of meeting.
- Although I am assuming that the content/theme of future meetings will come organically from the international Society through the Provincial team delegating a planning committee. There needs to be a way for grassroots to have a voice in future meetings.

- I think that this meeting was well run. We can use it as a model for other meetings
- I thought that this gathering was especially well planned. Obviously, the careful planning made a great difference. Having a facilitator as a great help.
- Use of Vidyo or Zoom for discussions
- I feel we missed an opportunity when Paula, for the Berkeley Community, shared at the last minute with the group – to date no follow up or discussion. How does one introduce a ‘new’ topic for discussion or consideration?
- Smaller number of participants in the room so that those who are hearing impaired will not have to struggle so much over the din – several smaller groups in different rooms would serve to lessen the strain.
- I believe that the focus on important topics that are relevant today is more inviting/engaging for the group as a whole. I think that once a topic is determined we should identify a small/core group to plan, implement and do the follow-up.
- Talk more about white privilege.
- To work with the Philippine Region?
- To be inserted in the world.
- I think we could have some smaller gatherings of folks who share interests, like the gathering of those of the cohort who wanted to gather for a weekend. We could use ZOOM more.
- The visual was very helpful for many people. Having a specific focus for the gathering was helpful. We moved at a good pace.
- Exploring and looking at the Chapter Calls and how they relate and to what they call us to in re: to racism, etc.
- Stay focused on what matters to us rather than organizational concerns. This meeting is a good model – not only an “issue” (and there are many we could focus on) but one that touches us intimately and have tapped resources in the province who have led us into information and ways of responding.
- Too much for now!
- Zoom meetings on issues as well as a focus on key issues.
- Not only meetings, to have FUN together, good laughter brings us together.
- Let’s drop the outside facilitators. Really let’s drop having old nuns as facilitators. Let’s get some people from the global majority to work with us as we move forward! Let’s really open our hearts and minds.
- Give us more time in small groups – maybe even have different groups assigned for one session to hear from more of our sisters.
- Will we get a copy of this feedback survey?
- As a retired RSCJ, I feel “out of the loop.” Hence, I have little to offer.
- Hang on to that semi-leisurely schedule and process; it made such a difference to how deeply & personally we could share, and the sharing is so important to the quality of our future lives and ministerial “impact” everywhere and anywhere
- Continue to have a definite focus.
- If we are going to adhere to the churches admonition that we retain our former educational orientation in modern society then how are we going to move it into the

formation of facilities for groups that are disadvantage. If not then perhaps the society needs to bring the question up again with the church.

- I think some generational conversations within our gatherings. Maybe change table makeup sometimes.
- I liked the meeting as it was; it was based on an important issue and revealed our individual and communal attitudes towards a topic that is with us daily. I feel that we would enjoy at some point in the meeting more time for informal conversations – about our missions, Associates, companions in mission.

Q15: What specifically is important for our group to attend to in the coming year?

Answered: 29

Skipped: 12

- Have meetings continue to update community, etc.
- Educating ourselves re: Native Americans in California, Doctrine of Discovery.
- Global warming.
- I hope we continue to be very sensitive to racism in ourselves and in our society at large.
- Nothing occurs to me above what we are already doing.
- Perhaps more interaction with others beyond “this little society”?
- Listening
- To deepen our unity, and what happened set this meeting.
- White privilege
- To keep focused on what we learned during the weekend and act on what we have decided to do.
- I just continuing to reflect on issues and where I stand, and where I hope WE might stand, support and further
- How we can work with one another to become an area and support each other.
- To become knowledgeable of where injustices are occurring
- The next steps that surface from an analysis of the data shared at the end of the gatherings (next steps people want in order to move forward).
- To continue to learn new and anew.
- To continue to build our Cor Unum and to explore together the challenges of the Chapter Calls in relation to what we are experiencing in our world today.
- The climate crisis and all that’s related to it – immigration, agriculture, water, consumerism and so much more!! This is affecting California especially!
- To deal with the realities of justice in our area such as the “caravan of immigrants.”
- Building some group interests together. Encouraging connections and interests with Associates, and our colleagues in different areas. Do pairings with RSCJ in region WEST that you don’t know very well.
- Combination of Prayer, issues, recreational fun.
- Who we are and our real history!
- See all of the above and our desire to learn more about modern day slavery.
- I think communication is an important issue and I am thrilled that we will be discerning under the direction of the Dream Catchers

- I do not know
- Relationships with each other; get to know each others' stories; try to meet and get to know an indigenous person or group; it's difficult to find them!! Also more personal connecting with the Associates and Alums, sharing stories...
- Continue educating us on the racism issue
- Give feedback, even simple and spontaneous, on these topics. Share articles, books, programs.
- Reform, focus in the society.
- Leadership within the Region.

Q16: What is your name?

Answered: 41

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Mary Stewart, Rosemary T. Roney, Patricia Shaffer, Clare Pratt, Mary Pat Ryan, Gina Rodee, Anne Wente, Marie-Louise Wolfington, Carlota Duarte, Annette T. Schmeling, Lucy Hayes, Martha Curry, Pat Munch, Mary B. Flaherty, Patricia Desmond, Lil Conaghan, Maura Keleher, Mary Kay Hunyady, Dee Copeland, Kathy Dolan, Mary E. McGann, Ann Smith, Kathy Buschman, Fran Tobin, Um Kum Soon, Columba Kim, Irma L. Dillard, Susan Maxwell, Helen Rosenthal, Annice Callahan, Marianna Torrano, Mary Ann Foy, Deanna Rose von Barga, Ada Burns, Jane O'Shaughnessy, Mary Ann "Sis" Flynn, Sandy, Mary R. Schumacher, Judith Roach, Mary Finlayson, Marcia O'Dea

Q17: Please feel free to make any additional comments:

Answered: 23

Skipped: 18

- One of the points made by Anne Corry in the letter summarizing the process prior to the international JPIC meeting is that "there is considerable inconsistency in our concepts and practices around collaboration." How can we be more collaborative as a province/West Region with our Associates, SH educators, others who want to share our mission?
- GRRRREAT JOB
- I should have done this earlier. What I did not answer, I have no memory of. Why didn't it make an impression?
- To all of you who planned and executed the meeting. Thanks! Also, let's have Lois facilitate future meetings.
- Many thanks for the hard work of those who prepared all that made this such a great experience.
- Thank You. I think this was a good survey and will provide those guiding our reflection with a springboard forward.
- Thank you for all the hard work that was put into the planning.
- Gratitude for the people that prepared the weekend. It was very well done.
- I regret not having done this sooner. Since memory is a fallible entity, had I done this closer to the gathering, I probably would have answered more immediately honest.
- Thank you to all the facilitators, planners and contributors to our weekend!

- Thank you to all who were involved in preparing/leading the meeting and in providing what we needed to be awakened to this situation! Thanks and prayers of gratitude.
- Don't hve time to finish all the questions above.
- Do a little history of our awareness of our actions/non-actions in our province since the Act of Hope decades ago.
- A big THANKS to preparation committee, Annette and Mary Kay, I enjoyed the regional gathering.
- Thanks and kudos MK & Annette for everything y'all did for us in the background. Love how y'all are with the group. Kept it all together. I know y'all did most of the work behind the scenes. Heartfelt thank you!
- I am just grateful for all who worked to make the weekend so outstanding.
- I am so grateful for the weekend. It was a deep experience rather than a "meeting". I am accustomed to facilitation by Annette & Mary Kay and am so grateful for your part in this gathering, as you two are always aware and excellent. Marina, you did a great job as well, so supportive. Lois, you were outstanding, as though you were one of us, respectful and challenging, so supportive, never condescending....always "on the mark" and aware. Thank you, thank you, each one. And Irma, bless you... you seemed so "free" and "yourself", it was wonderful to see you like that ! Thank you so much for honoring my request for a holy card of "Liza, our own kid" ! I treasure it. Maureen Chicoine was outstanding, just "out there", saying it like it was.... I was blown away. The whole thing was our family talking truth with each other, amazing.
- I think the gathering was well planned with good participation
- Thank you Excellent survey
- I liked the idea that we focused on one idea, racism. It seemed that we came out with at least some movement in that direction.
- Thank you so much to Marina and Lois, Mary Kay and Annette, Clare and Patti and all at Oakwood.
- I appreciate the way the RSCJ in the USC Province have expressed "our" corporate chagrin and hopes for reconciliation in relation to enslaved persons. I think "naming" the enslaved person and inviting his or her ancestors to hear our prayer, gratitude and welcome of them is so important, and those were the steps the leadership took to reveal our attitudes and respect for each person.