Greetings Sisters,

Welcome to the 2024-year, Spring Semester of Life Skills for Mission! The Design Team is pleased to provide you with some detail about some of the changes for this semester. Here is an update.

***Plan for Spring 2024 Semester***

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| ***January***: Integral Ecology and Climate Change | **January 10, 17, 24**  Meet in Reflection Groups after January 17th presentation. | **Sunday, Jan. 28, 2024**  All Zoom Gathering  Presentation with reflection group gathering (Note: Different groups)  Link: <https://zoom.us/j/2192280371>  Need: One recorder and one reporter for each group. | **Meeting Times**  7:30am EDT US  6:30am CDT US  5:30am Mexico  7:00pm India  3:30pm Kenya  1:30pm Nigeria  9:30am Brazil |
| ***February***: The Emergent Future of Religious Life | **Feb. 7, 14, 21**  Meet in Reflection Groups after February 14th presentation. | **Sunday, Feb. 25, 2024**  All Zoom Gathering  Presentation with Reflection Group Gathering  Note: Same link as above for each Gathering.  Need: One recorder and one reporter for each group. | **Meeting Times**  7:30am EDT US  6:30am CDT US  5:30am Mexico  7:00pm India  3:30pm Kenya  1:30pm Nigeria  9:30am Brazil |
| ***March***: Psycho-Social  Development | **March 6, 13, 20, 27**  Meet in Reflection Groups after March 13th presentation. | **Sunday, March 31, 2024**  All Zoom Gathering  Presentation with Reflection Group Gathering  Note: Same link as above for each Gathering.  Need: One recorder and one reporter for each group. | **Meeting Times**  7:30am EDT US  6:30am CDT US  5:30am Mexico  7:00pm India  3:30pm Kenya  1:30pm Nigeria  9:30am Brazil |
| ***April***: Social Justice for Today | **April 3, 10, 17, 24**  Meet in Reflection Groups after April 10th presentation. | **Sunday, April 28, 2024**  All Zoom Gathering  Presentation with Reflection Group Gathering  Note: Same link as above for each Gathering.  Need: One recorder and one reporter for each group. | **Meeting Times**  7:30am EDT US  6:30am CDT US  5:30am Mexico  7:00pm India  3:30pm Kenya  1:30pm Nigeria  9:30am Brazil |
| ***May***: An Attentive Ear and Courageous Heart Today | **May 1, 8, 15**  Meet in Reflection Groups after May 8th presentation. | **Sunday, May 19, 2024**  Final All Zoom Gathering  Presentation with Reflection Group Gathering  Note: Same link as above for each Gathering.  Need: One recorder and one reporter for each group. | **Meeting Times**  7:30am EDT US  6:30am CDT US  5:30am Mexico  7:00pm India  3:30pm Kenya  1:30pm Nigeria  9:30am Brazil |

Please note the changes: 1) Your assigned Reflection Group meets after the date highlighted in blue. Your group chooses the time and day. 2) We will have a large group gathering on the last Sunday of each month. This approach will place you in a new reflection group, expanding the opportunity to meet other PHJC’s. I have attached **four links** that the speakers, Srs. Linda Volk and Kathy Haas have asked you to read prior to the presentation. A note will be coming with some specifics prior to the first All Zoom Gathering.

Links: [**Document 1**](https://poorhandmaids.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/SKILLS-for-MISSION-PREPARATION-MATERIAL-for-INTEGRAL-ECOLOGY-1.pdf), [**Document 2**](https://poorhandmaids.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/SKILLS-for-MISSION-PREPARATION-MATERIAL-for-INTEGRAL-ECOLOGY-2.pdf), [**Document 3**](https://poorhandmaids.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/SKILLS-for-MISSION-PREPARATION-MATERIAL-for-INTEGRAL-ECOLOGY-3.pdf), [**Document 4**](https://poorhandmaids.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/SKILLS-for-MISSION-PREPARATION-MATERIAL-for-INTEGRAL-ECOLOGY-4.pdf)

***More Updates***

The following Sisters have been invited and are in the process of applying to the university of their choice to arrive in the US by July 1, 2024. Srs. Emmanuel, Immaculata and Salem from Nigeria and Sr. Bindu from India. Sr. Teresa from Kenya will have her visa interview on January 19, 2024. Please pray that she will be granted her visa for study. If granted, she will arrive shortly afterward.

***Evaluation for the Months of November and December 2023***

You will receive a short evaluation covering the months of November and December. Thank you for your honest feedback. Please hit the Submit button only once. Thanks.

***A Few New Applications for Spring 2024***

You may find that you have an additional member in your Reflection Group for the Spring Semester. We have a handful of Sisters who are joining the group. Enjoy!

***Topics for Fall 2024***

It is never too early to submit topics for fall 2024. For the Spring semester, the topic of psycho-social development came from a group of Sisters as well as the topic of Emergent Future of Religious Life. Keep the ideas coming!

***Thank you!***

By joining this group, you are advancing your technology skills, strengthening your critical thinking skills, speaking your voice and reflections, and learning about our diverse cultures as PHJCs. These are gifts you bring to shape PHJCs well into the future! Kudos!

2024 Blessings,

The LSM Design Team

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