



Chapter 2020 - Table 1

Preparation:

1. View the short video clip of Frederic Laloux in which he talks about how he distinguishes between vision and call. For him, vision can be seen as something we impose on our work. Call is a response to a felt sense of response to each other and to our world. As you view this video again, notice how his description of call affects you? If you pay attention any energy shift in your body as you listen to the video, what do you notice?
2. Please re-read the feedback from Session #6 on Our Evolving Experience of Our Place in the World. What stands out for you as you read the “essential conversation” we need to have at chapter? What does this suggest about leadership at this time?

Our Evolving Experience of Shared Leadership/Responsibility

Three Movements:

1. Creating the Sacred Space (about 20 minutes)

Welcome. The facilitator of this new group offers time for a brief check-in and invites thoughts about forming a new Chapter Table.

Opening Prayer:

Suggested Poem: *Ancient Language* by Hannah Stephenson

If you stand at the edge of the forest
and stare into it
every tree at the edge will blow a little extra
oxygen toward you

It has been proven
Leaves have admitted it
The pines I have known
have been especially candid

One said
that all breath in this world
is roped together

that breathing is
the most ancient language

Some time of silence—and breathing.

2. Spending time with a Question that Matters (about 40 minutes)

- A. The phrase shared leadership is used in many circles today. There is among some people a sense of ambiguity about what that phrase means. When you hear that phrase at this moment in your history as Sisters of Charity and as participants in the world movements, how are you coming to understand that phrase?
- B. How does your sense of that phrase now influence your choosing of elected leadership for the next 6 years?
- C. The next Chapter Table Conversation in September will be focussed largely on surfacing names for elected leadership. In preparation for that conversation, go around the circle and share with each other three names of Sisters you are imagining in elected leadership and why you are naming them.

Clarifications about Leadership

Number on the team-There will be five on the new leadership team. From the Constitutions #96-Four Congregational Councillors are elected to work with the Congregational leader in promoting the life and mission of the congregation.

Residency-The understanding is that at least two of the team would reside in Canada. This is related to CRA stated preference of a non-profit incorporated in Canada having some of the elected leadership reside in Canada. To be clear this is a question of Canadian residency not citizenship.

3. Listening for the Sense of the Group (about 30 minutes)

1. What is the group understanding of shared leadership and what will it require of each Sister? How does an understanding of shared leadership

affect elected leadership?

As you listened to the group and to what was being said, what is a new learning or understanding for you?

2. From our conversation what do we want to share with our Sisters?

Please share responses from the Chapter Table #1 with Melissa Falle at mfalle@schalifax.ca.

**End with sharing how being in this new group was for you.
Close with the Chapter Prayer.**