

Province Assembly

We were excited together at the 1st province assembly after a prolonged COVID-19 pandemic. The sisters and partners in the mission were enriched



and inspired by the 2 days of sessions conducted by the PLT. The day started with a divine encounter which emphasized the presence of mission partner's as a precious pearl. Symbolically a handmade pearl was placed at the center to mark the day and affirm each one as a priceless & praiseworthy pearl to partake in the redemption mission of Jesus the Good Shepherd and beckoned each one to become a peaceful warrior.

In addition to Sr. Pushpa, the province leader gave a remarkable opening message saying "Charism is the Gift from God. Our mission is to stand for justice and I appreciate one another for the greater contribution towards our mission". She also highlighted the words of St. Mary Euphrasia that we must not attach to one corner of the earth however our zeal must embrace the world. She appreciated the zeal of each one and acknowledged the mission partners as chosen ones in the mission journey.



She briefed the objective of the session and wished everyone a fruitful meeting.

Memorable movements of Energy



<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community life 2. Apostolate 3. Formation 4. Eco-spirituality 5. Strategic Plan. <p>Followed by few questions were asked to respond by the group. How is the province directive statement being implemented what are the challenges and issues etc?</p>	<p>Highlights of the group sharing</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There is a shift from ME to WE. 2. There is more focus on mission-centric life 3. Eco-spirituality is very much adapted and lived 4. Embrace the diversity of culture, religion and gender. 5. Co-responsibility and partnership in the mission are adapted. partners in the mission are invited to certain events. 6. Implementation of policies and guidelines and adopted a rights-based approach. Sisters are given capacity-building training to excel in their ministries 7. Promote dialogue and create a safe space for all.
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Recalled the implementation of the Province Directive Statement

Are we ready to pitch the tent and look toward the new horizon?

The new governance structure was well explained by the province leader which moved every participant to look towards the horizon.

Sensing Journey was like elevating moments of movements which focused on the following principles, Building Container, Empathetic Walking, Dialogue Walking Appreciative Enquiry and Storytelling.

The concerns of the Province (Sisters and partners in mission separately)

The province leader and the team highlighted certain concerns and disciplines to be practiced as consecrated people and as vibrant organizations Such as implementing a child-safeguarding policy in all our residential care ministries and our schools. Sisters need to be informative assertive and prudent with all their endeavors, take self-initiative to update themselves and live a value-based life. Adapt mission centrism and shared responsibility acknowledge the contribution of partners in the mission

Cultural night - GS got talents

It was a very energizing and relaxing programme at the end of the day which increased the positive energy among the sisters. All had a fantastic dance performance. All felt like they were in 7th heaven: joy and laughter filled the hall. The day concluded with a hymn to Mother Mary.

Day -2

The day began with freshness and positive vibes. The divine encounter provoked blessing and filled us with divine energy to move ahead. The hall resonated peace and gratitude to the God who created and placed every living being in perfect harmony on this earth. Thereafter a creative recap of the first day was presented.

The overview of the province report, the 2nd province chapter on its completion of three years was a call to reflect and share about the journey of mission partners. The strategic plan; the journey towards effective governance was explained once again Q and A session was held which was a moment of anxiety for some, hope for others; and a feeling of accepting the unknown future and inspiring some to work in Nepal.

In the afternoon, Mr. Peter the director of the CEIN- MDO office presented the data on the strategic plan of the province. A reflection “Be wise as serpents and innocent as Dove” enabled the participants to evaluate each one’s capacity in promoting sustainability, risk management and strategic plan in their fields of work. Later, the general guiding principles like ‘Transparency, and accountability’ were reflected with the component of Trust.



The province treasurer joined with Mr. Peter and facilitated a short sustainability training plan, where the principle of value-based fundraisings,

such as the value-based vision of assets, abundance, equity and balanced funding mix to avoid dependency were explained clearly. Good stewardship is about discerning how we can manage these resources. It requires a shift in how we look at our assets, not as fixed and tangible, but as enablers of change, that allow people to fulfil their potential and enjoy their rights No

NO HARM TO CHILDREN: The salient points on child safeguarding were highlighted and requested everyone to implement them in our ministries. Currently, the government is keen on monitoring child safeguarding policies in both residential and non-residential instructions for children. The facilitators together reflected on the quarries that came up from the participants. Eventually, the gathering was thrilled to check out each one's general knowledge of child safeguarding policy in the form of a test.

“Gratitude is the mother of all attitudes”. As the two days' session concluded with a closing ritual on the theme 'TOGETHER we RAISE'. The participants (society-wise) went in a procession and pinned the images of doves representing each community at the centerpiece. The joyous and remarkable 1st province session closed with a photo session



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