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Minutes of the 896th US Provincial Council Meeting December 17-18, 2019, Hales Corners, Wisconsin

PRESENT: Fr. Ed Kilianski, provincial superior; Fr. Quang Nguyen, Fr. Jack Kurps, Fr. Christianus Hendrik, Fr. Vien Nguyen and Br. Andy Gancarczyk, councilors; Dn. David Nagel, provincial treasurer; Br. Frank Presto, provincial secretary; Mary Gorski, recording secretary. Fr. Raúl Gómez-Ruiz, SDS, was present for discussion of Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology; Fr. Joseph-Thien Dinh and Fr. Duy Nguyen were present for a discussion about formation; David Schimmel was present for discussion of Dehonian Associates and the Dehon Study Center.

I. Extended prayer — Fr. Kilianski, councilors, Dn. Nagel and Br. Presto spent the first morning of the meeting in extended prayer and sharing. Fr. Kilianski organized the morning.

II. Administration

A. Praesidium — The US Province received its five-year accreditation from Praesidium, beginning on January 1, 2020. Br. Frank Presto, provincial secretary, was thanked for his work in facilitating the accreditation process.

B. Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology — Fr. Raúl Gomez-Ruiz, SDS, SHSST president-rector, updated the Provincial Council on activities at and related to the seminary.

1. Program for Priestly Formation — Fr. Gomez recently received the newly endorsed PPF; it still needs to be approved by the Vatican before it is implemented.

2. Advent Concert — Between 250-275 people attended the December 8th Advent Concert, which was also a celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Berghaus organ. The event was considered a “friend-raiser” not necessarily a “fund-raiser.” However, donations covered approximately half of the concert’s cost. Total expenses were \$4,135; \$1,950 was collected in donations (\$200 was from Berghaus). The seminary plans to hold another concert next year. Fr. Gomez expressed his appreciation for Pam Milczarski’s assistance in arranging transportation for guests from their cars to the door.

3. Accreditation process — The seminary continues the accreditation process. A committee is being formed to formulate responses to the two accreditation agencies: HLC and ATS. Frank LoCoco will serve as a board representative, Dr. Patrick Russell and Dr. Robert Gotcher will represent SHSST. Fr. Ed Kilianski is an ex officio member of the committee. The council voted to appoint Fr. Quang Nguyen, Fr. Jack Kurps and Dn. David Nagel to the committee to represent the Priests of the Sacred Heart.

One of the challenges of the accreditation process is the role and relationship of the Priests of the Sacred Heart with SHSST; SHSST is an apostolate of the congregation yet it is also a ministry with some degree of autonomy. This does not easily fit into accreditation norms. It is hoped that the committee can speak to some of the issues raised, while taking more time to appropriately address other topics. An interesting takeaway from the ATS report: tuition at SHSST is below the average for schools of similar size. However, the cost per student is higher.

4. Vice Rector — Fr. Gomez thanked Fr. V. Nguyen for his willingness to serve as vice rector. His term will begin on July 1, 2020. The current vice rector, Fr. Zbigniew Morawiec, will be on sabbatical during the next academic year. Fr. Morawiec also

serves as Vice President of Human and Spiritual Formation. Fr. Gomez is looking at several possibilities for filling this position, including having a lay person work with a priest who serves part-time in the position.

5. Pontifical degrees — Fr. Charles Brown went to Rome during the Thanksgiving break to investigate the possibility of SHSST granting pontifical degrees from the Gregorian University. Initial talks were positive; a representative from the Gregorian will meet with Fr. Carlos Luis Suarez Codorniú (superior general) in February.
 6. Collaboration with the Centro Studi Dehoniani — During recent months there have been informal conversations between SHSST, the provincial administration and the general administration about collaborative possibilities between SHSST and the Centro Studi Dehoniani. Suggestions included faculty exchanges between SCJ institutions facilitated by the CSD, having SHSST host a meeting of the General Theological Commission, study opportunities for SHSST faculty at the CSD, and perhaps a course on Dehonian spirituality taught at SHSST by a member of the CSD staff. Fr. Stefan Tertünte was asked about this during his visit at SHSST for the Dehon Lecture but indicated that he was unaware of previous conversations about collaboration with the CSD. Fr. Kilianski will contact Fr. Stephen Huffstetter to clarify previous discussions.
 7. Seminary liturgies — Students in the ECS program generally go to Mass with the Sacred Heart Monastery community. A councilor suggested that they instead take part in the seminary liturgies. It would be a good way for them to be challenged to use English in a larger setting, and it would add to the number of people taking part in the seminary liturgy. The majority of non-SCJ seminarians live off campus and thus are not present at the day-to-day liturgies. Vocation directors in particular would appreciate seeing their candidates being part of a larger liturgy experience. Fr. Gomez will speak to Fr. Yvon Sheehy, ECS residential coordinator, about this.
- C. Formation —The council visited with the formation team: Frs. Joseph Dinh and Duy Nguyen. They noted that Br. Megha Bandanadham completed his MA program and returned to India, and that Frater Huan Paul Duy Pham has returned to Vietnam to complete his studies. Two candidates are expected to apply for postulancy early in 2020.

The first semester has been a time of transition; there are new formation directors and new candidates. However, there seems to be a good spirit in the community.

One of the challenges of the program is the multi-level structures that international students and their formators face. This refers not to international students who are studying for the US Province, but for students of other entities who are a part of the US Province formation program. It is important that all students fully participate in the formation program regardless of their home entity. This includes the community calendar and the schedule of regular moments in formation, such as student evaluations. There is an expectation of social interaction with the community, and full participation in prayer. Privileges, especially in regard to travel, should be the same for all students. There need to be clear lines of communication between the home entity and the host entity; this should be done through the formators or superiors. Students should not serve as vehicles for communication. These are the same expectations for students from the US Province who would study in another entity's formation program.

It is important that all students, regardless of their entity, are able to communicate in English at a level appropriate for their studies. It was suggested that the ECS department have a test, such as TOEFL or similar, to determine whether a student is ready for studies beyond English.

Also, it is important that international students, both in formation and in ECS, become familiar with liturgical styles in the United States.

The various communities within Sacred Heart Monastery continue to seek ways of living as both one community and separate communities under the same roof.

Fr. Kilianski expressed his appreciation for the work of Frs. Dinh and Nguyen and the expectations that they have placed on the students.

D. Personnel

1. Frater Henry Nguyen — Frater Nguyen will do his cross-cultural year in Chile, starting in the summer. Fr. Kilianski spoke to Fr. Julien Braun, Chilean provincial superior, about this. He will give Frater Nguyen Fr. Braun's contact information so that he can finalize details.

2. Fr. Bob Naglich — Fr. Bob Naglich has had several surgeries to address infections and other complications following organ transplant surgery. He was expected to soon transfer to St. Camillus to continue his recovery.
3. Fr. Fabio dos Santos da Hora — Fr. Ronilton Souza de Araújo, superior of the Brazil – Sao Paulo Province, made a request for Fr. Fabio dos Santos da Hora to study in the ECS program, beginning in August, 2020. Fr. dos Santos was a student previously and had shown interest in ministry in the US Province. The council approved the request.
4. Fr. Jean Claude Mbassi — In Rome, Fr. Jean Marie Signié, provincial superior of Cameroon, spoke to Fr. Kilianski about the possibility of Fr. Mbassi remaining in the US Province for an extended period to minister. He is currently an ECS student. Fr. Signié originally asked if he could serve in ministry to troubled youth. Fr. Kilianski suggested that he consider some type of prison ministry; Fr. Kilianski will contact Ron Zeilinger, who had been involved in such ministry, for suggestions for Fr. Mbassi. The council is open to this but insisted that Fr. Mbassi's English language skills be at an appropriate level before he is considered for ministry.
5. International SCJs — Fr. Kilianski reported on the possibilities of SCJs of other entities coming to the US Province for community and ministry. Fr. Jerzy Mordalski (POL) will go to Ecuador for three to four months to study Spanish at the beginning of 2020. It is hoped that he will later be available for ministry after his studies. Fr. Rafael Querobin (BSP) is in the process of applying for his R-1 Visa; if it is approved, he will most likely be assigned to the community in Houston. Fr. Joseph Quang Tran is scheduled to return to Vietnam in October, 2021; Fr. Francis Vu Tran said that he plans to send someone to continue the province's ministry with the Vietnamese community at St Martin of Tours.

It was noted that all possibilities for international SCJs living and serving in the US are dependent upon immigration issues.

6. Retired SCJs in Texas — Fr. Kilianski has been in communication with Frs. Richard Johnston, Richard MacDonald and Frank Wittouck regarding their need to live in community due to their age and the increased needs and concerns that come with age. All were open to the dialogue and appreciated Fr. Kilianski's pastoral approach. Fr. Wittouck visited Sacred Heart Monastery to determine if he would be comfortable moving there so that he could interact with the formation community. For various reasons, he requested to move to Sacred Heart at Monastery Lake. He will most likely move in May or June, allowing him time to phase out of his ministry at Magnificat House.
 7. Fr. Juan Carlos Castañeda Rojas — Fr. Castañeda Rojas is staying with family and doing help-out ministry at his home parish in Colombia while immigration concerns are being addressed.
 8. Fr. Zbigniew Morawiec — As Fr. Gomez noted, Fr. Morawiec requested a sabbatical during the next academic year. The council reviewed the request and voted to approve his budget for his sabbatical year.
 9. Paul Grizzelle-Reid — He has signed the paperwork sent to him and has been dismissed from the congregation. The dioceses of Orlando and St. Augustine have been informed of the dismissal.
- E. General Visitation — The superior general and Fr. Stephen Huffstetter will do their visitation of the US Province beginning on Saturday, August 29. They will do the visitation of the Canadian Region prior to their arrival in the US. The tentative schedule is as follows:

August 29, 2020
Arrive in Memphis from Canada

August 30 – September 1
Mississippi

September 2-4
Sacred Heart Community, Florida

September 5-8
Texas (including a Labor Day BBQ with community)

September 9-11
South Dakota

September 12-19

Wisconsin (Fr. General will give the Dehon Lecture on September 16 and meet with the council on September 17)

More details will be shared with the province as they are finalized. Mary Gorski was asked to make travel arrangements for Frs. Suarez and Huffstetter.

- F. David Schimmel — Mr. Schimmel is scheduled to retire from his positions as Director of Dehonian Associates and as Director of the Dehon Study Center on October 5, 2020 (his 70th birthday). He met with the Provincial Council to discuss his responsibilities, the work that has been accomplished in recent years, and to brainstorm on ways the efforts of both the Dehonian Associates and the center can continue. One possibility would be to divide the wide variety of tasks among several people. To start, he is going to see if a current member of the Dehonian *Espirit de Coeur* would be interested in taking over direction of the association. It was noted that members of the Dehonian Associates program in Mississippi, who used a ten-part series prepared by Mr. Schimmel during their first year of meetings, are preparing to expand the program on their own initiative. An interesting fact about the Dehonian Associates program in Mississippi: several of the associates are not Catholic, showing that Dehonian spirituality appeals to a wide variety of people.

Mr. Schimmel emphasized that naming an immediate replacement is not as important as preparing someone to become a Dehonian scholar for North America. It is a significant commitment that would require at least a working knowledge of French (and most likely Italian if the person would study at or do work with the *Centro Studi Dehoniani*), and an interest and capability for academic work and spiritual study.

A councilor asked if a lay person might be considered for the director's position at the Dehon Study Center. Perhaps a professor or associate professor at SHSST could be prepared to do the work on a part-time basis. This person could study at the *Centro Studi Dehoniani* for perhaps a semester at a time.

Although it is not his responsibility to find his replacement, Mr. Schimmel was asked to continue to update the council on inquiries and/or ideas for continuing the work of the Dehonian Associates office after his retirement.

Attached as Addendum A is his written report with proposals.

- G. 2020 Provincial Conference — Sr. Cathy Bertrand, SSND, facilitator of the January 2020 Provincial Conference, met with the council via video conference. "Our Future: Together in Community and Ministry, Part III" will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Provincial Conference Center on Tuesday, January 7, and run through midday on Thursday, January 9. The focus of the 2020 gathering will be "ministry," including discussion of a potentially new ministry initiative: campus ministry. All SCJs under 70 and in active ministry are expected to attend.

Ten of the 17 requested survey responses have been returned. Time will be set aside for conference participants to review and process the surveys. It is hoped that more will be completed before the conference. The council expressed its thanks to those who filled out the surveys; the answers are quite extensive and give good insight into the ministries. It is hoped that they can spark discussions about the changing needs of ministries.

Besides current ministries, the conference will also look at the possibility of a new province ministry: campus ministry. It was noted that new ministry can only be done in light of current ministry. How does the province best use its personnel and talents? How does the province see its partnership with laity in ministry? How does the province prepare for the future in regard to internal ministries?

Related to the issue of ministry is retirement. Keeping in mind that each person's situation is unique, is it time to review the general retirement age of members of the US Province?

Fr. Kilianski will open the conference by giving an overview of previous gatherings as a way of "connecting the dots" to the theme of the 2020 conference. It was suggested that a good icebreaker would be to have a sharing by participants, especially older and international SCJs, of their previous ministries. This is not only a way for SCJs to get to know one another better, but also, for younger SCJs to realize that they do not need to be defined by one particular ministry. An SCJ could serve in internal ministry for several years and then move to parish ministry (or vice versa). There are several SCJs who have

returned to school after many years of ministry and then taken on a new task.

Although all SCJs under 70 in active ministry are expected to be at the conference, it is still important that SCJs confirm their participation. Fr. Kilianski will contact those who have not responded (or delegate someone to do so).

- H. 2020 Provincial Visitation — Continuing with the theme of the Provincial Conference, the theme of the Provincial Visitation will be “ministry.” Although the province has commitments, it is important that it look beyond a “slot-filling” mentality. What are the priorities of the province? Should there be more of a priority on sharing Dehonian spirituality, especially with youth? Individuals should be asked what they would like to do in the future; what are their skills and talents and how would they like to apply them in ministry? Is there a willingness to take on new ministry; are individuals open to going outside of their comfort zones and trying unfamiliar ministries?

The visitation schedule will be organized in the weeks ahead. Fr. Kilianski hopes to do the visitations himself but may delegate councilors for some of them if he is unable to travel.

- I. 2020 Provincial Assembly — The Provincial Assembly will be June 9-12, 2020 (the Provincial Jubilee celebration will be on June 8). Fr. Quang Nguyen will be chairperson of the planning committee; he will put the committee together before the January council meeting.
- J. 2021 Province Election — Fr. Ed Kilianski’s last day in office is September 17, 2021 and a date for the Election Assembly needs to be set. The council will finalize dates at the January meeting.
- K. North American Administrations Meeting — The Canadian and US councils met in Toronto on December 8. Several councilors said that there were more significant conversations at this meeting than at some previous meetings. The presence of Fr. Hendrik and Br. Gancarczyk was missed, as was that of Br. Presto and Dn. Nagel. There was some disappointment that there was little interaction with the Toronto community or its ministries, but the council said that the accommodations were very good, and the hotel was quite convenient.

A summary of the meeting is attached as Addendum B.

- L. North American Retreats — The councils agreed at the NORAM meeting in Toronto that planning should begin for another set of North American retreats. Fr. John van den Hengel volunteered to be on a planning committee. Two members from each entity are to serve on the committee. Each council will surface names and report back to the other. It is hoped that the committee can be in place by early 2020.
- M. Ratio Formationis Provincialis — Fr. Kurps formatted the draft of the updated Ratio presented by Br. Presto at the previous council meeting. He made changes for consistency and corrected minor typographic and spelling errors. He reviewed these with the council and also raised several questions. In particular, under “Intellectual and/or Professional Formation” he asked if the current requirement that “Each student must complete either an M.Div or STB degree prior to ordination to the presbyterate” be changed to “diaconate.” The council agreed. Regarding the section on Ecclesial Ministries and Orders, he suggested that the following text be changed to reflect the semester system used at SHSST instead of the quarter system at Catholic Theological Union: “The individual SCJ applying for the order of diaconate should be at least in the final SEMESTER (instead of quarter) of his academic and pastoral preparation.” The council agreed.

Other changes the council agreed to include the proposal that a person can request ordination to the presbyterate after serving as a deacon for THREE months, instead of four. This only pertains to the request itself, not actual ordination. Also, the Canon citations are to be removed in the two places where they are found.

Fr. Kurps will make the adjustments and present the revised Ratio for vote at the January, 2020 council meeting.

IV. Finance

- A. Philippines — Fr. Lukas Hadi Siswo Sasmito, superior of the Philippine Region, wrote to the council, seeking financial assistance to build a retreat house / spirituality center next to the novitiate in Dumalinao. The goal of the project is not only to offer a place for spiritual renewal in the area, but to also develop another source of income for the region. So far, the region has collected approximately €200,000 towards the anticipated €500,000. While the US council is in agreement with the goals of the project, the province already has a significant financial commitment to the SHSST / SHM remodeling project. The province gives the Philippines \$375,000 a year towards formation. It was suggested that \$100,000 of that be ear-

marked for the retreat center. Fr. Kilianski will contact the Philippine superior about this.

- B. Sacred Heart Monastery / Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology remodeling — The agreement with the architect is in place for the next phase of remodeling. The project is expected to take six months, beginning in May and concluding in October, 2020. Several options are being explored for the ECS program during the remodeling, including classroom space at the former St. Martin of Tours school and a building owned by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.
 - C. Province Development Office — The Province Development Office audit was recently presented; comments were positive regarding the organization of the office and its financial growth. The continuing collaboration with St. Joseph's Indian School has been good, allowing for significant cost savings. The office is expected to bring in \$2 million in December.
 - D. SCJ Medical Plan — Dn. Nagel presented the projection for costs and claims for the two groups that are a part of the medical plan. There are 49 members over 65 years of age and 44 under 65. Students and international SCJs who do not have coverage elsewhere have been added to the plan. The SCJ Medical Plan premium is \$1,255 per month. The province has taken out a supplemental policy for organ transplants. It was noted that Fr. Naglich's recent transplants were covered by Medicaid.
 - E. Province audit — The council reviewed the province audit. No concerns or irregularities were noted. The council voted to approve the audit as presented. Dn. Nagel has prepared a financial report for FY19; it is attached as Addendum C.
 - F. Budgets — The budget preparation memo is scheduled to go out on January 4, 2020. The deadline for reporting capital projects is February 7; budgets will be due on April 3. The Province Finance Commission will meet on April 21 and the Provincial Council will review budgets at their May 5-6 meeting.
 - G. Drivers test — Two members of the Sacred Heart Community in Pinellas Park did not pass the mandatory driver's test for those 76 and older. Further testing was done and both now have driving privileges.
- V. Approval of minutes — Due to holiday schedules, the council will review and approve the minutes of this meeting by email instead of in a conference call. It is hoped that the next *Cor Unum* can be published on January 3.

Addendum A

DIRECTOR OF DEHONIAN ASSOCIATES DIRECTOR OF THE DEHON STUDY CENTER Report and Proposals • David Schimmel December 18, 2019

This is a detailed report. Highlights include an evaluation of how the Director of Dehonian Associates is fulfilling his responsibilities, a proposal for the position of Director of Dehonian Associates, a report on recent work by the Director of the Dehon Study Center, and a proposal for the position of Director of the Dehon Study Center.

Responsibilities of the Director of Dehonian Associates

[From the Job Description, revised November 14, 2013]

For the most part, this job description focuses on the task of fostering the Dehonian Associate program in the United States Province. I did create a model for the Dehonian Associate program, proposed a profile [identity] of a Dehonian Associate, and outlined the discernment process for making a commitment as a Dehonian Associate, all of which was approved by the Provincial Council. I composed a 10-session *Spiritual Path* that introduced key elements of SCJ spirituality. A trial run in Mississippi, under the direction of Jack Kurps, SCJ, worked well and there are presently eight Dehonian Associates who renew their commitment yearly. As my work unfolded, I found that most of my efforts addressed #5 on this list, namely, promoting the Dehonian charism and spirituality, which of course, could raise interest in becoming a Dehonian Associate.

Collaborates with and chairs the Dehonian Associates Committee.

I have a good working relationship with the Committee.

In consultation with the Dehonian Associates Committee, annually reviews and establishes goals and objectives for the Director and Committee members.

I did not make an annual review of goals and objectives, but at each meeting, I reviewed my activities and projects, and gave the Committee members the opportunity to comment upon, question, critique, and/or make suggestions.

Creates strategies and implements initiatives to engage the U.S. Province members and U.S. Province entities to promote, develop, and sustain the Dehonian Associates.

Other than keeping the Province membership informed about the developments of SCJ Associate programs at the international level, and of the Dehonian Associates group in Mississippi, I did not create strategies and implement initiatives to engage U.S. Province membership. However, the materials from the *Spiritual Path* have been adapted and used in other formats which are supported by SCJs. As examples, Dick MacDonald's presentations on SCJ spirituality in the Valley, and St. Joseph Indian School's "Child Services Administration Team," developed by Mike Tyrell and with local SCJ assistance. The SCJ Canadian Region has also adapted the *Spiritual Path* in a Toronto parish.

Monitors and evaluates the effectiveness of efforts to promote, develop, and sustain the Dehonian Associates within the United States.

The Dehonian Associates program in the United States is relatively new and the program in Mississippi was considered a trial run before promoting the program elsewhere. The Mississippi group is a continuing success. Two additional sites hold promise: faculty and staff at SHSST and the lay residents of SHML. I made initial attempts to gauge interest, but neither site worked out at the time. It is probably time to try again.

Creates and provides educational and inspirational programs (for example, in-services, workshops, and retreats) for individuals and groups (including, but not limited to, former SCJs and their families, alumni of SCJ seminaries and their families, parishioners of SCJ staffed parishes, alumni of SCJ schools, employees, collaborators, and benefactors) about Fr. Leo John Dehon and the Dehonian charism and spirituality.

This point describes the greatest focus of my work. For a complete description, please see "Director of Dehonian Associates: 2014-2019" [next page].

In conjunction with the Province Director of Communications, creates educational and inspirational material for the web, Facebook, and other social media to promote, develop, and sustain the Dehonian Associates.

I have relied on Mary Gorski and could not have accomplished all that I have done without her assistance. However, most of the material on the web, and referred to in other social media, is focused on Dehonian charism and spirituality, and not directly on Dehonian Associates.

Plans, directs, and coordinates national and regional gatherings of Dehonian Associates. Participates in international, provincial, and local SCJ community gatherings and meetings as requested.

At the moment, there is only one group of eight Dehonian Associates and therefore no need for a regional or national gathering. I have participated in two *Famiglia Dehoniana* meetings in Rome, gave a status report several times to the Provincial Council and at the Local Superiors' meetings, met with the local SCJ communities in Chamberlain and Toronto, and gave a day of recollection to the local SCJ community in Mississippi.

Following U.S. Province policies and procedures creates and oversees the annual Dehonian Associates budget.

Each year, with the review and approval of the Committee, I have submitted a yearly budget and stayed within budget. This includes a line item for SCJ Schools in Collaboration every year and the Mission Ed Conference every three years.

Director of Dehonian Associates: 2014-2019

DEHONIAN ASSOCIATES COMMITTEE

As the chair of this committee, I am responsible for regular conference call meetings. I set the agenda, facilitate the meeting, write the minutes, propose a yearly budget, and keep members informed by email.

FAMIGLIA DEHONIANA

May 15-20, 2014: I attended the international meeting, which discussed and approved, "The [four-year] *Iter Formativo* for Lay Dehonians" and the establishment of an International Coordinating Group to monitor and promote further growth of the Dehonian Family.

May 13-17, 2017: I attended the international meeting, which attempted to give final structure to the Dehonian Family's various levels [local, continental, and general], components [laity, consecrated individuals, and SCJs], and ways of living.

October 17, 2019: I critiqued the "Statute of the Dehonian Laity," which is being proposed by the International Coordinating Group of the *Famiglia Dehoniana*.

As Director of Dehonian Associates in the U.S. Province, I send a written report to the International Coordinating Group when requested.

DEHONIAN ASSOCIATES' SPIRITUAL PATH

Based on the four-year *Iter Formativo* developed in Rome, I created a ten-session "Spiritual Path," that is, meeting guides with handouts, a [Prayer Book](#), and a [Rule of Life](#).

March 2015: Dick MacDonald, SCJ, gathered two groups of people in Brownsville, Lyford, and Mercedes, TX, who have a connection with the SCJs. He began presenting topics of SCJ spirituality based on the *Spiritual Path* in the hopes of discerning what interest the people might have in becoming Dehonian Associates. As of 2019, Mac is no longer able to continue with this and nothing more has developed.

Grace Escobia, director of Lay Dehonians in the Philippines, as well as a member of the Coordinating Council of the Dehonian Family, is using some of the materials from the *Spiritual Path* and the Dehonian Spirituality posts.

May 20, 2016: A group of ten SHSM employees began following the ten-session *Spiritual Path for Dehonian Associates*, meeting monthly, with Jack Kurps, SCJ, facilitating.

August 14, 2016: At the invitation of Fr. Hendrik, SCJ, I attended the meeting of the local SCJ community in South Dakota to speak about the Dehonian Associate program and how the local community members might get involved.

October 9-11, 2016: At the Mission Ed conference in Mississippi, some of the participants following the *Spiritual Path* shared their experience and promoted the Dehonian Associate program.

November 21, 2016: The local SCJ community in Toronto invited me to present the Dehonian Associates / Lay Dehonian program at their community meeting. Presently, the local community has been using the *Spiritual Path* with a group of nine laity for the past two years, but with no clear goal of a formal commitment at this time.

January 25, 2017: I met with SHSST Coordinator of Mission, Robert Gotcher, to explain the *Spiritual Path* and how the school might incorporate Dehonian Spirituality into its program and provided a liturgical calendar of SCJ Feasts. David also provided 250 copies of "In His Own Words, Blessed Leo John Dehon," for distribution to faculty, staff, and students.

June 15, 2017: I presided at the Dehonian Associate commitment ceremony for the first group of nine from Mississippi to participate in the *Spiritual Path*.

October 5, 2017: I met with five employees at SHSST regarding the Dehonian Associate Program. Ultimately, scheduling conflicts delayed this attempt and subsequently was not pursued.

Fall of 2017: Canadian Region begins forming a group of Lay Dehonians at St. Thomas More Parish in Scarborough, Ontario, making use of and adapting the ten-session *Spiritual Path*.

2017-18 School Year: Under the leadership of Mike Tyrell, the Child Services Administrative Team [CST] at St. Joseph's Indian School participated in a modified *Spiritual Path* Team Building Exercise. The five members of the CST met monthly. The eight meetings included discussion and Q&A with a member of the SCJs working/living at St. Joseph's Indian School. Other topics included leadership, the history of St. Joseph's Indian School, and working with teams. The monthly meetings were a good team building exercise for the CST. With some shifting duties, CST has not gone back to the *Spiritual Path* Exercises, but hopes to revisit them sometime in the future.

October 5, 2017; December 11, 2017; June 28, 2019: In an attempt to keep the connection strong, I wrote and sent a short note to each of the Dehonian Associates from Mississippi.

July 31, 2018: I presided at the recommitment ceremony for the Dehonian Associates in Mississippi.

October 8, 2018: I facilitated the Sacred Heart Southern Missions In-Service Day: "An Invitation to Participate in the Dehonian Associates Program."

MISSION ED CONFERENCE IN MISSISSIPPI

October 9-11, 2016: In the person of Fr. Dehon, I was "interviewed" by Mary Gorski. The interview focused on Fr. Dehon's personal experience of mercy, how he addressed his passion for education and social work, and how his social teaching impacted the poor. I also gave a Power Point presentation, "Worth a Thousand Words," on images of the Heart of Jesus.

SCJ SCHOOLS IN COLLABORATION

Zoom Meetings with Principals I participate in these meetings approximately once a month during the school year.

Summer Institute

June 2015: [South Dakota: for teachers and staff only] I gave the presentation, "Making a Difference: Fr. Dehon, the Educator"

June 2016: [South Dakota] I gave a short presentation to the students on the life of Fr. Dehon

June 2017: [Mississippi] I facilitated a one-hour, interactive presentation on Fr. Dehon and his desire to

engage many people to collaborate with him in working for the Reign of God.

The group activities included:

an “interconnected activity” with yarn

an “interwoven activity,” creating a group mandala

June 2018: [Mississippi: for administrators/teachers—planning and renewal] I presented a packet of Dehonian resources aimed at youth

June 2019: [South Dakota] I was absent due to facilitating the *Dehonian Esprit de Coeur* Alumni Reunion in Wisconsin

Dehonian Resources for Students in SCJ Sponsored Schools

Dehon Curriculum: nine chapters total, with accompanying background information for teachers on each chapter

Poster with lesson plan: “Lord what do you want me to do?” in English, Spanish, and Lakota

SCJ Values Series: “Love” and “Community”—two of a projected five packets of activity sheets

Feast Day Series of SCJ patrons [one page with biographical information and prayer]:

Sacred Heart of Jesus,

St. Augustine,

St. Michael the Archangel,

St. Francis of Assisi,

St. Martin of Tours,

Our Lady of Guadalupe,

The Holy Family,

St. Scholastica,

Fr. Leo John Dehon, SCJ,

St. Catherine of Siena,

St. Joseph the Worker

Dehon prayer card for youth, in English and Spanish

Dehon poster [16” x 20”] with the theme of “Education of the heart as well as the mind,” in English [See also the category, “Resources for Youth,” below on page 7.]

St. Martin’s School

March 16, 2015: Presentation on Fr. Dehon to seventh and eighth grade students, who are taking a unit of study on Fr. Dehon.

St. Joseph’s Indian School

March 12-13, 2018:

Presentation to Residential and Counseling Staff: “They Felt That He Loved Them”

Presentation to the School Staff: “Stay Young at Heart”

Presentation to the high school students using the three prayer cards that summarize Dehonian spirituality [“Everyone wants to be loved, to belong, to make a difference.”]

Presentations to four class groupings that included an “interconnected activity” with yarn, and these activity sheets:

“Heart in Hand”

“Go to the People”

“Charity and Justice”

Image of Fr. Dehon to color

Sacred Heart School and Holy Family School

August 1-2, 2018: Day of Reflection for school staffs: “The Beatitudes of Jesus, Challenging Perceptions and Transforming Values”

DEHONIAN SPIRITUALITY POSTINGS

I compose/compile weekly postings, inaugurated on March 14, 2014, which continue to the present. This occasionally includes requesting personal reflections from SCJs and those affiliated with the SCJs.

SEASONAL E-BLAST SERIES

Lent 2015 "Cross-Wise, The Royal Road of the Cross with Leo John Dehon, SCJ"
June 2015 "The Most Wonderful of Treasures, Reflections on the Heart of Jesus by Leo John Dehon, SCJ"
Lent 2016 "The Renewal of Christian Life, Reflections of the Practice of Justice and Charity by Leo John Dehon, SCJ"
June 2016 "An Ocean of Mercy, Reflections on the Heart of Jesus by Leo John Dehon, SCJ"
Easter 2017 "The Way of Light, Reflections on the Resurrection by Leo John Dehon, SCJ"
June 2017 "Intercessory Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus with Leo John Dehon, SCJ"
Advent/Christmas 2017 "God's Greatest Gift to Us, Reflections on the Incarnation by Leo John Dehon, SCJ"
June 2018 "To Live in Intimacy, Reflections on the Eucharist by Leo John Dehon, SCJ"
June 2019 "Humanly Divine and Divinely Human, Reflections on the Litany of the Sacred Heart by Leo John Dehon, SCJ"
Lent 2019 "The Politics of the Gospel, Reflections by Leo John Dehon, SCJ"
Advent 2019 "This Tender and Loving Mother, Reflections on Mary by Leo John Dehon, SCJ"

BULLETIN INSERTS [English and Spanish]

March 14, 2014 "In Love with God and God's People" [Fr. Leo John Dehon]
June 27, 2014 "Love Brought to Perfection" [Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus]
September 1, 2014 "The Rights of Workers" [Labor Day]
April 26, 2015 "Here I Am, Send Me!" [World Day of Prayer for Vocations]
September 13, 2015 "Pray With Us!" [Day of Prayer with Religious]
June 3, 2016 "One Heart and One Soul in the Heart of Jesus" [Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus]
July 25, 2016 "The Promise of Youth" [World Youth Day]
September 1, 2016 "Caring for Creation" [World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation]

SCJ FACEBOOK POSTINGS

March 5, 2014 for Ash Wednesday
April 20, 2014 for Easter Sunday
October 13, 2014 for Native Americans Day
September 22, 25, 2015: To highlight Pope Francis' visit to the U.S., I created two postings that included a quote from both Pope Francis and Fr. Dehon, and a prayer.

SCJ MEMORIAL DAY, NOVEMBER 26

Each year, I created a poster, with suggestions for displaying it, and an accompanying Adoration Service:

2014 SCJ Martyrs
2015 Deceased SCJs in Canada and the United States up until 1978.
2016 Deceased SCJs in Canada and the United States from 1980-1992
2017 Deceased SCJs in Canada and the United States from 1993-2006
2018 Deceased SCJs in Canada and the United States from 2007 to the present
2019 Deceased SCJ Confreres who have served in leadership as General Superiors, as Bishops, or as North American Provincial and Regional Superiors

RESOURCES FOR YOUTH

On October 24, 2014, Fr. Hendrik, SCJ, invited me to give a brief presentation on "Dehonian Spirituality and Its Implications for Youth Ministry" to a gathering of young SCJs interested in youth ministry. Using terms that would be understandable to youth, I created three prayer cards that summarize SCJ spirituality:

"Everyone wants to be loved—you are!"
"Everyone wants to belong—you do!"
"Everyone wants to make a difference—you can!"

To celebrate 2016 World Youth Day [in Krakow, Poland], I created four two-page handouts addressed to teens and young adults:

- “The Spirit of the Priests of the Sacred Heart”
- “The Heart of Jesus and Youth”
- “Fr. Leo John Dehon and Youth”
- “Charity and Justice.”

POSH DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Collaboration

November 2015: David Nagel, SCJ, asked me to prepare a prayer and ritual to be used in the home for a Family Consecration to the Heart of Jesus. After a test run, this idea was dropped.

April 11, 2018: I met with Tim LaFavor and Magdalena Arteaga to discuss regular postings on their website regarding Fr. Dehon and Dehonian spirituality. The initial idea was for David to adapt the material he creates for the weekly Dehonian Spirituality postings. Thus far, this idea has not been pursued.

March 14, 2019: I gave a presentation at the POSH Development Office on the fund-raising efforts of Fr. Dehon and of the early campaign office for the United States Province.

June 10-11, 2019: During the *Dehonian Esprit de Coeur* reunion of alumni, Pam Milczarski gave a presentation on planned giving. In the September 2019 quarterly *Dehonian Esprit de Coeur* newsletter, Pam wrote a brief article on planned giving.

Solemnity of the Heart of Jesus [Celebration sponsored by the POSH Development Office.]

For the past four years, I gave a Power Point presentation:

- 2016 “Worth a Thousand Words, Images of the Heart of Jesus
- 2017 “Friends of the Heart of Jesus, Mentors of the Dehonian Family
- 2018 “Preaching the Love of the Heart of Jesus with Commonplace Images”
- 2019 “Praying with Our Eyes, On the Litany of the Sacred Heart”

PRINTED / PUBLISHED MATERIALS

- 2016 “The Way of the Cross with Fr. Leo John Dehon” distributed to SCJs in Canada and the United States as well as to employees and interested individuals. [This project developed from a suggestion by Tom Cassidy, SCJ.]
- 2016 Dehon Intercessory Prayer Card, in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese [This project developed from a request by Duy Nguyen, SCJ.]
- 2017 Dehon prayer card for youth, in English and Spanish [The image of Fr. Dehon on this prayer card developed from a suggestion from Steve Huffstetter, SCJ, for “a younger-looking Dehon.”]
- 2017 Dehon poster [16” x 20”] with the theme of “Education of the heart as well as the mind,” in English
- 2020 “Prayers to the Loving Heart of Jesus,” a booklet that includes a novena, a litany and a consecration of the family is projected to be printed in the spring and distributed before the month of June 2020. [This project developed from a request by Christianus Hendrik, SCJ.]

DEHONIAN ESPRIT DE COEUR

This association aims to facilitate a spiritual and social fellowship among SCJs, former SCJs, and SCJ seminary alumni.

December 2016: I began contacting alumni. Out of the initial 123 individuals contacted, 62 responded affirmatively. Presently there are 132 individuals on the active contact list.

March 14, 2017: Inaugural mailing of quarterly newsletter.

June 10, 11, 2019: Reunion at SHSST, in conjunction with the SCJ Jubilee of Vows and the SCJ Assembly. There were 61 participants, including spouses/partners. A Member Directory and a booklet of autobiographical sketches of alumni were

distributed to those attending and mailed to those who could not attend the reunion.

July 9, 2019: Provincial Council decides to host a reunion every three years.

MISCELLANEOUS

February 17, 2014: Day of Recollection for Sacred Heart League and Sacred Heart Southern Missions: "Echoes of Mercy, Whispers of Love."

June 28, 2014: Letter of thanks to Women Religious working with SCJs in USA [in the context of the Vatican Investigation of Women Religious in the USA].

August 14-18, 2017 / May 6-12, 2018 / August 6-10, 2018: Co-presenter at the SCJ Retreats.

2017 / 2018 / 2019: Presentations to the novices on the life and social apostolate of Fr. Dehon.

March 3, 2018: A Day of Reflection for the Mississippi SCJs.

July 16-20, 2019: I facilitated a directed retreat for the SCJ novices and postulants.

PROPOSAL FOR THE DIRECTOR OF DEHONIAN ASSOCIATES

If this full-time position cannot be filled, separating the tasks into three part-time positions might prove more manageable.

DEHONIAN ASSOCIATES: This would include chairing the Dehonian Associates Committee, participation in *Famiglia Dehoniana* meetings, perhaps membership on the International Coordinating Group, maintaining and expanding the Dehonian Associate program, developing further themes and resources for monthly meetings, regular postings on the web focusing on Dehonian spirituality, and Mission Ed.

YOUTH AND SCJ SCHOOLS IN COLLABORATION: This would include providing resources on Dehonian spirituality to youth groups, schools, and CCD programs.

ALUMNI [*Dehonian Esprit de Coeur*]: This would involve maintaining a data base, compiling and sending the quarterly newsletter, and coordinating the 2022 reunion.

Description of the Dehon Study Center

[Approved, September 2016]

Purpose: The purpose of the Dehon Study Center is:

- to preserve the writings of Leo John Dehon, SCJ, other foundational texts of the Priests of the Sacred Heart, and works on SCJ charism written in English
- to translate texts from French and other languages into English
- to provide an understanding of the background, context, and development of the writings of Leo John Dehon, SCJ, and other foundational texts of the Priests of the Sacred Heart
- to disseminate world-wide these texts in digital and/or hard copy formats among SCJs, SCJ candidates, Dehonian Associates/Dehonian Laity, collaborators in SCJ ministry, and interested laity
- to collaborate with the Center of Dehonian Studies in Rome and provide it with digital copies of the English translations of these texts
- to be a resource for academic research

Personnel: Involved with the Dehon Study Center are:

- a part-time director [3 hours per week]: David Schimmel
- an Advisory Committee: James Schroeder, SCJ, John van den Hengel, SCJ, plus one or two younger SCJs to be determined
- SCJs with specific expertise to be consulted as needed
- contractors as needed such as IT, translators, typists, and clerical services

Responsibilities of the Director:

- catalog the Center's holdings

to maintain a website providing an online access to the Center's holdings
consult English-speaking SCJ entities and the Center of Dehonian Studies in Rome regarding preferred texts to be translated into English
seek the guidance of the Advisory Committee regarding prioritizing, confirming, and evaluating projects
oversee the good order of the Dehon Study Center and its projects
report regularly to the Provincial and Council, and to the Province members
propose an annual budget

Long-term Goal:

identify, call, and prepare a young SCJ to carry on the work of the Dehon Study Center

Director of the Dehon Study Center

I have been working as the Director of the Dehon Study Center for just over 3 years. My efforts are part-time since I have 3 hours per week to dedicate to this task. Mainly, my tasks are maintaining the Study Center as a useful resource library and making available print publications of available copies. This is what I am working on since my last report of April 9, 2018:

Organizing

I have converted all of P. J. McGuire's electronic files, dealing with his work in the Dehon Study Center, into Word documents and renamed them for easy identification of contents. I sent a copy of all these electronic files to Centro Studi Dehoniani.

I have replaced all the plastic magazine file folders with cardboard magazine file folders. The lattice designed plastic magazine file folders were damaging soft-cover items such as Dehoniana magazines.

I am placing/replacing printed documents into sturdy covers to make it easier to store on shelving.

I have organized multiple binders of P. J. McGuire's week-long retreats to postulants and novices in India, Philippines, and the United States; and retreats and conferences to SCJs in England, Canada, and the United States. I inserted tabs to separate daily presentations, identified the contents on the outside of each binder, and stored them in a filing cabinet.

Translation of *Cahiers Falleur*

Cahiers Falleur are the notes taken by novice Stanislaus Falleur on the conferences and sermons given by Fr. Dehon while he was the Novice Master. This French document was first published in Studia Dehoniana 10 [1979]. I contracted Craig McKee, an alumnus of Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Lenox, Massachusetts, to translate this document. Presently, I am in the process of editing the manuscript and aligning its reference numbering to that of the original French text. When completed, this document will be available in a digital format and available on-line.

Ongoing:

I have proposed an annual budget for each fiscal year.

I have provided materials for several SCJs who requested them.

I am trying to keep the Dehon Study Center in the consciousness of the Province membership by occasionally making available an item of interest, such as

“Sacred Heart Devotion in Fr. Dehon's Context and in Our Context,” Piet Schellens, SCJ

“A Guided Reading of the Social Works of Fr. Leo John Dehon, SCJ,” compiled by David Schimmel [January 2020 offering]

“A Strong and Generous Devotion,” David Schimmel [Lent 2020 offering]

PROPOSAL FOR THE DEHON STUDY CENTER

Filling the role of Director of the Dehon Study Center immediately may not be as critical as preparing a young SCJ to take up the role in the future. This would include a facility in the French language; and skills in researching, writing, and presenting.

Recently, on the first day of the SCJ Major Superiors meeting in Rome, November 11-15, 2019, Fr. Juan José Arnaiz Ecker, SCJ, stated that the Centro Studi Dehoniani is dealing with a lack of personnel to carry out this service to the Congregation. He appealed to the Major Superiors to make people available for this mission and presented a scholarship as a concrete way to attract people to work in the Centro Studi. Perhaps this opportunity would be a first step in preparing an SCJ from North America to be the director of the Dehon Study Center in the U.S. Province.

Summary of the Meeting of the Administrations of the Canada Region and the US Province

December 6, 2019 • Toronto, Ontario

PRESENT: Fr. Edward Kilianski (provincial superior, United States), Fr. Gustave Lulendo (regional superior, Canada), Fr. Jack Kurps, Fr. Yohanes Yuliwan Maslim, Fr. Quang Nguyen, Fr. Vien Nguyen, Fr. Paul Tennyson, Fr. John van den Hengel, Fr. Richard Woodbury, and Mary Gorski (minutes).

- I. Prayer— The meeting began with prayer.
- II. Welcome and updates — In welcoming the meeting participants, Fr. Lulendo said that the combined councils meeting is more than just a traditional event to be scheduled on the calendar. It is a moment to continue the commitment of the congregation in North America. He then invited members of the two administrations to update each other on themselves, their ministries and communities. Highlights include:
 - A. Fr. van den Hengel recently completed a lengthy trip that included giving retreats in Indonesia, a meeting of the General Theological Commission in Rome, and the Sacred Heart Conference in Rome. In Indonesia, he was asked to meet with the province’s formators. The province continues to have a robust vocation and formation program; he asked the formators to comment on it. They said that what attracts many to the Dehonians is their strong sense of community, as well as the stability of the SCJs and their commitment to Indonesia. Much of the work of the Theological Commission centered on preparation for July 12-17, 2020, Theological Seminar in Cameroon. The conference will focus on “Sint Unum,” which was suggested by Fr. Carlos Luis Suarez Codorniú, superior general. Members of the North American Theological Commission will contribute to the conference. Fr. van den Hengel also noted that he has spent much of the last year translating Dr. David Neuhold’s critical biography of Fr. Leo John Dehon from the original German to English. The Italian and the Spanish translations are complete. An Indonesian translation will be done from the English. He anticipates sending the completed English text to the Centro Studi Dehoniani for publication by mid-December.
 - B. Fr. Tennyson continues full-time ministry at the Veterans Health Center in Ottawa. Ministry to the dying, their families and caregivers is a significant part of his work. Last year there were 175 deaths at the 600-bed center. In his work as regional treasurer, Fr. Tennyson has also spent a lot of time during the past year organizing the region’s financial concerns. He noted that the region now has its own account with Rome so that it no longer needs to go through the US Province to make financial transfers.
 - C. Fr. Q. Nguyen spoke of the challenges of vocation ministry; it can be difficult when a person whom he has accompanied in his vocational discernment decides at the last minute not to pursue candidacy with the SCJs. A regular part of Fr. Q. Nguyen’s work is attendance at student and youth events. Often, candidates or SCJs in formation, help him staff a vocation booth at these events. Fr. Q. Nguyen is also local superior of the Sacred Heart Community at SHML; he noted the health concerns of several members.
 - D. Fr. Woodbury spoke of his work at the Séminaire du Sacré Coeur; he has been filling in while the chaplain has been on a medical leave. The school recently hosted eight students from Ukraine and their chaperones; it is hoped that more international students can take part in programs with the school. The students stayed with host families. Fr. Woodbury continues in parish ministry; two of the seven parishes that he served have now closed. It is anticipated that at least one more will also close. The Diocese of St. Jérôme has a significant priest shortage; there has only been one ordination in the past 17 years.
 - E. Fr. V. Nguyen is an assistant professor at Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology; next semester his teaching load will be reduced to two classes so that he can focus more of his time on writing projects. He has had several articles and reviews published during the past year and hopes to expand on that. Fr. V. Nguyen noted that he has had two SCJ students in his class and has found them to be very solid students with an interest in the Dehonian charism and SCJ spirituality. He has encouraged both to do their course writings in a style that could be considered for publication.
 - F. Fr. Maslim spoke about the Toronto community, noting that SCJs are divided between two houses: one at St. Thomas More parish and another at the community house on High Park Boulevard. A member of the Indonesian Province recently joined

the community at High Park: Fr. Petrus Murwanto, who is doing advanced studies in education. The house has become a base for several SCJs pursuing advanced studies and/or continuing formation. Fr. Willyans Prado Rapozo is also doing studies. The SCJs in Toronto are faithful to weekly community meetings and strive to help each other in ministry, especially at the two parishes of St. Thomas More and Our Lady of the Rosary. Fr. Maslim enjoys his ministry with UKI, the Indonesian Catholic community, but noted that there are challenges in not having a permanent home for the community. It often moves between parishes depending on availability. Next year the community looks forward to celebrating the 40th anniversary of UKI, which was initiated by Fr. Wayne Jenkins.

- G. Fr. Kurps noted that in mid-November, SCJs in Mississippi hosted the General Finance Commission. The commission members enjoyed seeing the various ministries of Sacred Heart Southern Missions but more so, they appreciated the conversations that they had with staff. Through their conversations, members of the commission learned much about the cultures of not only the American South, but of a multi-racial United States.
- H. Fr. Kilianski spoke about recent trips to Pinellas Park, Mississippi, South Dakota and Rome. In Rome, he took part in the meeting of entity superiors, as well as the Sacred Heart Conference. During the continental meetings he and Fr. Lulendo met with each other, but also with the Asian SCJs (Fr. Lulendo) and South Americans (Fr. Kilianski) to discuss common concerns. Fr. Kilianski noted the difficulty in having to dismiss a member of the congregation (Paul Grizzelle Reid), but added that the general administration agreed with the action and quickly facilitated the process. The themes of internationality and intercultural living continue to be at the forefront of province discussions as the US Province continues to welcome SCJs from around the world for community and ministry. During the past year an Indonesian SCJ (Fr. Hendrick Ardianto) and an Indian (Fr. Praveen Kumar Richard) have joined the community in South Dakota. There are tentative plans for several other international SCJs to serve in the province.
- I. Fr. Lulendo talked about parish ministry in Montréal. One of the parishes that the community serves is the oldest in Montréal; because of its historical significance, it is frequently requested for weddings. During the past year there were 72 weddings at the parish. Members of the SCJ community in Montréal have struggled with a number of health issues. Fr. Claude Bédard is the process of retiring from his work in the Mission Office; a lay person, Nicole Béland, took over as director of the office in 2017. The Montréal community recently spent a retreat day together; they generally do so at the start of Advent and Lent. As has Fr. Kilianski, Fr. Lulendo has also been doing extensive traveling in his role as superior. He enjoyed participating in the anniversary celebrations in India and in various meetings in Rome, as well as the Sacred Heart conference. He found the workshop for new entity superiors to be very helpful; it focused on the ministry of service. The meeting with all entity superiors was also helpful; it was good to connect with other leadership and to discuss possibilities for collaboration. The region needs more personnel assistance from SCJs of other entities but even when Dehonians are made available for such ministry, the visa process for entry can be lengthy. SCJs from both entities noted the challenges of immigration; currently a member of the US Province is unable to return to his community in Houston because of immigration issues. International students for both countries have been delayed and/or denied entrance.

III. Entity reports

- A. Canadian Region — Fr. Woodbury shared a report on the events and items of significance in the Canadian Region since the two councils last met in June, 2019. Among the items noted:
 - 1. As they do each year, the region gathered together in Ottawa for the feast of the Sacred Heart (they generally meet prior to the feast so that SCJs can be in their home communities and ministries for the actual feast day).
 - 2. Fr. Stephen Huffstetter, vicar general, visited the three communities of the region in August.
 - 3. The region had its assembly in Kingston, it included presentations by André Beauchamp on the environment, Fr. Huffstetter on the programmatic letter, and the vocation committee, as well as discussion of regional finances, the leadership selection process and the jubilee celebrations.
 - 4. Fr. Murwanto has joined the community in Toronto.
 - 5. The region is reviewing its properties in Montréal. It is discerning whether it would be better served by selling the properties that it currently owns and consolidating into one smaller property. Due to the history of the properties, this is a significant and difficult matter to discuss.
 - 6. The general treasurer (Fr. Luca Zottoli) and his assistant, Aldo Ivaldi, visited the region in September.

B. US Province — Fr. Kilianski gave updates on the US Province. Among the items he noted:

1. The third of the Provincial Conferences for members of the US Province who are under 70 and in active ministry will take place January 7-9. The 2020 conference will focus on ministry (previous conferences were centered on community), including the possibility of a new campus ministry initiative.
2. The 2020 Province Assembly will be June 9-12 and the Province Jubilee Celebration will be at 4:30 p.m. on June 8; members of the Canadian Region are invited to both events (the presence of several Canadian SCJs at the 2019 assembly was well appreciated and added in a positive way to the gathering).
3. After many years of doing so, the Province Development Office will not host a celebration at Sacred Heart Monastery for the feast of the Sacred Heart; the turn-out by lay people has diminished.
4. The US Province continues to invite and welcome SCJs from other entities to join in community and ministry in the United States.
5. The province hopes to begin a campus ministry project within the next two years, to do so, at least two international SCJs are needed to either be a part of the ministry or to free up another member of the province (a committee has already begun to discuss possibilities).
6. Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology is in the midst of its accreditation process, one of the challenges of the process is the role and relationship of the Priests of the Sacred Heart with SHSST; SHSST is an apostolate of the congregation yet it is also a ministry with some degree of autonomy. This does not easily fit into accreditation norms.
7. SHSST continues to have a very good relationship with Archbishop Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio, who hosted at SHSST a meeting of the bishops of eight rural dioceses.
8. Dr. Austen Ivereigh was the featured speaker at the Dehon Lecture in November at SHSST; Fr. Stefan Tertünte of the Centro Studi Dehoniani was one of the responders.

IV. Finances — Both entities briefly spoke about financial issues. Fr. Tennyson assumed the regional treasurer's role approximately a year ago. He has been busy bringing several financial matters up-to-date, including the region's charitable status with the government and its financial reports to Rome. The region has opened its own account for transferring funds to Rome so that it no longer needs to go through the US Treasurer's Office. Regional investments are now done through a Canadian organization. As noted earlier, the Mission Office is undergoing changes as Fr. Bédard begins the process of retirement from it. The region is reviewing its annuity program; Fr. Tennyson may contact Dn. Nagel for suggestions for someone to assist with this. Fr. Lulendo noted that he received a thank-you letter from SCJs in Ecuador for a \$10,000 donation. He believes that the donation actually came from the US Province; follow-up will be done with the US Treasurer's Office.

V. Miscellaneous topics

A. Dehonian Spirituality — David Schimmel, director of Dehonian Associates and the Dehon Study Center, will retire when he turns 70 in October, 2020. He will visit with the US Provincial Council at its December meeting and has been asked to give suggestions regarding his replacement. There has been discussion of moving the Dehon Study Center from Sacred Heart at Monastery Lake to Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology, making it more accessible, and perhaps facilitating collaborative possibilities with the Centro Studi Dehoniani in Rome. The seminary is open to offering a course in Dehonian spirituality; it is hoped that at the December council meeting Fr. Raúl Gomez can talk about his discussions with Fr. Stefan Tertünte in regard to collaboration.

Fr. van den Hengel asked if there might be a member of the US Province who could be sent to Rome to study in the Centro Studi bursary program. It is a significant commitment, but there is a need to have someone prepared in Dehonian studies to serve as a resource in North America. Fr. V. Nguyen asked if it might be possible to send a lay person for studies in Dehonian spirituality. Perhaps an instructor from SHSST could spend six months in an abridged program at the Centro Studi Dehoniani; it would be a way to ensure that the Dehonian charism is continued in the work of the school. Perhaps SHSST could create a proposal for the US council and the CSD to consider. Several councilors expressed interest in the suggestion, but emphasized that it is also important to try to find an SCJ who would be willing study Dehonian spirituality in depth.

B. North American retreats — The three North American retreats were well received; is it time to begin preparing for another

set of retreats? Councilors agreed that it is. A planning team needs to be assembled; Fr. van den Hengel is open to serving on the team. It was suggested that he be joined by one other Canadian and two members of the US Province. The councils will follow up on this; it is hoped that the retreat committee can be put in place before the next NORAM meeting. Councilors were in favor of following the previous model: a retreat in Canada, a retreat in the United States and a retreat specifically for those in formation. One councilor asked if the retreats could offer slightly different themes, or a different format so that the differences in the retreats are more than just location. This is something for the planning committee to discuss. It was suggested that SCJs of other entities be welcomed to the retreats.

- C. North American Theological Commission — Members of the commission include Fr. van den Hengel (chairperson), Fr. Zbigniew Morawiec, Fr. Gustave Lulendo and Fr. Charles Brown. They met three times during the past year; their next meeting is in January. All attended the international conference on devotion to the Sacred Heart held in Rome in November. As noted earlier, much of the work of the Theological Commission is currently centered on preparation for July 12-17, 2020, Theological Seminar in Cameroon. The theme of “Sint Unum” will be paired with “Synodality” — how do people interact with one another, how does the structure of authority affect the way the Church interacts, how are the voices of the minority heard?

The committee welcomes input from the councils on topics for discussion. It also welcomes the input of students. Although it might not be possible for a student to serve full-time on the committee, perhaps associate memberships could be possible. It would be a way to expose students to the discussions of the committee.

Each continent now has a Dehonian Theological Commission; the chairperson of each serves on the General Theological Commission. Each continent works on topics particular to itself, as well as topics identified by the general commission.

A councilor asked about the papers developed by the commission members. It would be good to find ways of sharing them beyond *Dehoniana* or in the follow-up materials from seminars. More people might benefit from the commission’s work if it was made more accessible, even in weblinks shared by the commission directly with SCJs in North America.

- D. SCJ Constitutions — Fr. Jim Schroeder and Fr. van den Hengel began informal work reviewing the English edition of the SCJ Constitutions. Soon after they began their efforts, the general administration made plans to establish a committee to review the Constitutions, noting that changes have been approved in a variety of languages. Because of this, the French text is not necessarily the typical edition. In some instances, such as Portuguese, there are contradictory text entries. It is not known whether the international committee has begun its work; Fr. van den Hengel, who was asked to work with the committee, will ask about its progress. It is hoped that a new English edition of the Constitutions can soon be put together, perhaps in a style similar to the small, brown book that was published years ago.
- E. Vocations — The Canadian Region established a Vocation Committee in April; its most recent meeting was December 5. The committee initiated a new social media project, “DehonianWay,” which has a presence on Facebook and Instagram. Vocation efforts are focused in the areas where the community is present in Canada: Toronto, Ottawa and Montréal. In November, members of the committee participated in the Indonesian Young Adult Group retreat. Although there is much enthusiasm among the Canadian SCJs serving on the committee, all have significant time constraints. It would be beneficial if they had a person who could devote himself full-time to vocation ministry.

A significant question for the region is “What next?” If the region’s efforts are successful and a person does inquire about candidacy, the next step is not clear. At this time there is not an established formation program in the region. These concerns must be addressed with further development of a vocation program.

The US and Canadian vocation teams hope to renew collaborative discussions.

F. Youth ministry

1. Campus ministry — As noted earlier, the US Province hopes to develop a campus ministry project within the next two years. A committee has already begun preliminary discussions about the ministry. Fr. Kilianski said that he envisions a team of at least three SCJs and is open to beginning the ministry in just about any area of the United States. He noted that a university might find the offer of a team instead of a single chaplain to be very positive. The province could subsidize the team if a university did not have the resources for more than one chaplain.
2. World Youth Day — The next WYD will take place in Portugal July 12-17, 2022. It is hoped that SCJs in both entities

can organize youth groups to go to Portugal; the Portuguese Province has offered to host Dehonian Youth gatherings around WYD. The ideal would be to have all of the North American youth gather for a program prior to WYD, but that might not be practical.

G. Interculturality — Both entities continue to address issues of intercultural living. Fr. Anthony Gittens was one of the main presenters at the June US Province Assembly. He is the author of the book, *Living Mission Interculturally*, and spoke to SCJs about intercultural living. It was a continuation of themes addressed at the January 2019 Provincial Conference. Councilors said that living interculturality is a continuing process. It was noted that the way an international SCJ is received is much different than years past. Instead of expecting the international member to conform to the host community, both the host community and the international SCJ need to find ways to be open to and changed by the other. This is a reflection of not only a diverse congregation, but a diverse Church and diverse nations.

Living interculturality requires commitment. It requires a commitment to dialogue and openness — the same requirements needed for community living itself. All professed members of a local community need to feel a sense of equality as SCJs.

VI. North American Migration Committee — Fr. Peter McKenna, co-chair of the North American Migration Committee, met with the councils to update them on the committee's efforts. He noted that the committee works in a collaborative style, rotating tasks such as meeting moderator and secretary. The committee has benefited from the expertise of many, including Fr. Andrzej Sudol, Fr. Willyans Prado Rapozo, Fr. Praveen Kumar Richard and Br. Duane Lemke. In November, Br. Lemke helped to organize the committee-sponsored presentation on Human Trafficking. The committee co-sponsored the April 2019 Dehon Lecture at SHSST in which Sr. Norma Pimentel, MJ, (Executive director of Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley) was the keynote speaker. The committee also facilitated several sessions at the June 2019 US Provincial Assembly.

The committee is seeking ways to work more collaboratively with the US Justice, Peace and Reconciliation Commission as well as the Canadian Migration Committee. In November, the North American Migration Committee held joint meetings with the US JPR Commission to plan for separate and combined efforts of the groups.

In February, 2020, the North American Migration Committee will give a presentation to the formation community and the ECS students at Sacred Heart Monastery.

The challenges of the committee for the next year include seeking new ways to engage the membership of both entities. It is hoped that a few younger voices can join the committee. Students in formation have attended sessions hosted by the committee; they have an interest and they have shown great talent and skills. One of the most significant challenges is time availability. The lay people who have served on the committee have been well appreciated, bringing a different vantage point in discussions, along with their personal skills.

A councilor asked about the committee's budget: how is its work funded? Fr. McKenna noted that most expenses are related to travel and speakers. The Canadian Region pays for the travel of its members; the US Province pays the same for its people. The budget is funded by both entities and approved by the councils during their budget processes. Until now, most of the meetings have taken place at SHML; however, next year the committee hopes to do more on-site visits.

Another councilor asked about advocacy, in particular, should there be more efforts in advocacy? Fr. McKenna said that while it is important, political advocacy does not necessarily have as strong of an impact as personal interactions with people. The committee is seeking to find ways in which it can have the most impact with its limited resources.

The North American Migration Committee was developed in response to the 2013 North American Conference in which SCJs from both entities identified migration as a significant issue. The committee continues to be one of the most active collaborative efforts of the two entities; its membership includes SCJs and lay persons from both the US and Canada. It is well supported by the leadership of both entities, and this is noticed and appreciated by the committee.

Frs. Lulendo and Kilianski each expressed their appreciation for the continued work of the committee.

VII. Next meeting — The two administrations will next meet on Tuesday, April 28, 2020, in Hales Corners, WI. Participants are to arrive in time to share in a dinner together on Monday, April 27.

Addendum C

DATE: January 2, 2020
TO: Province SCJs
FROM: Dn. David Nagel, SCJ

RE: Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2019

The Provincial Council on December 18, 2019 reviewed the financial audit for the Province. The Statement of Activities is summarized here:

Support, Revenue, & Other Gains:	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Total Support & Revenue	\$ 11,555,744	12,710,427
Cash on Hand (Beginning)	<u>7,794,610</u>	<u>3,524,552</u>
Revenue Available:	\$ 19,350,354	\$ 16,234,979
Expenditures:	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Total program services	\$ 10,101,923	\$ 9,638,955
Administration and general	<u>1,696,667</u>	<u>1,681,896</u>
Total expenditures	\$ 11,798,590	\$ 11,320,851
Change in Net Assets	\$ (4,342,484)	\$ (2,880,482)
Reserve on Hand (Ending)	<u>\$ 3,209,280</u>	<u>\$ 7,794,610</u>

Expenses for most Province operations were about equal with the previous year. The most significant increase in cash on hand in 2019 was due to the sale of the Chicago Hyde Park property. The property sold for \$5.7 million and the proceeds from the sale were used for the remodeling of the Monastery/Seminary.

Worries over the economy and donors vulnerability to financial difficulties has slowed the annual contributions received by the Province. The Priest of the Sacred Heart Development Office in Hales Corners gave \$5.2 million to the Province for operations and overseas missions. St. Joseph's Indian School has contributed \$4.07 million and SHSM \$800,000 to the Province. Contributions from other sources including rent from SHML increased Province income and helped to offset the expenses.

As of June 30, 2019 the Province Ministry Fund was \$ 2.6 million. The total reserves available for the Province needs were \$6.8 million which is about 6 months of surplus.

SCJ Medical Fund expenses exceeded contributions due to increased costs as the Province membership continues to age.

Medical Fund Activity 2018:

Starting Balance:	\$ 128,910
Contributions:	\$ <u>1,475,600</u>
Total Income:	\$ 1,604,500
Expenses:	\$ <u>1,348,126</u>
Gain/ (Loss):	\$ 256,374

The monthly contribution was \$1,255 per SCJ member. The SCJ Medical Plan has stop-loss insurance of \$75,000 per member so the liability is limited to that amount and expenses over \$75,000 for an individual are reimbursed by the insurance carrier. The Provincial Chapter passed a resolution to fund the medical plan individual contribution at 90% of actual claims which the current premium should do. The actual claims history has exceeded projections during the last few years making it difficult to adequate forecast costs.

Priests of the Sacred Heart Support & Maintenance Trust continues to support those members of the Province who are not active in ministry. The Trust provides support to retired SCJs about \$1.4 million per year. The monthly support contribution from SCJs active in ministry was \$400 per person.

The investments for calendar year 2018 returned -6.16% which was down from previous years but in calendar year 2019 the return rate is 16% through the end of October which is very good. Quarterly meetings are held with the investment committee and our consultants to review the investment activity. Monthly reports and frequent phone conversations are also used to manage the investments.

Note: These are a few of the financial highlights of the finances for Fiscal Year 2019. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this information.

**Notes from Justice Peace & Reconciliation Commission Meeting
November 13, 2019**

Provincialate Offices

Present: Fr. Guy Blair via phone, Fr. Bob Bossie, Fr. John Czyzynski, Fr. Wayne Jenkins, Mark Peters, Fr. Ed Zemlik.
Excused: Fr. Juan Carlos Castaneda

Prayer: John led us in a prayer for just and humane immigration reform, and we especially prayed for Juancho that his situation is resolved and he can return to the U.S.

Director's Report: Mark reported on the Seventh Generation Interfaith Coalition for Responsible Investment (SGI) annual event and his continued leading of their dialogue with Macy's. The recent SEC (Security and Exchange Commission) decision could wreak havoc on SGI and ICCR's (Interfaith Center for Corporate Responsibility) ability to file shareholder resolutions, so hoping it can be stopped. Otherwise his full time has been given to the Catholic Coalition for Migrants and Refugees the past six months, and likely will continue at a high level for some time to come as the group attempts to attract more members, get into parishes to do education, lobby our elected officials and otherwise raise Catholic voices in support of just and humane immigration policies.

Review of September meeting with Fr. Gomez, Rector of SHSST: We were gratified by Fr. Raul's willingness to meet with us and his encouragement of us to follow up with Fr. Ziggy and John Olesnavage. Mark will try to set up a meeting with them and Patrick Russell, Academic Dean to see if we can get "a seat at table" when decisions are made about integrating social justice into the curriculum or life of the seminary. We also hope to meet with the SCJ Formators, and Ed agreed to talk with Fr. Duy.

CMSM JPIC Gathering: Ed & Guy & Mark are interested in attending the event in Las Cruces in March; Mark will get them more info and they will make a decision by our next meeting. Mark will also send the commission info about the Ecumenical Advocacy Days' schedule for its conference in April focused on migration and the climate crisis.

Election 2020: We will talk to Fr. Ed about a date in late January/February when we can talk with him about how to approach the November election.

Old Business: Mark will re-send the FAIR article on the Climate Crisis and its connection to the migration crisis and ask for a decision about whether and how to use it in the Province. We further discussed Bob's ideas about retrofitting buildings and reducing our carbon footprint; these would require conversations with the Finance Commission and Dn. David. Guy suggested that IT WAS EASY FOR US TO RETROFIT OUR BUILDINGS BECAUSE WE HAVE THE FINANCES TO DO SO BUT WHAT ABOUT THE POOR; AND SHOULD WE USE THIS MONEY TO HELP THE POOR? We will pick up this discussion on our next phone call.

New Business: Suggest having climate crisis speaker at June Assembly or Dehon Lecture; Mark will talk to planners. Wayne shared the new General Plan. Mark will touch base with Jack Kurps about SHSM as we come up on the two year anniversary of our immigration formation session.

Joint Meeting with North American Migration Committee: At 2 PM, we joined the NAMC members to talk about the overlapping roles of both groups (and now, also including the Canadian Region Immigration Committee) on the issue of immigration. Much of our conversation was around the topic of "advocacy." We agreed that legislative advocacy is unique to each country, and therefore the U.S. JPR Commission will handle U.S. legislation and it is up to the CRIC to decide whether or how to do this in Canada. But we agreed that advocacy means more than legislative "lobbying," and that there are other ways to "speak out" on behalf of migrants and immigration reform that we could do together. Education on the global migration crisis could be another area of overlap or possible collaboration. We agreed to have one joint meeting at the beginning of each year to better communicate with each other and better serve the cause of justice for immigrants.

Next Meeting: Phone "Call-In" meeting on Friday, Dec. 13 from 10:45-11:15 AM. Next quarterly meeting will be Feb. 6-7 at the Provincialate Offices, combined with a joint meeting with the NAMC. Bob Bossie will be responsible for prayer.

Appendix: Notes from Dec. 13 Joint NAMC/JPRC Meeting, provided by Lily Ooi

US JPR (Justice, Peace and Reconciliation) Commission/NAMC Joint Session

-NAMC Members: Jan de Jong, Richard (Mac) MacDonald, Peter McKenna, Lily Ooi, Mark Peters, Tony Russo, Diego Diaz (currently in Argentina)

-Initially, the North American ad hoc Committee on Immigration was established at the 2013 North American Continental Conference and was re-mandated as NAMC at the CA/US Assembly in 2017. Key objectives include: encouraging individual members and local communities to be personally involved with migrants, refugees, undocumented, etc. in the places they reside — one of the ways of doing so is by increasing education and awareness of migration

JPR Members: Mark Peters, John Czyzynski, Wayne Jenkins, Bob Bossie, Ed Zemlik, Guy Blair (joined via telephone) and Juan Carlos Castaneda (currently in Columbia)

-The Justice and Peace Commission was established by a Provincial Chapter during the 1970s with its name eventually changed to Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC). Then in 2015, the name was changed to Justice Peace and Reconciliation (JPR) with a primary focus on immigration justice. In 2017, the Provincial Council gave it a secondary focus on climate change. Economic justice has been a priority going back to Fr. Dehon

Note: The Regional Council of Canada established the Region of Canada Immigration Committee, which focusses on working with the members of Canadian SCJ communities and educating the Canadian SCJ communities and the parishes/ministries entrusted to the care of its members.

Today was the first joint meeting of the US Province JPR and NAMC. Objective(s):

- Clarify roles and objectives of the two groups
- Identify opportunities to leverage activities of the two groups and provide support where/when needed
- Ensure the two groups are aligned in terms of messaging and direction so that it is clear what is being asked of/communicated to the SCJ community

Advocacy

Advocacy is broader than 'political lobbying' – it is any effort to speak out on behalf of the voiceless. It supports our efforts towards social ministry – namely, direct service to the poor and those in need; and working towards systemic/structural change through advocacy, empowerment (helping people help themselves), and justice education (learning about the roots of social problems).

- Political lobbying, because it is unique to each country, aligns more with the work of the JPR and the Region of Canada Immigration Committee (RCIC) than NAMC, but awareness of systemic issues is universal and a focus for all groups
- SCJs must come together collectively rather than be polarized and build on the notion of *See, Judge, Act*, with emphasis on 'Teaching Dehonians to be Dehonian' – support the need for social justice
- Need to identify '*What do we need to learn, then what do we need to teach?*'
- How can SCJs be more engaged? Both groups have struggled with this challenge

Action Item: Arrange a discussion and training on Advocacy for JPR and NAMC members as part of the February 6, 2020 session

CALENDAR

January 7-9, 2020:	Provincial Conference, "Our Future Together in Community and Ministry, Part III"
January 21-22, 2020:	Provincial Council meeting
March 3-4, 2020:	Provincial Council meeting
May 5-6, 2020:	Provincial Council meeting (budgets)
June 8, 2020, 4:30 pm:	Province Jubilee Celebration
June 9-12, 2020:	Province Assembly
June 11, 2020, 7:00 pm:	Provincial Council meeting (advancements in formation)

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A PDF of the updated North American Personnel Directory is available for download from the top of the online directory page in the US Province website. The PDF has been updated as of December 20. There is both a high resolution (approximately 16 MB) and a low resolution version (1.5 MB). The low resolution PDF is appropriate for computers, smartphones and other mobile devices. The online directory is generally updated as soon as changes are received at the Provincial Offices. The PDF of the print directory is updated approximately once a month.

A reminder: the personnel directory is password-protected and can be found in the Members' section of the website.

NECROLOGY

+**Fr. Louis Siebelink**, a member of the Dutch – Flemish Confederation, died November 30. He was born in 1925, professed in 1946 and ordained in 1953.

+**Fr. Dino Gottardi**, a member of the Portuguese Province, died November 28. He was born in 1929, professed in 1946 and ordained in 1955.

+**Br. Yohanes Rasul Suprpto**, a member of the Indonesian Province, died on December 3. He was born in 1952 and professed in 1981.

+**Fr. Paul Casper**, a member of the US Province, died on December 9. He was born in 1930, professed in 1949 and ordained in 1957