



**Accola Programs & Opportunities Committee**  
**Monday, September 9, 2024; 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**  
**In-person and via Zoom**

**Attendees:** Anita S. Duckor, CSJ-C; Karen Gervais; Anne Weyandt

**Staff:** Matt Halley; Lacy Sietsema

**Not Present:** Kevin Berg; Adele O’Sullivan, CSJ; Fr. Larry Snyder

**Special Guests:** Cindy Kaiser – SISU Consultant; Sarah Stoesz – SISU Consultant

The Accola Programs and Opportunities Committee convened in-person and online at 2:33 p.m.

**Prayer/DEI Statement:** Anne read the DEI Statement and led the committee in prayer.

Minutes: The minutes from August were presented for approval. Hearing no changes or edits, the minutes were approved by all present members.

**Update on Wisdom Ways Assessment**

Consultant Sarah Stoesz read the current mission of Wisdom Ways. The committee discussed social justice and how it ties in with Wisdom Ways. The committee also discussed how Wisdom Ways supports current and evolving needs.

**Definitions**

The Committee worked to define social justice (community, connection) and how it intersects with spirituality and impact. Social justice involves inclusion and has aspects of radical hospitality. Matt emphasized the importance of actionable outcomes. Karen added that however spirituality is defined, it is important to think about measurable social justice impacts with regards to spirituality. Anne stated that this is what makes Wisdom Ways unique. Ultimately, the committee is defining spirituality as it might relate/does relate to measurable social justice impacts. There was a discussion about spirituality and what it means in terms of the individual and community. Karen suggested that spirituality is the “individual and communal search for transcendence and purpose in life.” It was suggested to use “journey” in place of “search”.

The committee briefly discussed partnerships and the feminist theology aspect of Wisdom Ways.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, October 14.

**Adjournment:** The committee adjourned at 4 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lacy Sietsema, Accola