



CSJ Mission Education Committee  
Monday, August 18, 2025; 1:30-3:00 p.m.  
In-Person: 2nd Floor Conference Room, CSJ Admin Center

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Susan Oeffling, CSJ; Angela Schreiber, CSJ; Andrea Pearson Tande, CSJ-C; Kris Smyth; Jill Underdahl, CSJ; Karen Zeleznak, CSJ-C

**Staff:** Matt Halley; Lacy Sietsema

**Excused Absence:** Steve Kenney

The CSJ Mission Education Committee convened on Monday, August 18 at 1:34 PM.

**DEI Statement:** Kris read the DEI statement.

**Spiritual Centering:** Led by Kris.

**Minutes:** The June 16<sup>th</sup> minutes were presented to the committee for approval. Hearing no changes or corrections, all present members voted to approve the minutes.

**Agenda:** There was a discussion about the cancellation notices of the meeting invitations. Lacy will delete the event series and begin a new series.

### **Accola Update**

Matt reported that Accola held a lovely good-bye ritual. Accola can still use the space at the Ad Center as needed for meetings. The Annual Operating Plan has been completed. Matt reviewed the new hires for Accola. There was a discussion about facilities planning.

### **Committee Self-Assessment**

The CSJ Mission Education Committee reviewed areas of the FY25 Committee Self-Assessment. There was a discussion about resources and a spending policy.

### **Committee Work Plan 2025-2026**

The committee reviewed the 2025-2026 work plan. Susan read the top goals. She stated that there are some Province events coming up that highlight the 375<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Sisters of St. Joseph and the St. Paul Province 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The committee reviewed its charter. There was a discussion about the future direction of the Province, the future direction of Accola, and how those futures might align.

The committee discussed organizing a round table event with the CSJ Consociates and the Accola Board. It was suggested that the Board could be invited to the Consociate Advent dinner, Stirring the Fire, and the Feast of St. Joseph event.

There was a discussion about the importance of balancing different perspectives with regards to Accola Programs and its history. It was suggested that the committee could have periodic discussions with the program directors and staff members for the purpose of learning their views on how the programs express Province and congregation mission and direction. Matt suggested turning this into an in-service training for staff.

The committee discussed the onboarding of new Board members. Kris emphasized the importance of thinking about the connection between Accola and the CSJ Consociates. The Board requires a minimum of five Sisters or people connected to the CSJ community. This topic will be discussed in greater depth at the September meeting.

Adjournment: The committee adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lacy Sietsema, Accola