CELEBRATION OF OUR GROWING ECOLOGICAL CONSCIOUSNESS

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Presented by the IHM Sustainability Task Force
Survey Results

481 Surveys Sent to IHM Sisters and Associates

- 227 Returned
- Not Returned
Sustainability

• Is care for creation – care for our common home

• Sees justice for the environment as inseparable from justice for the poor

• Is a moral mandate for the 21st century

• Is moving from disruptive behaviors to healing relationships with the whole Earth community

• Is living according to the triple bottom line- considering the environmental, social and economic impacts of our actions
Ecological Consciousness

- Calls every individual and nation to examine their respective ways of life and to alter those practices that contribute to the destruction of Earth as our livable home.
- Is and ethical imperative for the 21st century
- Is recognizing that humans are part of the one, interconnected sacred community of life
- Sees the connection between oppressive economic, social and environmental systems and the plight of planet Earth.
- Includes knowing oneself as OF Earth rather than ON Earth
In what ways are you living out of an ecological consciousness?

- Reducing, Reusing, Repurposing, Recycling (186)
- Conserving Energy (155)
- Educating self about ecological consciousness (153)
- Reading Laudato Si (140)
- Deepening my sense of eco-spirituality (139)
In what ways are you living out of an ecological consciousness?

- Purchasing or producing renewable energy: 15
- Growing my own food: 17
- Adopting a vegetarian lifestyle: 19

Fewest Responses: Purchasing or producing renewable energy.
How are we as a community growing in ecological consciousness?

LC accepted MCLRMP Discernment Group’s recommendation of the Integrating Idea

135 respondents chose this statement
68 did not
How are we as a community growing in ecological consciousness?

Establishing the Justice Peace and Sustainability Office

- 114 respondents chose this statement
- 89 did not
How are we as a community growing in ecological consciousness?

1987 Assembly reaffirms IHM commitment to Affirmation 10

109 respondents chose this statement
94 did not
How are we as a community growing in ecological consciousness?

Attention to *Laudato Si’* and energy around it

- 92 respondents chose this statement
- 111 did not
How are we as a community growing in ecological consciousness?

Corporate stance endorsing Earth Charter

- 85 respondents chose this statement
- 118 did not
How are we as a community growing in ecological consciousness?

- Establishment of Eco Justice Office and Newsletter: 30
- Campus Sustainability / River House Programs: 25
- Sale of IHM Property to La-Z-Boy: 28
What did you hear?

How are you feeling?
Celebration!

Dancing
Maria & Daisy

Futura
Possible next steps

• Ongoing education that connects the dots between Earth’s well-being and human behavior (154)

• Look at our financial resources through the lens of ecological consciousness and discover what possibilities IHM might have to shift our practices in ways that could impact the whole (150)
Possible next steps

• Identify specific ways we will both individually and corporately give voice to and practice acting from ecological consciousness and living sustainably. (142)

• Ongoing review of practices and systems to ensure the continued greening of the Motherhouse and campus. (137)

• Share communally and publicly the many ways IHMs live and act out of an ecological consciousness. (120)
Which one of the five top areas seems to catch your interest and attention at this time?
Take a look around…

Who is also interested in this topic?

Who might be your companions on the journey?
Sustainability and Ecological Consciousness will lead the way …

… as we move into a future full of hope.