



**IHM Relationships Team**  
Report to the IHM Coordinating Council

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The Relationships Team which meets every two months embraces the concept of “One Community” with vowed sisters Associates and seekers and consciously make an effort, to understand and support one another in these ministries. One of our newest endeavors comes from a “Message from the Leadership Council” sent to the entire IHM community at the beginning of 2021 inviting all to consider being part of this Vocations Team.

Those who responded were invited to explore possible participation. Further discussion led to expanding the concept to that of outreach. The members of this outreach team are Mary Ann Hinsdale, Susan Mahalik, BJ Schlachter, Sandra Schneiders, Nancy Sylvester and Therese Terns with Barb Bacci-Yugovich and Candy Rekart as co-coordinators and Pat McCluskey as Leadership liaison. On October 15, 2021 the IHM Outreach Team met and began with the vision statement for this group.

### **Vision for the IHM Outreach Team**

Recognizing the global dimensions of today’s needs, the IHM community seeks to collaborate in building bridges in service of justice, peace, and care of our earth home. Since the prophetic call of the Gospel is addressed to all believers, we seek to bring together persons called to the vowed life of the evangelical counsels and creative forms of association, commitment, and service in response to this call. We hope to be, and to foster, a compassionate presence in the world. We seek to engage with and invite others who share this deep desire, broad vision, commitment, and outreach to addressing the needs of our time.

We discussed the focus of building a culture of outreach. Questions such as “Where are we?”, “What are we being called to now?” and “What is ours to do?” we hope, will launch us into further clarification of the vision and the tasks ahead of us.