

MERCY WELLSPRINGS NEWSLETTER

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LIVING THE VALUES OF MERCY WELLSPRINGS

Compassion – respect dignity of each person, extend tenderness and care to whole of creation

Respect – recognize each one uniquely made in God’s image, celebrate beauty & integrity of creation

Justice – uphold and support the rights of all persons and Earth

Collaboration - engage others as partners, welcome diversity and inclusion

Deep Listening - hear the voices of people, of Earth beings, and of Earth herself

WELCOME TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MERCY WELLSPRINGS

Susan Elliott, the new Executive Director of Mercy Wellsprings started on July 29, 2024. As part of her orientation, she has spent time with the Sisters of Mercy listening to their stories as they all have a rich and interesting history. Susan has also been reading many books and resources regarding the Sisters of Mercy and their sponsored ministries, visiting the sponsored ministries and learning about what they do for the community and having discussions with the Sisters of Mercy Leadership as well as Mercy Wellsprings Leadership.



It is important for Susan to take this time to listen and learn about the past and present which will help her to be in a better position to help shape the future of Mercy Wellsprings. Susan will continue this orientation journey in the coming months and continue to meet and have conversations with the many people involved with the sponsored ministries.

On September 3, the office space for Mercy Wellsprings was opened and Susan was welcomed into her office.

Susan is excited to have joined Mercy Wellsprings and looks forward to supporting the work that continues to evolve.

“The orientation time has been vital in understanding the Sisters of Mercy and the charism of Mercy. I especially appreciate the time with the Sisters & sponsored ministries, sharing their stories and hopes for Mercy Wellsprings.”



Mercy Wellsprings Board of Directors

THE SEPTEMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

On September 9, 2024, Mercy Wellsprings held a Board Of Directors meeting. Below are the key areas of discussion:

Welcome & Gathering Prayer

Charitable status – While Mercy Wellsprings is incorporated, we are still waiting to confirm the charitable status by The Canada Revenue Agency.



Mercy Wellsprings Office Space

Introduction/Report from Susan – Susan took some time to provide an overview of the last few weeks and her orientation to the Sisters of Mercy and Mercy Wellsprings.

Conversation/Path Forward for Mercy Wellsprings – Sister Elizabeth Davis reviewed the values, sponsored ministries, reserved powers of the Mercy Wellsprings Members, and reference to the By-Laws of Mercy Wellsprings.

There will be work done in the coming weeks & months to define strategy/actions for the next 6-12 months and beyond.

Formation Program – The Board discussed a candidate to help with developing the Formation Program. Dr. Anne Walsh agreed, on a Consulting basis, to help with developing a path forward for the Mercy Wellspring’s Formation program.

Discussion with Sister Verna Aucoin – Sister Verna joined the meeting to provide a brief history and overview of the work the Sisters do in Peru and the Misericordia Mission Fund. It was enlightening to everyone and there was an interest to continue to learn more about this important sponsored ministry.

NEXT STEPS

Below are the key next steps that we will be taking to move forward with Mercy Wellsprings:

- Start discussions with Dr Anne Walsh, Sister Charlotte Fitzpatrick and Sister Elizabeth Marrie regarding the Formation Program
- Continued Formation work with Susan, the Mercy Wellsprings Board and sponsored ministries
- Confirm charitable status with CRA
- Create and finalize the Logo for Mercy Wellsprings
- Determine additional staff resources needed
- Begin initial exploration of steps to define the Governance & Finance models and the support required
- Establish formal links with the Mercy International Association

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MERCY WELLSPRINGS LOGO – LOOKING FOR YOUR IDEAS

As part of the continued evolution of Mercy Wellsprings, we will be developing a logo. We are looking for ideas on what that logo could look like. Below are a few ideas to get the creative thoughts started. The logo should reflect a community entity founded in the charism of mercy and the Sisters of Mercy. We would like your input and ideas of what this logo could look like. If you have any ideas, please send them to mercywellsprings@sistersofmercy.org by **December 17**.

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