



For each specific moment in history, we, the Sisters of St. Joseph along with our Associates and Partners in Mission, are called to live out our Charism of Love of God and Neighbor without Distinction. In our world today, we see many “isms” that set sisters and brothers apart from one another. We see opposing political views that prevent Government leaders from working collaboratively for the world and for the common good of all people, especially people who are poor and oppressed. We see greed and consumerism destroying Earth, our sacred home. After prayer, deep conversations and discernment, Chapter 2021 affirms two direction statements to bring our Mission of Inclusive Love and Unity to our world.

Widening and Deepening Our Prophetic Call to Justice

As the Congregation of the Great Love of God, we believe our loving God is intimately present in all creation and desires its flourishing. Our rootedness in the Gospel of Jesus calls us to deepen our awareness of the grave systemic injustices of our times. We commit ourselves to the risk and cost of fostering right and just relationships among all our sisters and brothers and Earth, our common home. We acknowledge the culpability of our own biases and our participation in oppressive social, political and religious policies and practices. In response to the sin of racism and other evils, we pledge ourselves to undergo personal and communal transformation. We commit ourselves to sharing our spiritual and material resources, to networking and partnering, and to creating ongoing formation and educational opportunities to address racism, restorative justice, immigration reform, human trafficking, LGBTQIA biases, gender inequality, climate change, and other emerging issues. In this way, we work toward the transformation of ourselves, our Congregation, the diverse communities in which we live and work, and our world.

Radical, Inclusive Love in Action

With the zealous spirit of our Founding Mothers, we affirm that our greatest legacy is our charism, mission and spirituality along with our rich heritage of responding to the needs of the times. We live out this legacy of active, inclusive love now and in the future by sharing our spiritual, intellectual and material resources. In this, our time, we commit to:

- ❖ New ministries that meet emerging needs of the times
- ❖ Current ministries in spirituality, education and outreach
- ❖ Decisions regarding land and buildings that reverence Earth and maximize the use of our properties in ways that reflect our mission, charism, CSJ Land Ethic and Property Guidelines
- ❖ Significant funds designated to carry out the above projects and other endeavors that support our legacy.