Chioma Ahanihu, SLW (left) was involved in one of the protest rallies on the southwest side of Chicago to promote awareness of the systemic racial injustices (Black Lives Matter) after the death of George Floyd. She is protesting with two of her Giving Voice friends Sisters Mary Therese Kruger, PBVM and Mumbi Kigutha, CPPS.

WE ARE CALLED TO BE AN ATTENTIVE PRESENCE IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH EACH OTHER, ALL OF GOD’S PEOPLE AND CREATION. (2018-2023)
A MESSAGE FROM LEADERSHIP

In times of change – especially unexpected changes that come upon us – we are often drawn to consider our priorities. Is any shifting happening in them? Any shifting needed? Such is the time we are presently immersed in: changes all around us, due to the pandemic, the cries for justice in our country, the fear of asylum-seekers stranded at our border, the painful silence of isolation from lock-downs, the longing for healing of our global community and of Mother Earth.

In being shaken by all this, perhaps there is a call for a shaking up of our views, perspectives, and priorities. Perhaps all the changes around us lead us to consider changes needed within us, or among us. Or perhaps there will be a deepening of our commitment to the values that guide us on our journey through life. We, Sisters of the Living Word, are certainly finding this to be true! Are you also?

Even in the midst of our own discomfort, anxiety, or anger, we also see that goodness abounds in ways we’ve never noticed before. We ourselves may feel an inner nudging to find new ways of being a compassionate presence for others.

Most likely, we will not be going back to the way things were. Rather, days and months ahead will continue to reshape that which was familiar to us, that we had “settled into,” or “settled for.” I believe that we will come through this changed, more aware of our connectedness with, and responsibility for one another and for the common good.

One of our Sisters recently mentioned to me that it doesn’t have to be complicated: all we have to do is “Listen, Learn, and Live.” I’ve come to appreciate that more and more. What a difference it makes when we intentionally LISTEN to what is happening around us...LEARN from what we hear...and LIVE what we have learned. I find I’m asking myself often these days: What is the WORD in this moment of time that calls to me to live our name – Sisters of the Living Word – whose mission and purpose is to free the oppressed and bring new life?

As you listen for the WORD in this moment of time that calls to you, be assured of our prayer for you and your loved ones. Be safe! Be well! Be blest!...and blessing of healing upon our country and our global community.

Sister Carrie Miller, SLW
All around the world, COVID-19 has caused us to learn quickly to adjust expectations of our “normal” routines. Such is what threw the Leadership into fast-mode when we realized that we could not assemble in person for our annual Assembly (June 14-17).

With the help of our friends from Bitter Jester Studios and Sound, Production & Lighting LLC we began planning our first ever Virtual Assembly.

Anyone who has ever put on a school production knows the huge amount of work it requires before “the show begins.” We gradually became aware that the first Virtual Assembly was going to be just that!

Sunday evening we began the celebration with a Eucharistic Celebration with Fr. Bill Zavaski presiding. We celebrated the 45th Anniversary of our foundation as a religious community. Sister Marie McKenna gave the reflection asking:

Why do we so readily go to certainty?…In communities where trust exists, there is more possibility of going beyond the safety of our certainties. For me, our Assemblies are a prime example….It is not usually comfortable making a shift, but when I have, I do recognize the spirit breathing life. Recognizing the care you have for me genuinely helps. Changing requires courage and vulnerability.

“We, the Sisters of the Living Word, reflect the Word in the World.” Our core certainty is God-present and providing for us and all people…Unlike the golden calf, God provides manna that nourishes abundantly. Hopefully, this gives me the courage to move away from certainties when I need to.”

Monday, the work of the Assembly began. Thirty-eight Sisters joined via Zoom from five different states, and later 14 Associates would also join from several states.

Zoom rooms were very useful and effective for the Sisters, and later Associates, to create discussion groups.

Sisters Sharon Glumb, Carrie Miller and Kristine Vorenkamp shared their Visioning for the next three plus years. Interspersed were presentations on the business of our lives: governance, the future of our properties, and the latest on the work of the Wisconsin Religious Collaborative to which we belong.

The other parts of the Assembly were devoted to our Mission, and in union with the guidance of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, we desired to have this formative experience: The Intersection of Racism, Climate Change and Migration.

On Tuesday, Sister Sophia Park, SNJM, a professor in Oakland, California tied the presentations together letting COVID-19 be the lens to new insight, in the light of our Catholic faith, to see more deeply the struggles we are having with these three important issues, and how people are being affected. She then presented alternative ways to see its effects on these areas of the lives of struggling people. We reflected on how Jesus’ way of life is calling us to find alternative societal structures that are more just in order to bring new life to all people.

We concluded with a Missioning Service, (yes, even virtually we could bless one another) to “go forth in our name, and with our prayer and support, to live the Word, to be a compassionate presence, and to bring New Life!”
Sr. Norma Thelen, SLW
Entered Eternal Life May 9, 2020

By Kristine Vorenkamp, SLW

Sr. Norma Thelen was born Jane Pauline on July 6, 1937 to Mary and Norman Thelen in Westphalia, Michigan. The oldest of eight, she grew up on her family farm, experiencing a happy childhood until age thirteen when her younger brother David was killed in a farm accident. She said, “This tragedy had a very great effect on my life...my disposition changed from a happy, care-free person to a more serious one.” She lost another brother, Mark, to rheumatic fever.

Norma’s religious vocation was sparked by a talk she heard in eighth grade. Sr. Adelaide Beckman, SCC, suggested she pray daily to the Holy Spirit for guidance which she did until she again heard the call senior year in high school. She was received as a postulant in 1955 by the Sisters of Christian Charity and became Sr. Mary Norma.

Norma struggled greatly after her mother died while she was on a mission in New Orleans. In those years in religious culture one did not communicate about inner struggles. In 1966 Norma’s father “married Agnes Smith, a good and beautiful woman who had been widowed. Besides gaining eight stepsisters and brothers, I now had a valued friend and someone who stepped in as my second mother. She loved us and we loved her.”

Norma loved teaching in Louisiana at Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Raphael in New Orleans, St. Anthony in Gretna, St. Edward the Confessor in Metairie, and Eastside Vicariate in Detroit. She received her B.S. in 1969 from DePaul University in Chicago.

In 1975 she left the Sisters of Christian Charity to form the Sisters of the Living Word. In 1983 Norma began her second career in Gerontology, earning a second degree in 1985 from Madonna University in Livonia, Michigan. In 1986 she became the Administrator at Marian Place in Monroe, Michigan. Norma returned to Chicago in 2001 to become the SLW Program Director of Health Care. In 2009 she worked in Flint as an administrative assistant to Joanne Fedewa, SLW at Christ the King parish.

Norma loved working with the elderly and was dearly appreciated for her care of the Sisters. She lived her last three years at Resurrection Retirement Community in Chicago, near the nursing home where many SLW lived. She suffered greatly with constant pain and recently with a weakening heart. Her death was unexpected while she awaited a pacemaker.

Norma’s presence will be dearly missed by her Sisters whom she served so lovingly, by her dear family, as well as by all the people whom she touched with her gentle presence.”

Norma’s presence will be dearly missed by her Sisters whom she served so lovingly, by her dear family, as well as by all the people whom she touched with her gentle presence. We rejoice with her now for she is with God eternally and with all who loved her into life. 😊
Sr. Charlene Baller, SLW
Entered Eternal Life June 14, 2020

By Kristine Vorenkamp, SLW

Sister Charlene Baller, originally named Eunice Mae, was born in Chicago August 4, 1924 to John Baller and Cecilia Schneider. Her father named her Eunice because it was the first name he found in the Bible and her mother chose Mae to give her a name of the Blessed Mother. When her mom died two weeks after giving birth to her sister Jeanette, her older sister, Lorraine, was only in kindergarten, and Charlene was only three-years-old. Charlene remembers her father taking the three girls to the Blessed Mother’s altar in St. Gregory’s Church to ask her to take care of their young family. Their prayers were answered when he married Elizabeth (Yunker) Springensfeld in 1929. Elizabeth was a young widow with a young son, Charles.

Charlene felt called to be a Sister from her earliest years, especially on the day of her Confirmation. “My mother promised, ‘I will never stop you. I will always help you.’ ” Sadly, she experienced more loss when her cousin, Eileen, who had planned to join the Sisters with her, died right before their Confirmation.

When Charlene attended the funeral Mass for her first grade teacher, Sr. Mariata, she decided to become a Sister of Christian Charity. She entered the order in 1938, becoming a Postulant in 1941. After her brother, Charles, died of spinal meningitis, her sister, Jeanette, joined her as an SCC while, their other sister, Lorraine, joined the B.V.Ms in Dubuque, Iowa.

Charlene loved the novitiate and took her Final Vows on August 20, 1949. After Vatican II Charlene became discouraged with the conservatism of the Sisters of Christian Charity. Her sister Jeanette left and joined the B.V.M.s in Dubuque. After much prayer Charlene was called to join the new community of the Sisters of the Living Word in 1975.

Charlene will be remembered as a dedicated and kind–hearted teacher and will be dearly missed.

Charlene earned a B.A. in English and History in 1955 from DePaul University, a Braille Certificate from Catholic University in Washington, D.C., and a M.Ed. Degree in Administration and Supervision from Loyola University in Chicago in 1970. Her teaching career in Missouri, Michigan, and Illinois spanned 32 years. She taught every grade from first through eighth and also served as a principal.

She taught education courses at Mallinckrodt College in Wilmette, Illinois and was involved with the ESL program of the Chicago City Colleges. Later she served as a secretary at Children of Peace–Holy Trinity Campus, Chicago, and was a GED teacher before she retired.

Charlene will be remembered as a dedicated and kind–hearted teacher and will be dearly missed. She always had a smile and a joke to share, and even in her nineties could out Word Search anyone. We thank God for her life with us and rejoice that she is now reunited with her parents, brother and sisters, and all who have gone before her.
The Coast Redwood trees can grow to heights of 400 feet, but with shallow roots of five to six feet deep. The beauty of their strength is that their roots can spread 100 feet from the trunk and intertwine and even fuse. They seem an apt symbol for the Charismatic Family. The charism spreads and intertwines among individuals, communities, states, countries and continents.

If you are reading this, you have been touched by the charism of the Living Word Community. What, if any, influence does it have on your Gospel Living?

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SLW Charism, Mission and Core Values,” said Elizabeth. She continues, “The first session was a reflection on the mission of Jesus to announce the Kingdom of God, and how we too are called to announce God’s kingdom in all of our encounters with others. The second session was a reflection on the Mission Statement of St. Edward and our SLW Mission Statement. They shared life experiences of how they live the Gospel and bring Christ’s light to others. The third session was an exploration of the Annunciation, the SLW Community Feast.”

“The reflection and sharing centered on how our faith beliefs sustain us in times of fear and uncertainty, and how our trust in God helps us to move forward into an unknown future,” recounted Elizabeth. COVID-19 is part of that unknown future. The Core Values, articulated in 2016, will be future topics of discussion and prayer.”

The middle-school students at St. Edward’s participated in an art contest focusing on all areas of human dignity. They perhaps did not know they are part of the SLW Charismatic Family. Respecting the dignity of each person, and valuing each person’s word through the gift of listening — presence and compassion is one of our Core Values.

The Charismatic Family “…will allow us to broaden our gaze, our heart and, above all to go out with greater courage beyond the confines of our individual border in order to begin to dream together...” (Giannica Selmo, SFP, 2019) 🌍

Elizabeth Hebert’s, SLW, middle-school winners from a Respect Life art contest she coordinated at St. Edward the Confessor.

(Left to right) Dr. Thomas Becker, Principal, Sr. Elizabeth Hebert, SLW, middle-school teacher and Joe Rosolino, life-long educator and colleague, collaborate to create prayerful experiences at St. Edward the Confessor in Metairie, Louisiana.
DONNA WILLIAMS, SLW

Thank You for Your Gift of Association

By Barb Aretz, ASLW, Mary Cornille, SLW, and Bobby Mills, ASLW

Donna was the 7th of 14 children born to Lucille and David Williams. Donna and her siblings learned many life lessons from her parents: the importance of faith in God and prayer, Sunday morning Masses, and the importance of doing your best in school and while completing the family farm chores in Carver County, Minnesota. Donna has said, “these lessons have served me well in my fifty plus years of ministry.” Her teaching degree was in the humanities, and she has also taught math and science classes. Donna has many fond memories of her work and counsel at each mission site. She worked tirelessly and unselfishly in Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Hawaii, the Marshall Islands and in Zambia.

Over her many years in religious life, she offered her dynamic talents to the Community. She served on the first Congregational Leadership Team and for years she served as the editor of OutWord and more recently as editor of Associate Good News. As the Coordinator of New Membership, she worked with vocational recruitment, initial formation, volunteers, and Associates and Partners-in-Prayer. Donna was also able to attend the North American Conference of Associates and Religious Conferences with some of the Associates as Co-Coordinator of the SLW Associate Program over the last five years along with Barbara Aretz, ASLW. The gatherings were very inspirational and one of the first messages that she received and took to heart was, “Association is a gift to the church and the Community.”

This unwrapping of the gift is visible as it has evolved over the past decades. Donna gave her advice and counsel to the various Associate regions without reservation and unselfishly. She enjoyed traveling to the Associate regions’ states and thoroughly enjoyed watching and learning how they lived their lives sharing the SLW Charism and Core Values. She also served the Associates with the beloved late Co-Coordinator, Helen Bajkowski, ASLW. Donna’s tenure as Associate Co-Coordinator has come to an end but she will continue to share her gifts.

In closing, we are reminded there is a new gift in our midst, the Charismatic Family. A new way of looking at groups who share a common charism. Donna wants all the Sisters and Associates, “to glean the depths of the treasures of this new gift, taking careful reflection and discussion while unwrapping it.” She asks everyone to join her on this new adventure.

Donna Williams, SLW coordinated work with Associates and Partners in Prayer as near as Sioux City, Iowa and as far away as Zambia, Africa. Donna is visiting Brother Tony Driscoll, OFM Conventual with Brigid Tembo SLW and Faustiana Mwale, Partner in Prayer, in Zambia.
A REFLECTION  The Cup of Our Life

by Ruth Platte, SLW

The second of three reflections. The third will be printed in the Winter 2020 OutWord.

Chipped, Broken Cup of Our Life

Most of the time I feel my cup of life is filled with so much blessing, but at others times my cup seems filled with tears and sorrow. That is when I feel I may be more of a chipped cup that keeps me from being the perfect vessel I desire to be for others.

Stained Cup:  My cup of life might get stained over the years with old patterns of thinking or emotions that hurt me and others. My own self-absorption and self-centeredness may continue to stain my cup of life. I can find myself saying that I am such a busy person that I cannot make room for one more thing, one more person in my life. But God has many creative ways of scrubbing up difficult parts of my life. Reflect on this: scrubblings happen naturally through interruptions, challenges, feelings, love, and new people of life events. Our God is a God of surprises.

Chipped Cup:  Have you noticed in Scripture that Jesus called disciples and drew people close to his heart who were flawed and had failed in life? Maybe it is a good thing to reflect on the fact that if we too are chipped by life we may be in good company with the disciples of Jesus. In life I continue to make mistakes, make poor decisions, and hurt people with careless words and actions. What a blessing it is for me to recall that our God is a God of forgiveness, compassion and mercy.

Broken Cup: Sometimes my life feels as if it has broken into little pieces and cannot be repaired. Sometimes the pieces seem lost and cannot be replaced...like lost jobs, shattered family relationships, and loved ones I have not reconciled with who have died. Sometimes my very dreams in life have failed, died or not even been given a chance to have birth. Then there are the permanent broken pieces as bodily disease, aging, accidents that cannot restore parts of me. Yet I know that God can heal my spirit in spite of my broken parts.

My cup of life may be scratched, cracked, chipped and even broken. But I believe God holds all in his hands. What image comes to you in prayer that speaks to you of God's comfort, presence, strength, or shelter found in times of sorrow? What (or who) helps me the most through times of brokenness and pain as I wait for healing and joy to return? What has extreme sorrow or loss followed by joy in life taught me?

Prayer: Isaiah 43: 14-21

Our Compassionate God speaks to us through the prophet Isaiah:

“And do not remember the former things or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing. Now it springs forth. Do you not perceive it?”
Becoming a Compassionate Presence

By Mary Cornille, SLW

The 2020 Virtual Assembly had some roots in two luncheon discussions in January and February. Though the March talk had to be canceled due to COVID-19, their themes flowed into three talks shared online before the SLW Assembly June 14-17 by Whitney Parnell, Father Steve Mitten, SJ and Brother Michael Gosch, CSV.

Biodiversity, Care of the Earth

Father Steve Mitten, SJ

Father Mitten is a Senior Lecturer in the Loyola University School of Environmental Sustainability. He teaches conservation ecology, biogeography, and environmental science. From 2005 till 2012, he worked in Belize, Central America where he developed and directed the Environmental Science Associate Degree Program at St. John’s College. He also moderated the Loyola student group GECO – Group for Environment, Conservation and Outreach. To this day he takes students to Belize, Peru, and other Latin American countries to observe climate and water changes occurring too rapidly due to human activity.

He reminded us we are in the year of observing Laudato Si, calling us to care for our planet home. The year of observance lasts from May 2020 till May 2021. View his talk for Assembly 2020 https://youtu.be/t5a63-yw-GY.

“The urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development — for we know that things can change. I urgently appeal for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the planet.” Pope Francis
DISMANTLING RACISM

Whitney Parnell, a Millenial Activist, is the co-founder and CEO of Service Never Sleeps (serviceneversleeps.org), to help break down institutional racism. She is a Christian entrepreneur excited to bring about a world of bridge building. She a great believer in empathy and humility. Whitney also composes music and sings.

Service Never Sleeps’ vision is a world where equal rights, justice, and opportunity are available to ALL. Their mission is to empower individuals and communities to catalyze through service and “Allyship.” “Allyship” is an active way of life, revolving around the “CLAIM” acronym – Care, Learn, Act, Influence, and Maintain.

Whitney has created YouTube videos and TED talks explaining social justice through “Allyship.” Service Never Sleeps facilitates a training workshop for “Allyship” and “CLAIM.” The workshop teaches individuals about the causes of social injustice, how to be effective allies for marginalized communities, and how to actively influence and educate others.

MIGRATION, HOSPITALITY

Brother Michael Gosch, CSV is a Viatorian Brother and Co-Director of Viatorian House of Hospitality with Father Corey Brost, CSV. They have welcomed over 63 young men who are seeking asylum in the US and have nowhere to live. At age 18 the young men would be detained in jail unless they have a place to go. Viator House is that place. Presently 18 young men – Muslim, Christian, Siik, and Hindu live at Viator House and often credit their faith for their survival. They come from all over the planet, from countries including Somalia, El Salvador, India, Sri Lanka, Niger, Mexico, Honduras, China, Viet Nam, Guatemala, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Eritrea.

The young men go to high school and college, and they receive employment. Often their time of healing coincides as they heal from PTSD. Brother Michael’s stories of their trauma from experiencing torture, witnessing murder, rape, mutilation, gang violence and exhaustion as they walk hundreds of miles to get here are heart wrenching. I could do nothing but weep as I listened. View his talk for Assembly 2020 https://youtu.be/nFcn_JTZshw.

Brother Michael Gosch, CSV is listening to three of the young men residents of Viator House.
Upon receiving this delightfully unexpected email through our SLW website I shared it immediately with our Sisters in Leadership and the Sisters mentioned by Erick Carreira. It speaks to the wonderful nurturing legacy of the Sisters of the Living Word. We reached out to Erick and asked him to share more about his background and work. 

Margaret Mei

“My name is Erick Carreira. I was a student at St. Gregory the Great in Chicago from 1970-1978. I was an immigrant when I was enrolled in 1970 and learned English from Sister Aquinas (Sisters of Christian Charity), who has since passed away. I was the beneficiary of a great education by the Sisters who subsequently became Sisters of the Living Word. I had Sister Fidelis Rolfes (2nd grade); Sister Jeanine Randolph (5th grade); and Sister Charlene Baller (8th Grade); Sister Marlene Geimer was principal at St. Gregory. I wish to thank them profusely for their service and their positive influence in my life.

After attending Loyola Academy (Wilmette, IL), I was an undergraduate at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and then graduate school at Harvard University. I started my career as a professor at a major research university in the USA and have since moved to Switzerland as a professor in the leading Institution in Europe. Having been recently elected to the National Academy of Sciences (USA) and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (USA), I have had a chance to reflect on my life. It is clear I have had a highly successful career, and I owe that to the passion and dedication of the Sisters at St. Gregory who were critical during my formative years. I am also immensely grateful to them because of the sense of justice and mission these individuals had – we need so much more of that these days.

Erick explained his research in lay terms: “My research group consists of about 25 students working towards their PhD, 4-5 undergraduate (BSc/MSc) students, and 2-3 more senior postdoctoral researchers (post-PhD working more independently in search of their own position in academia). Our common interest is in the exploration of approaches and chemical methods to make molecules. Everything around us is made up of molecules, and our focus is to use molecules designed as medicines to target specific diseases. We aim to investigate approaches that are sustainable and green, ensuring that the manufacture of a medicine is economically viable without resulting in adverse environmental effects. We have a keen interest in molecules known as natural products, because they are produced by plants, microorganisms, and/or fungi. These are often isolated and screened for beneficial effect as medicines. We harness our expertise and the science that we have developed to enable laboratory approaches using these. The natural products made in the lab are identical to those from the natural sources. By having access to them, we safeguard the natural habitat and prevent destruction by attempts to further isolate greater quantities for study.”

Read more about Dr. Erick M. Carreira’s work: https://carreira.ethz.ch/
In Gratitude and Thanks

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Required Minimum Distributions (“RMDs”) from IRAs and 401(k)s are required at age 70½ for persons were born on or before July 1, 1949 and at age 72 for those born after June 30, 1949. Persons already taking their RMDs will need to continue to do so. However, the Corona Virus relief bill allows retirees who would normally take RMDs to waive them for 2020.

Importantly, the law eliminates the stretch provision for many inherited IRAs. Beneficiaries (other than surviving spouses, disabled, chronically ill or minor children) must deplete the IRA and pay income taxes on the distributions by the end of the tenth year after the owner’s death. Persons who inherited IRAs prior to January 1, 2020, will not be impacted.

Individuals own their IRAs in their own name (i.e., not in trust) and often prefer to name their spouse as primary beneficiary and their competent adult children, individually as contingent beneficiaries. Naming a charity as an additional IRA beneficiary (for a specified dollar amount or for percent of the balance) provides flexibility (easy to change beneficiaries and amounts) and reduces overall taxes. Everyone should check primary and contingent beneficiaries now.

As long as you have earned income from working, you will be able to contribute to your IRA regardless of age. Earned income now include some wages paid to graduate students (not previously eligible).

Younger workers can take penalty-free withdrawals of up to $5,000 from their IRA (or other similar plan such as a 401k) in the year following a birth or adoption of a child without the usual 10% penalty. 

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The Sisters of the Living Word received over $8,000 in donations so far from over 90 benefactors which will be matched. The proceeds from this fundraiser will support the forward-moving partnership created with the Wisconsin Religious Collaborative to ensure the ongoing efforts of their own ministries as well as their ongoing advocacy in several areas of social justice – homelessness, racism, immigration, anti-human trafficking and care of creation. The proceeds are also supporting Catholic Charities and CRS International to care for those most affected by Corona Virus.

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