

## EMBRACING THE JOURNEY ~ DEEPENING THE CALL

From East, West (Winnipeg, Saskatoon and Edmonton) and North (Tuktoyuktuk) we gathered for our annual spring assembly on April 15-16, 2026 with the theme, "Embracing a Journey of Transformation ~ Deepening the Call". All four Sisters from beyond New Brunswick participated via Zoom conferencing. We were guided by our facilitator, Rev. Elizabeth Stevenson, who was also with us for the Fall 2025 assembly.

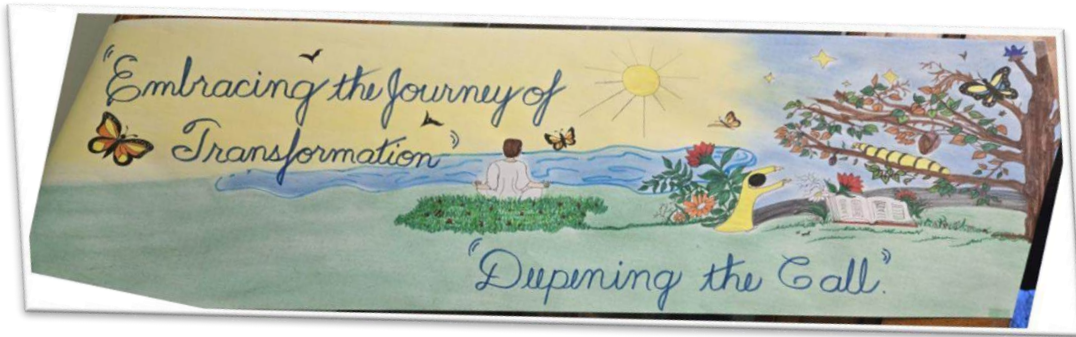
Weeks earlier, Sisters received a letter of invitation to share their hopes for the assembly and conversations they wish to have with each other.

Roma De Robertis, Congregational Leader, offered opening words with images of a gracious oak tree and acorns - pointing to human rights and ecological wellness in a time of transition. All participated for two days through prayer, silence, song and conversation following the style of the church synod process, or "Conversation in the Spirit".

Small circle conversations were summarized and shared with all participants. This included women from Ruth Ross in "The Gallery" present in the chapel.

Day One included an overview of four congregational assemblies since Chapter 2023. It highlighted the ongoing process to invite a commissary for future governance.

Day Two focused on our Chapter Calls in areas of personal and communal transformation, considering our commitments to Mission, Community, Stewardship and Collaboration with our Partners in Mission.



Artwork~ Muriel Buckley,scic



Left to right~Mae Arsenault, MaryBeth McCurdy, MaryAnn Maxwell, Doreen McGuire



Left to right~ Gertrude Mulholland, Alice Keegan, Margaret MacLean, Laura Hughes

Elizabeth Stevenson



Nutrition Break~

Laura Hughes, Elizabeth Stevenson, Pat Poole