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Missionary Friendship

As we prepare to celebrate Mission Sunday, it is good to think about what we mean when talking about missionary activity. The fifth DWC core competency is: *missionary discipleship*. DWC understands this competency as reaching out in prophetic dialogue to the poor and marginalized, and faith-seekers of different cultures and faiths to share in the diversity of God's gifts in the tradition of SVD missionary service. That is quite a lot to take in all at once!

Geographic understanding of mission. It helps to make a comparison to an older view of missionary activity. Until the 1950's, missionary work was thought of in mostly geographic terms. Mission was a "place" where the Church was not fully established; Africa, Asia, and parts of Latin America. Europe and North America was for pastoral care, not for missionary work! Mission was understood as sending out church workers from Europe and North America to different parts of the world.

Interpersonal understanding of mission. In the 1990s and in the first decade of the 2000s, Divine Word Missionaries and Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters spent considerable effort to renew our understanding of missionary service in light of our practical experience. It was obvious to us that the Church was now well established in Africa, Asia, and certainly in Latin America. In fact, the majority of our members were coming from those parts of the world. As we worked to develop a renewed expression of missionary



service, the Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters began speaking of *building up life-giving relationships* while SVDs spoke of *prophetic dialogue*. Prophetic dialogue or life-giving relationships are missionary not because of where the encounter is taking place, but rather with whom! We

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understand our mission, anywhere in the world, to be a dedication to: people seeking an experience of faith, to the poor and marginalized, to people of many cultures, and to people of other faith traditions.

Though this way of thinking about missionary activity may seem rather theoretical, we can easily translate it into some very practical ways of acting: Missionary Discipleship is about befriending people who are on the margins of Church and society. For instance, reaching out in friendship to Muslim neighbors is mission. Cultivating deeper relationships with people who consider themselves as agnostic or unchurched, even members of our own families, is mission. Reaching out across barriers of culture, race, class, language and way of life are all practical moments of missionary discipleship. These moments happen at Divine Word College every day. We are a missionary community.

As we celebrate Mission Sunday, look around and consider your friendships. Let us open our arms and hearts to welcome new, and unusual, friends into our lives.

VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS *Fr. John Szukalski, SVD*

Professional Development

Ms. Jill Heitzman, Assistant Professor of Music in the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, has been granted professional development funding to attend the Society of Ethnomusicology Annual Meeting from November 7-10, 2019 in Bloomington, IN.



Faculty In-Service

On Monday, October 21, 2019, all ESL and Undergraduate faculty are required to participate in their respective Faculty In-Service as listed below. If unable to attend, please notify the VP for Academic Affairs in advance.

ESL Faculty In-Service (9:00 – 11:50 a.m.)

Topics: Review of Commission on English Language Program Accreditation (CEA) Standards, CEA process, timeline, and eligibility application. The CEA Standards comprise 44 individual standards grouped into 11 standard areas: mission; curriculum; faculty; facilities, equipment, and supplies; administrative and fiscal capacity; student services; recruiting; length and structure of program of study; student achievement; student complaints, and; program development, planning, and review.

Undergraduate Faculty In-Service (9:00 – 11:50 a.m.)

Topics: Review of Core Competency identification, verification, and mapping across the undergraduate program. Faculty will explore how Core Competencies are taught and utilized in courses, and how these are measured and assessed. The objective will be to provide data for the creation of a final draft curriculum map. As an optional second topic, faculty will review how to effectively create and use the “Lessons” feature within Populi.

VICE PRESIDENT FOR FORMATION DEAN OF STUDENTS

Fr. Bang Tran, SVD

Breakfast on Sunday will be at 6:30 AM and brunch will be at 10:00 AM.

Taste of DWC - For all those who signed up to prepare a culture dish for the Taste of DWC this weekend, please note that you are responsible to have the disposable items that you will be needing to serve your dish (plates, bowls, silverware, napkins etc.) at your station. The disposables will be available on Saturday in the gym.

This **Mission Sunday weekend** will be a busy one, please pay attention to all the information, schedules, and activities that will be posted on the student bulletin board. Also, be on time for all those activities.

Hospitality - We will have many guests for the Mission Sunday weekend - please show our guests the DWC hospitality.

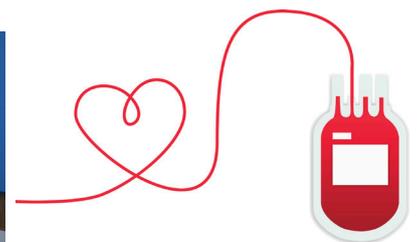
PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR

Videotaping at Mission Sunday

Craig Shaefer, Professor of Media Studies at Loras College, will videotape portions of the Mission Sunday Celebration. The film will be used for a new video being developed by the Vocation Office. Be sure to smile if the camera finds you!



BLOOD DRIVE



10/15/19



October 16 – Withdrawal Deadline (Undergraduate)

October 16 - Environment & Society Field Trip @ Farm Tek, Dyersville IA

Environment & Society students will tour a hydroponic greenhouse at Farm Tek in Dyersville, IA which corresponds to course lessons on different methods of agriculture.

October 18 – NO CLASSES (Undergraduate and ESL)

October 21 – NO CLASSES (Undergraduate and ESL)

October 21 – Faculty In-Service

October 23 – ESL Field Trip @ University of Wisconsin – Platteville

ESL 066, 076, and 086 students will converse with other students at the University of Wisconsin – Platteville for authentic communication and intercultural exchange.

October 23 – Heating Assistance Sign-Up

Operation New View, a local service agency, will hold a heating assistance sign-up event in the Weyland Art Gallery from 9 AM – Noon.

October 24 – Senior Citizens visit

Residents from a local nursing home will join the community for 8 am Mass followed by refreshments in the dining room. Please welcome our guests and stop by to chat in the dining room!

October 27 - Welcome reception

St. Patrick's Church in Epworth is hosting a Welcome for DWC students. Coffee and Donuts at 8:30am (After the 7:30 am Mass and before the 9:30 am Mass).

November 8–9 - Teams of Lady Retreat

15 – 20 married couples will participate in a retreat designed to help them grow together in spirituality. Deacon Tom Lange is organizing the retreat.

November 9 - Loras College Antioch Retreat

Loras College will hold a reconciliation service in the main chapel from 6 – 9 PM.

November 20 – Matthew 25 Celebration