Sister Helen Neder, RSM

Ministry Experience

34 years in education; 6 years in vocation ministry; 4 years in community leadership; 11 years at a project for homeless women and children.

What are your hopes and dreams for our Institute as we move into the future?

I hope that the process of a Discernment Chapter will result in an increase in our trust and courage: our trust that God does have a plan for us and that we are open to the reality of who we are; and courage to be open to that reality in this complex world so in need of mercy.

What are the challenges we face? What are some suggestions you have to meet those challenges?

Relations with the Church; aging of members; decreasing numbers; a complex and fragmented world - situations of profound uncertainty. The challenges seem daunting, like descending into the darkness of a well. I don't have the solution, but I trust that the Communal Discernment process will bring us, not to the answers, but to direction and trust in God's work.

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