Women’s Caucus  
Session 2 Revised  

1. How is the world different today than our starting point?  
   What has changed over time – within the Church, society, community…?
   What opportunities do these present?

   - Role of Women increased.
   - Allowed Men opportunity to see Women and their many gifts.
   - Very difficult to have the impact of the Women Presence and be effective community when many chapters have no or few women members.
   - Many Women feel Lonely and hard to feel Women’s energy.
   - We Need Solidary!
   - Efforts to connect so important!
   - At Young Adults Retreat – More women than men – more women getting involved with leadership – a very hopeful sign.
   - Church’s problem with women is the same as church’s problem with GLBT community.
   - Society has changed but not church. The church has regressed.
   - there is still more work to be done with our allies and within our own LGBTQ folks.
   - It’s not always easy and timing can turn things around when you least expect it.

2. What has changed within your community?  
   - More Women voices now from when just CWC in leadership.
   - Caucus expanded so we have many women voices.
   - Trans people have changed our community.
   - Chapters have educated members on women and trans-more acceptance.
   - Social justice is very important to many women and youth.
   - Young people are involved in more chapters.
   - More women on altar, etc.
   - Lay lead liturgies have been used in many chapters.
   - Women Catholic Priests are on the altars of some chapters.
   - Inclusive Language has been a big change for the better.
   - Still need more visibility of Women in chapters and on the altar.
   - Come to the Table in NYC has expanded the Dignity community- it has a different appeal than the traditional Liturgy.
   - Technology does help us connect better.
   - It’s important to support like- minded organizations with the LGBTQ community
3. How are these changes affecting your ability to thrive?

- Just knowing that the Women of Dignity are out there is important.
- The Women of Dignity Never gave up – someone always kept the flame going.
- Helps to have each other to help each other thrive.

How have you adapted?

- CWC to Caucus.
- WOD is important to support each other – need each other’s input- as member of chapters and leadership.
- Structure needed to support Young women and isolated women.
- Need to learn from past but not be stuck there.
- It’s important to stay in contat with other chapter members – support each other.

4. Is the mission and purpose of Dignity still relevant today?

Why or why not?

- Need to be Enlighted Catholics to be relevant.
- Relevant – we need community and support to keep the mission going.
- Many Facing challenges to get to the LGBT community/dignity chapters as we age.
- Yes – maybe we need a different a model of chapters and worship.
- Need to bring in more women –more Outreach.
- But need to stay Relevant and more inclusive.
- Social Media is the key to future.
- Need to have more interaction with the WOD and other progressive groups.
- Newsletter is important – have to get it out again.
- Focus on Social Justice – will that expand the circle?
- Will it get more women of all ages involved?
- Newsletter – What’s your Social Justice?
- Suggest “Meet up” for WOD when visiting another places.
- Need leadership to help find our voices and respond to the world and church.
5. What are you learning as you grapple with these challenges?

- Need to help isolated women more.
- Need to increase opportunities to connect – more phone liturgies or discussions or conversations.
- Need to dialogue on local and national level - it is the key.

What wisdom and insight can you bring to the whole of Dignity about the future?

- Gathering in Chicago – Telling our Stories – Intergenerational stories.
- Share our Wisdom.
- Need to share and save the stories of Women of Dignity.
- The leadership helps our voices be heard around the world.
- The Holy Spirit is with us!