



Direction-Setting Process

Setting Context

- Introduction and purpose (to include):
what needs deepening/strengthening now and will be stretching for us, individually and communally? What has urgency AT THIS TIME in the life of SSJ, given our charism and mission?
- Elements, topics, themes that surfaced during the pre-chapter gatherings (Listening sessions, Small-groups, Assembly)

Process

- Given the ideas for directives that have surfaced thus far in preparation for Chapter,
what needs deepening/strengthening now and will be stretching for you, individually and communally? What has urgency AT THIS TIME in the life of SSJ, given your charism and mission?
- Quiet time to journalize
- Table companions share what is arising and why? What need is it meeting?
- Table agrees on no more than 4 to report (using 1-2 words) for each and a why.
- Writing committee pulls together reports from Tables and prepares list of what is emerging.
- Table prioritizes what is emerging
- Small group compiles Table responses.
- Table develops no more than four possible directives from compilation

Desired Outcome

- Limited number of directives for the next five years that evoke passion, energy, and opportunity for growth for the whole congregation as you continue to “listen deeply and love courageously” for the sake of mission.