

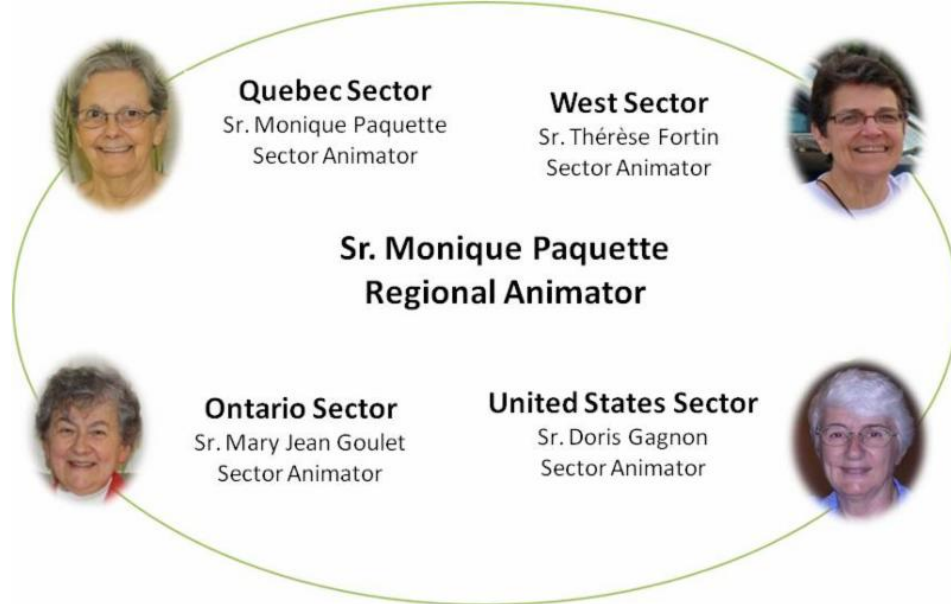


NORTH AMERICAN REGION . . . STEP BY STEP

It is step by step that the North American Region is taking shape...

Following the confirmation of our new reality at the General Chapter, 2016-2017 launched the establishment of the North American Region and its transition from *regions* to *sectors*. Thus the start of the year was first based on the common elements of the four sectors.

Since then, the new Regional Team, made up of the Sector Animators of Ontario, Western Canada, the United States, and Quebec have experienced two virtual team meetings – an additional challenge to implement and manage technology... This provided a time for sharing about life in the Sectors and of the pooling of our documents and suggestions, etc.



Within this *change* and in the context of participatory leadership, each Sector Animator invited the sisters in her Sector to identify the needs of their Sector – each according to their own identity...

Different needs were identified as well as the organization of services according to the proper modalities of each Sector, and a gathering of the gifts of each sister for an eventual sharing of life in the region.

We are presently in a period of integration of a new reality and of a broadened vision of our belonging, of implementing the new interconnectedness...

As we travel this journey, we think of those who will form the new Team and who will, upon their arrival, see that some work has already been accomplished...

Monique Paquette, CSC

INTRODUCTION TO MUSLIM WOMEN'S LIFE IN QUEBEC

Asmaa

Dami

Asmae

On Saturday, November 12, 2016, the Justice and Environment Mission Group welcomed three Muslim women as their invited guests in answer to a request made by their members.

Asmaa struggles with a major battle to enroll her child in school. She finds herself entangled in a bureaucracy that denies her rights and causes her to feel menaced by external interventions. In spite of the resistance encountered, Asmaa managed to set up workshops for other immigrants who are arriving in Quebec.

Sami is studying for her doctorate at University of Montreal. Her research is focused on discrimination of Muslim women and is underscoring a little known reality.

Asmae is a specialized legal expert in the interpretation of the Koran and of the tradition concerning women. I appreciated Asmae's work in particular because it made me aware of the mythical interpretation of the Koran as well as providing a means of establishing a theology in a non-Christian tradition. This encounter offered a dimension of a Muslim woman's reality in Quebec as well as in the types of discrimination experienced on a daily basis.

These women offered us a point of view hardly known by us who depend upon the information given by the media. Participants in this gathering had the opportunity to question the invited guests and to offer their own point of view. The themes were very interesting and in keeping with what is presently happening in Quebec. There was time allotted to dialogue and to ask questions on the equality between women and men.

For me, it was a privileged moment, a rare experience, and an opportunity to understand the lives of Muslim women. I also realized that we need to continue to deepen this dialogue in Quebec.

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