At a special meeting of the MAB and RCs on Oct 6, 2020, an Ad Hoc Committee (Rosa Beatriz Costañeda Ramirez, Ginny McEvoy, and Roxanne Hughes-Wheatland) presented an analysis of the findings from the Engagement Committee Teams that was submitted to Bob Short in July 2020. The Chapter coordinators of US chapters were contacted by the teams and asked to send their responses via email to Bob Short. The information requested by these teams was based on Bob’s email of June 17, 2020 in which he explained: “we ask that the Board/RC teams send in their reports to me (Bob) by July 8th. The reports need only contain the following:

Names of chapters, Numbers within each chapter, how often each chapter meets, primary focus(es) of chapter (if available), e.g.: gathering community in solidarity, justice work, assisting with Maryknoll events, etc. (Optional) Ages of members by groupings, e.g.: 20 - 35/ 36 - 50/ 51-65/ 66 - 110.”

Note: Age was listed as optional so many teams in the US did not request it and some US chapters did not submit all requested information so this analysis is based solely on information that was submitted.

The Affiliate chapters in Latin America were contacted by Rosa Beatriz and she prepared and submitted their information to Bob. Roxanne submitted information from the chapter in Tanzania and Ginny submitted information from South Korea.

The Ad Hoc Committee took the information that was submitted, organized it and prepared charts to give a visual representation of the demographic information that was submitted to Bob Short. The Committee sent a full report to the Maryknoll Affiliate Board and Regional Coordinators prior to the meeting on Oct 6, 2020. The following are the charts that were used in the presentation:
Note: The members of the Ad Hoc committee decided to divide up the mission focus of each chapter activity in accordance with the Maryknoll Affiliates Four Pillars as a way to see how the work specifically relates to the Affiliate movement. After a brief discussion, the decision as to which pillar to associate with each activity was made subjectively by each Ad Hoc committee member for the regions that were assigned to them.

Recommendations Based on the Data:

- Future Consensus Action Statements (CAS) should be specific, measurable, attainable, accountable, and time bound
- A formal census of chapter members is needed
- Engagement Teams (Board & RC) should maintain regular communication with chapters
- The Executive Committee should meet with the Engagement teams on a regularly scheduled basis
- Protocols need to be established for determining inactive chapters

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