

MERCY WELLSPRINGS NEWSLETTER



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LIVING THE VALUES OF MERCY WELLSPRINGS

Compassion – respect dignity of each person, extend tenderness and care to whole of creation

Respect – recognize each one uniquely made in God's image, celebrate beauty & integrity of creation

Justice – uphold and support the rights of all persons and Earth

Collaboration - engage others as partners, welcome diversity and inclusion

Deep Listening - hear the voices of people, of Earth beings, and of Earth herself



Mercy Wellsprings Board of Directors

EMBRACING THE BLESSINGS OF SUMMER!!



As we approach midway through 2026, we have been able to progress many items in our journey.

We are excited and remain committed to our transition journey and to strengthening the legacy of the **Sisters of Mercy of Newfoundland** — a legacy that continues to inspire and guide us.

“Sisters of Mercy should be particularly kind – the kindest people on earth, with the tenderest pity and compassion for the poor.” Catherine McAuley

SPRING UPDATE

Over the past few months, our focus has been on transition planning, which has involved gathering feedback from the Sponsored Ministries and engaging in meaningful dialogue with the Congregational Leadership and Mercy Wellsprings members. We successfully introduced and implemented our Mercy Wellsprings Formation Moments, and discussions regarding our Formation Strategy are ongoing. Additionally, we completed the T3010 for 2025 and began exploring a financial framework for Mercy Wellsprings. We also unveiled our new logo and made updates to our communications, including revisions to the Mercy Wellsprings web pages. As we continue to move forward in our Mercy Wellsprings journey, we remain committed to fostering growth and collaboration.

Formation

Starting in March, we debuted our **Mercy Wellsprings Formation Moments**. On March 31, we kicked off this important initiative with our first issue where we introduced our Mercy Wellsprings Logo. Since that time we have sent out six issues and have received positive feedback from the participants.

Working with Anne Walsh, we will continue with creating and sharing these Formation Moments with the Congregation, the Mercy Wellsprings Members and Board, as well as the Boards/Committees of the Sponsored Ministries.

While these Formation Moments are sent via email, they are also saved on the Mercy Wellsprings webpages on the Sisters of Mercy website - [Formation Moments – Sisters of Mercy of Newfoundland](#).

Sponsored Ministries



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MERCY WELLSPRINGS BOARD UPDATE

On June 15, the Mercy Wellsprings Board held its second Board meeting for 2026. During this meeting many topics were discussed including Formation, the Logo, where we are with transition planning as well as governance and financial framework. It was agreed we will continue on the path that was set forth in the transition plan. We continue to work toward the goal of sustainability aligned with [Mercy Wellsprings' Foundational Statement and Guiding Principles](#).

Mercy Wellsprings Logo

We introduced our new logo to the Congregation at an event held at The Mount on March 27, 2026, which was well-attended by most of the Sisters who shared its meaning. Shortly after, we unveiled the logo to the broader Mercy community through the inaugural Mercy Wellsprings Formation Moment published on March 31. We also created a card outlining the logo's meaning, and this will be distributed to the Congregation, Sponsored Ministries, and the Mercy Wellsprings community.

Strategy - Transition Planning

During the first two weeks of June, representatives from Mercy Wellsprings met with all the Boards of the Sponsored Ministries for our second round of transition planning sessions. These sessions provided an opportunity for Mercy Wellsprings to share updates and for the Sponsored Ministries to voice any concerns, questions, and challenges we need to address as we advance our transition planning.

These discussions elevated our planning efforts and reaffirmed that we are on the right track. We will continue to make progress on the actions identified during these sessions. We appreciate everyone's time and feedback and plan to hold a final update session in the fall.

Governance-Financial Update

We are progressing with the governance model for Mercy Wellsprings and have identified two key areas for continued development:

- **Organizational governance:** the overall governance structure for Mercy Wellsprings and its operations.
- **Sponsored ministry oversight:** the governance framework for overseeing the sponsored ministries.

While there will be common elements applicable to all sponsored ministries, we recognize that each may also have unique considerations based on its specific relationship and reliance on the Congregation. In the coming months, the Board Committees will be engaged in moving forward our governance structure.

Regarding financial matters, we have successfully completed our first CRA filing as a charitable organization. We have also drafted a financial framework to guide discussions in the coming months. Additionally, the Board has recently passed a couple of resolutions that will facilitate our progress in implementing this financial framework.