

# Special Needs Commission | MINUTES

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Meeting date | time 4/15/2013 10:00 AM | Meeting location San Fernando Pastoral Region

Meeting called by Commission  
Type of meeting General  
Note taker Dione L. Grillo

Attendees  
Rose Anna Cruz, Dione Grillo, Kay Harter, David Lara, Margaret Matijasevic, Karina Plascencia, Sandra Rodas, Yolanda Umeda and Viviana Welfin (**NEW Member!**)

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## AGENDA TOPICS

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### Agenda topic Website

Discussion: Site is being accessed steadily. New families have used site to find resources in the ADLA and reach out to Commission.

Action items	Volunteer	Deadline
Assist with site maintenance	Kay Harter	Ongoing
Submit "Transition" handout for site	Vivian Welfinn	n/a

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### Agenda topic RE Congress 2013 and 2014 Regional Congresses

Discussion: Response to listings on site were positive but not numerous. Possible "Special Needs" track at Regional Congresses in the future. Two "special needs" workshops at Anaheim Congress were well done based on informal interviews immediately after the session.

Action items	Volunteer	Deadline
Add link to our site in your e-mail signature	Everyone able	Ongoing
Add link to Special Needs pages on ADLA site	Dione L. Grillo	5/1/2013 12:00 AM

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### Agenda topic July 2013 Workshop

Discussion: Need to establish a committee to coordinate event.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Roles and Responsibilities to group	Dione L. Grillo	[Date   time]

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### Agenda topic Awareness Days/Weeks/Months

Discussion: The decision was made to produce a monthly e-mail sent to ORE Regional Coordinators for distribution to the PCLs in their regions highlighting pre-selected "Awareness" months. Commission agreed to look into the possibility of developing a program similar to "Teaching Touching Safety" for children with Special Needs.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Send "Mental Health Month" e-mail to Regional Coordinators	Dione L. Grillo	5/1/2013 12:00 AM
Review list of Awareness Activities and propose list of items to highlight in monthly e-mail	Viviana Welfin	7/1/2013 12:00 AM
Review program similar to TTS for Special Needs children from the Diocese of Pittsburg and report back to Commission	Yolanda Umeda	11/4/2013 12:00 AM

*Agenda topic New Resources*

Discussion: Several new resources are coming out (and existing resources have been found). Commission members agreed to review them and report back on or before our next meeting. Resources are mailed upon receipt.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Loyola " <a href="#">Adaptive Confirmation</a> " program	Yolanda Umeda	11/4/2013 12:00 AM
<a href="#">Special Needs Ministry for Children</a> (Pat Verbal, General Editor)	Kay Harter	11/4/2013 12:00 AM
<a href="#">Handbook for Adaptive Catechesis: Serving Those with Special Needs</a> by Michele E. Chronister	Rose Anna Cruz	11/4/2013 12:00 AM
<a href="#">Saints to Lean On: Spiritual Companions for Illness and Disability</a> by Janice Mc Grane, SSJ	Kay Harter	11/4/2013 12:00 AM

*Agenda topic Inclusion Awareness Mass*

Discussion: At our meeting on December 3, 2012, the decision was made to host our first "Inclusion Awareness Mass" in October 2014. David Lara suggested we reach out to the "Liturgy Commission" for assistance. A new member to the ORE Office, Fr. Chris, is Chair of the Liturgy Commission.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Begin discussion with Sr. Roseanne Belpedio	David & Dione	11/4/2013 12:00 AM
Invite and seek input from Fr. Chris	David & Dione	11/4/2013 12:00 AM