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**Dear Sister,**

Greetings from UISG in Rome. I hope that you can be certain of God's presence with us, in the midst of all the situations we and our people live in.

**UISG has planned several workshops on INTERCULTURALITY so far**, greatly aware of the urgency and importance of this training as it provides an opportunity for sisters to grow in **INTERCULTURAL AWARENESS AND COMPETENCE**. This area is increasingly becoming very important within religious communities and within many of religious life ministries. All formation and preparation for ministry programs need to include this dimension which requires new knowledge and skills.

Therefore, with the financial support of the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, **UISG** is offering an **ASIA & OCEANIA WORKSHOP ONLINE** event from **March 6<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> of 2023 from 9 am – 12.30 (Rome time)** and invite you to send this information to your Major Superiors, so that sisters from your congregation can participate.

The aim is to develop the intercultural competence of a group of sisters in the different congregations. The sisters participating will then, in turn, be able to offer workshops. By the end of the online workshop, each congregational team will have developed a plan on how to offer such workshops to the members of their congregation.

**The workshop will be run in English** and each congregation can **nominate up to 4 participants**.

We propose that in choosing the team the following criteria be considered:

- The sisters should be finally professed
- One person at least should have experience in formation ministry
- One person should have leadership experience
- Two sisters should be under 40 years of age
- The sisters should have a good knowledge of English
- The sisters should, if possible, have experience of working outside of their ethnic groups/ and perhaps some (1 at least) are working outside of their home countries

- The sisters should be available subsequently to offer this training within their congregation and the local conference of religious to different groups – leaders, formators, formees, etc.
- The sisters should guarantee a good internet connection.

The online application deadline is **December the 30<sup>th</sup> at the latest**. It can be accessed through the following link: [https://bit.ly/UISG\\_Interculturality\\_Asia\\_Oceania](https://bit.ly/UISG_Interculturality_Asia_Oceania)

(If the link doesn't work, please copy and paste it into your browser).

Looking forward to our ongoing collaboration.

With every blessing,



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