



Dear friends,

Since March 2020 the UNANIMA International Board due to COVID19 restrictions in travelling has been meeting via Zoom. For those of us residing in the Pacific region it has meant a number of all night meetings. So it was with great enthusiasm we met face to face at Thomas Berry Place in Jamaica, New York from 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> September.



Photo: Congregational representatives and UI staff on the steps of Thomas Berry Place

In 2003 at the Council of the Congregation in San Antonio Texas we as Brigidines made the decision to seek membership the UNANIMA International a UN based NGO in New York. Since that time UNANIMA International has grown now consisting of 22 Member Communities with over 22,000 members in 85 countries throughout the world.

While we addressed a rather lengthy meeting agenda it was wonderful to be together to share many of the successes and challenges faced by UNANIMA staff and member congregations over the past 30 months.

In presenting the report on behalf of Brigidines I highlighted three areas of specific activity in which we are engaged:

- Responding to the cry of Earth and people rendered poor
- Refugees and Asylum Seekers
- The elimination of human trafficking

The power points attached are based on the reflections of Maina Talia, "Am I not your neighbour" and the poem composed by Patricia Mulhall csb "Call No-One Stranger"

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