

MISSION AND MINISTRY IMPACT

Come to the Table: Equity, Justice, and Inclusion for those on the Margins!

New Orleans, LA - July 30 through August 1, 2024

--- CONFERENCE AGENDA ---

TUESDAY, July 30, 2024

1:00pm Conference Registration (1:00pm-4:00pm), *Gravier Foyer*
Sign up for Renewal Activities and Dine-Arounds

Welcome Reception - *Upper-Level Lobby Area*

4:00pm Opening Reception and Networking

6:00pm Dinner on Your Own

Dine-Arounds - Sign-up during Registration to Join Grantees from NOLA for Dinner, *Meet in Lobby*

- Hotel Hope - Drago's - Sr. Mary Lou Specha
- Ozanam Inn - Briquette Restaurant - Renee Blanche
- MMI Committee Members - Cochon Restaurant - Dave Schopp & Beth Fromm

WEDNESDAY, July 31, 2024

7:00am Conference Registration Continues until 8:30am, *Gravier Foyer*

7:00am Catholic Mass (optional, all are welcome) – Celebrant: Father Perry Henry, CM, *Gravier E-F*

7:00am Breakfast Buffet (available until 8:15am), *Cypress Ballroom-2nd Floor*

Conference Opening, *Gravier A-D*

- Welcome to GRC – Mary Wildeman and Jeanne McAlister
- Welcome to New Orleans: Councilmember Helena Moreno of New Orleans
- Prayer for Daughters of Charity Founders: St. Vincent de Paul – Sr. Kathy Overmann, D.C.
- Introduction of Come to the Table: Equity, Justice, and Inclusion for those on the Margins! – Sister Mary Bader, D.C. – Conference Master of Ceremonies
- Land Acknowledgement – Sr. Patty Huffman, D.C.

9:45am Break

Opening Keynote, *Gravier A-D*

10:00am Elia Hernandez-Moreno, founder of Living Intentionally Ministries and National Program Director for Communication across Barriers

11:30am Lunch Buffet (open until 12:30pm), *Cypress Ballroom-2nd Floor*

Serving People on the Margins Sessions, *Gravier A-D*

12:30pm Inclusion of People with Disabilities: New Hope of Indiana – Allison Wharry, Jenny Pfeil and Sr. Francine Brown, D.C.

1:15pm Trafficking 101: Paso Del Norte Center of Hope – Nicole Schiff

2:00pm The Gift of Immigrants - Changing the Narrative, Panel Discussion: Sister Denise LaRock, D. C. – Facilitator

- Marisa Limón Garza – Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center
- Melissa M. Lopez – Estrella del Paso
- Sister Meggie Flores, D.C. – Diocese of Charleston Hispanic Ministry

3:15pm Break

Renewal Activities (Must sign-up during on-site Conference Registration)

3:30pm Renewal Activities will be held in various rooms on the 2nd floor.

- NOLA Giveback, *Natchez-2nd Floor*
- Game Room – Board games, cards, etc., *Creole Queen-2nd Floor*
- Chair Massages – Balance Design, *New Levee-2nd Floor*
- Guided Canvas Painting with Elia Hernandez-Moreno, *Fulton-2nd Floor*
- Guided Meditation – Verne Kemerer, *Mississippi Queen-2nd Floor*
- Yoga – Jenn Rogers, *Julia-2nd Floor*

St. Louise de Marillac Services Awards Banquet, Gravier A-D5:00pm Cocktail Reception, *Gravier Foyer*

6:30pm Banquet Dinner and Awards Presentation

Prayer for Daughters of Charity Founders: St. Louise de Marillac – Sr. Cathy Kelly, D.C.

THURSDAY, August 1, 20247:00am Catholic Mass (*optional, all are welcome*) - Celebrant: Father Etido Jerome, SSJ, *Gravier E-F*7:00am Breakfast Buffet (*available until 8:15am*), *Cypress Ballroom-2nd Floor*8:00am Renewal Activities (*Must sign-up during on-site Conference Registration*), *Various Rooms*Day 2 Opening - Gravier A-D

9:15am - Welcome/Recap and Day Overview: Sr. Mary Bader, D.C.

- Prayer – Daughters of Charity Founders: Mother Seton, Sr. Patty Huffman, D.C.

- Land and Labor Acknowledgement – Sr. Patty Huffman, D.C.

10:00am Break

Grantee Networking and Discussion by Focus Area - Various Rooms10:15am - Community Development and Advocacy - Austin Maxheimer, Community One – Facilitator, *Creole Queen-2nd Floor*- Homeless/Housing Services - Jessica Lovell, Depaul USA – Facilitators *Julia -2nd Floor*- Immigration/Refugee Services - Melissa M. Lopez - Estrella del Paso – Facilitator, *Mississippi Queen-2nd Floor*- Education/Early Childhood Education - Roberta Trost and Julius B. Anthony, Sister Thea Bowman Catholic School and St. Louis Black Authors of Children’s Literature and The Believe Projects – Facilitators, *Gravier A-D*- Human Trafficking - Sister Mary Jean Doyle, D.C. – Facilitator, *Natchez Room-2nd Floor*- Workforce Development/Job Training – Rose Chadwick and Tristyn Williams, Momentum Advisory Ambassadors – Facilitators, *New Levee-2nd Floor*- Basic Needs/Human Services - Mary Kay Meeks, Face to Face – Facilitator, *Fulton-2nd Floor*11:30am Lunch Buffet (*open until 12:30pm*), *Cypress Ballroom-2nd Floor*Grantee Highlight

12:30pm St. Louise de Marillac Service Award Winner

Day 2 Keynote Speaker, Gravier A-D1:00pm Susan Burton, founder of A New Way of Life

2:30pm Break

Lived Experience on the Margins

2:45pm Panel Discussion: Susan Burton, Facilitator

- Nathaniel Fields – Director of Homeless Services for NOLA (Homeless)
- Ann Marie Jones – Dawn's Place (Trafficking)
- Marvion Dean – Youth leader in East St. Louis (Marginalized Community)
- Maria (Coni) Lara – El Paso Villa Maria (Immigration Experience)

Wrap-Up and Sending Forth

4:30pm Conference Closing: Share New Goals, Take Aways, Etc., Attendance Prizes

6:00pm Dinner on your own

Dine-Arounds - Sign-up during Registration to Join Grantees from NOLA for Dinner, *Meet in Lobby*

- Harry Tompson Center - Mother’s Restaurant - Emily Wain and Sister Kathy Overmann
- St. Vincent de Paul - Grand Isle Restaurant - Sr. Marsha Tierney and Michael Bourg
- New Orleans Family Justice Alliance - Drago’s Restaurant - Mary Claire Landry & Dr. Trashanda Grayes