



To: Ministries Foundation Board of Directors  
Date: August 12, 2021

Welcome to our **new** fiscal year! Lots is new this year, and that will be the theme of our August 17 meeting.

1. We have two exciting new staff changes. Alyssa Howells has been promoted from Office and Communications Coordinator to Development Officer – Annual Fund and Digital Fundraising. She will make sure our Annual Fund runs like clockwork while applying with new digital and social media fundraising approaches. We hope to work toward an effective way to speak to younger donors (while preserving and solidifying our relationships with existing donors). She'll be experimenting with ways to move beyond printed and mailed appeals toward a wider approach. She will also serve as the staff lead on the Development Committee. Lacy Sietsema will be joining us at the end of the month to replace Alyssa as Office and Communications Coordinator. Lacy has been working for several years just down the hall at Good Ground Press, managing the GGP office, customer service, and social media communications. She will become your new main contact for board day-to-day operations. You'll start seeing her at the September committee meetings.
2. **Septemberfest** as a live event is coming back! Mark your calendars for Thursday, September 9 from 5 – 8 pm for what we hope will be a great way to say "Welcome Back" to our donors, volunteers, friends and neighbors. If Covid and its variants and deviants continue to spread and the overall situation takes a turn for the worse, we will cancel the event. There will not be a virtual event as a Plan B. We will monitor closely how the State Fair goes at the end of the month as well as any new decision about the Basilica Block Party, which is scheduled for the weekend right after Septemberfest. The good news is we have many, many leftover masks and hand sanitizers from our Carondelet Celebration gift boxes that can be put to good use.
3. Thank you for electronically approving the second terms of Stacy Jacobson and Brian Dillon.
4. **Bold Moves 2030** continues and is working toward a discernment by the CSJs. Suzanne and other Sisters will provide an update at our meeting. At the Sister Assembly on August 21, the Sisters Cabinet will make a recommendation for a model that sustains and expands the ministries moving forward, one that will allow the ministries to fully meet the vision of the Bold Moves 2030 vision goal: to double our impact by 2030. The Sisters will make a final decision in October. We will work as a board to respond appropriately once a decision is made.
5. The new year has also been busy for the ministries. A ministry report will be uploaded to the portal on Monday.
6. We will start the new fiscal year with a Zoom August board meeting (**Thursday, August 19 at 4 pm**). Meeting via Zoom, unfortunately, is not new. We will continue to evaluate our meeting format for the next fiscal year. All the more reason to attend Septemberfest – to see each other in person!
7. We appreciate all that you do for the Ministries Foundation and look forward to seeing you via Zoom at our August board meeting.

*Ralph Arypio*