

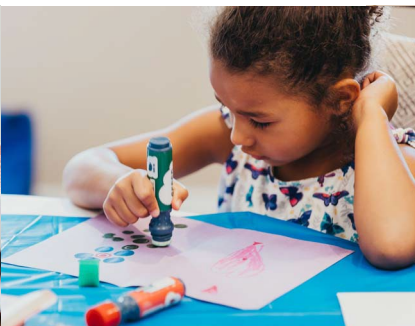


MARIANIST LAY COMMUNITY OF NORTH AMERICA



Annual Report

July 2022 – June 2023





Year in Review

Dear Lay Marianists,

Encounter. Embrace. Engage.

I continue to be very grateful for the time we had together at our 2023 Lay Assembly this past July. This theme from our Assembly reflects the work the MLC-NA Leadership Council undertakes on behalf of the Lay Branch of the Marianist Family. We intentionally:

- Seek ways for members of the Marianist Family to encounter one another in person or virtually to move forward together at the local, regional, national, and international levels.
- Support our existing members and those interested in discerning their vocation as Lay Marianists as they embrace our mission.
- Engage our mission in creative and transformative ways.

The following annual report shows us how deeply important it is for us to take the time we need to encounter, embrace, and engage in our Marianist charism. As we continue to grow our capacity as lay members, I invite you to encounter others new to you, to embrace our vocation to bring Christ into our world as Mary's missionaries, and to engage in ways that can transform ourselves and our Church in collaboration and partnership with our Marianist religious sisters and brothers.

I believe the Holy Spirit is with us in our work and I encourage you to imagine now where we can go together, in this time, as carriers of our charism!

Thank you for your commitment and for your dedication as members of the Marianist Lay Community of North America.

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Chair

Marianist Connect

Marianist Connect is the **all-in-one communication platform** for the Marianist Family in the US and Canada. Features include a sharing wall, calendar, news, profiles, and more!

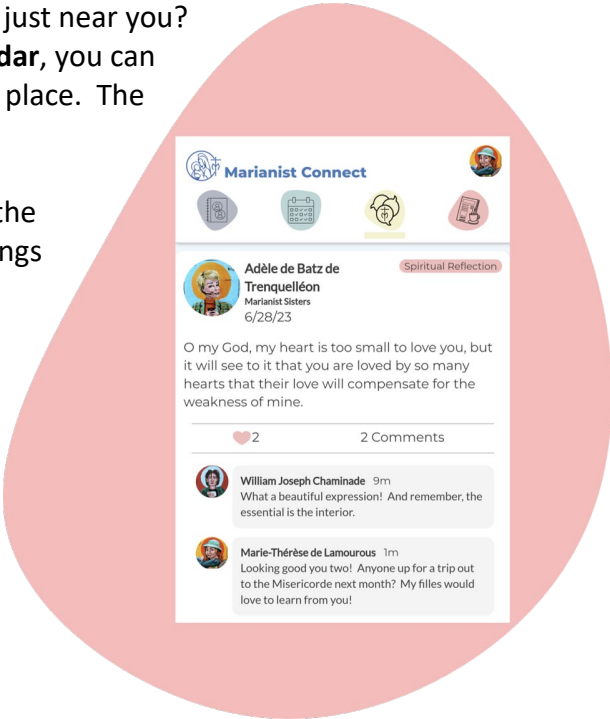
Marianist Connect was designed by a team of young Lay Marianists with the intent of bringing our family closer than ever. Want to get in touch with a Marianist from across the country? No problem... Use the **Directory** in Marianist Connect to find who you're looking for and get in touch!

Want to see what's going on virtually, in another area, or just near you? You can do that! With Marianist Connect's **Shared Calendar**, you can now find Marianist virtual and in-person events all in one place. The calendar can even be filtered to just your area.

Marianist Connect is available for use by any member of the Marianist Family, or by any other person interested in things Marianist. The inclusive **Family Sharing** page is open to reflections, questions, and event postings by everyone.

If you haven't yet tried Marianist Connect, you can log in or download the app at:

<https://www.marianistconnect.org/>



Formation and Community Engagement

Discernment

Programs like the Marianist Spirit orientation program help individuals learn more about the Marianist Family and discern a possible vocation as a lay or vowed Marianist. This year, Matty Spicer ran a virtual Marianist Spirit program with 10 participants.



Formation

A high school teacher and member of the newly created Ho'ololi MLC, Cole Hepp started working on a revamped program to help graduating UD students discern and go through formation to become Lay Marianists. This program expands on existing engagements at UD by overlapping MLC-NA support while the discerning individuals are still students, and then continuing to work with them post-graduation while they settle into new jobs and geographic locations.



Ongoing Engagement

Kateri Dillon now serves as MLC-NA's part-time Coordinator of Formation and Community Engagement. Kateri has a jam-packed schedule working with newly forming MLCs as well as by connecting Lay Marianists who are currently without an MLC to a new or existing community!



Financial Report

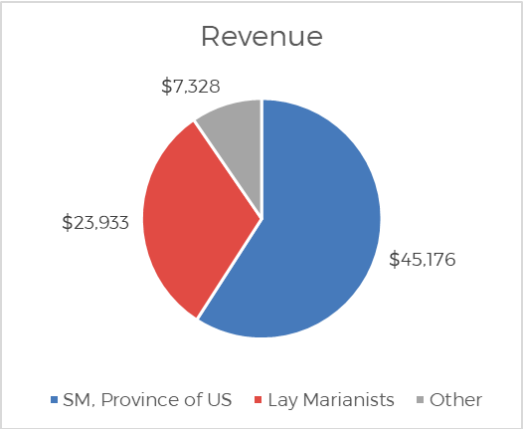
MLC-NA operates on a financial year running from July 1 – June 30.

In Fiscal Year 2023 (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023), MLC-NA’s overall revenue exceeded expenses due to a generous gift of the Society of Mary, Province of the United States which fully covered all programming staff (including staff expenses) for the year. While MLC-NA is pleased to report positive net revenue, the balance is not yet substantive enough to achieve the goal of hiring additional full-time program staff. Therefore, MLC-NA will save the net revenue from FY23 and increase revenue over FY24 in order to hire additional program staff.

| FY23 MLC-NA Activity | |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Revenue | \$76,436 |
| Expenses | \$45,006 |
| Net Revenue | \$31,343 |

Revenue

MLC-NA’s revenue for FY23 consisted of donations from the Society of Mary, Province of the United States, Lay Marianist donors, and other donors (including Marianist Collaborators and individual religious Marianists). Of all 817 active and registered Lay Marianists, 27% made a financial contribution to MLC-NA in FY23 either individually, as a household, or as part of an MLC. For Lay Marianists who did make a financial contribution to MLC-NA, the average donation amount **achieved MLC-NA’s goal of approximately \$106 per individual**. MLC-NA anticipates a substantial increase in Lay Marianist donor rates when the new policy of required membership contributions goes into effect in 2024.



Expenses

Out of MLC-NA’s total expenses for the year, 62% were program expenses, with administrative expenses constituting the remainder. Included in program expenses under the category of sponsored ministries are MLC-NA’s contributions to sustaining the International Organization of Marianist Lay Communities and the Marianist Social Justice Collaborative (MSJC).

Membership

Lay Marianists are people who **know, live, and make a personal commitment** to the Marianist charism and mission. This commitment to live out the charism is normally sustained through participation in a Marianist Lay Community (MLC). In September, 2022, the membership of MLC-NA voted to institute an official registration and annual membership renewal process for all Lay Marianists and MLCs. This process goes into full effect in 2024 and will provide significant clarity in distinguishing active Lay Marianists from former Lay Marianists and Marianist Collaborators who support and participate in activities of the Marianist Family without making a personal commitment.

In preparation for the institution of its official registration and annual renewal process, MLC-NA has begun enrolling active members and MLCs. As of July 1, 2023, MLC-NA has a registered:

- **Lay Marianists:** 817 active Lay Marianists, though estimates predict that there are likely additional active Lay Marianists who have not yet been registered.
- **MLCs:** 60 MLCs active in the United States and Canada comprised of 769 individuals (735 Lay Marianists, 31 Marianist sisters, brothers, and priests, 3 others).

And last but not least, MLC-NA was proud to welcome three new MLCs to our fold this past year: Ho'ololi, Memorare, and Sub Tuum! The Ho'ololi community is comprised of UD graduates, while the Memorare and Sub Tuum groups were formed at St. Mary's University. Welcome to all our new members!

Active Marianist Lay Communities 2023

California

Bay Area Affiliates
West Hills Community
Wrightwood Sodality

Colorado

Marianist Affiliates of Southern CO

Florida

Chaminade-Madonna

Hawaii

Faith of the Heart
Ohana 'O Malia
Ohana Kaminaka

Illinois

Misericorde
Springfield Affiliate Community

Indiana

Shekan Community

Kansas

Harvest Prayer
Harvest Women

Maryland

Hearts on Fire

Missouri

Cana Companions
Chaminade College Prep MLC
Growing with Mary, St Mary's HS
Magnificat MO

Nebraska

Marianist Affiliates Omaha

New Jersey

Hands of Mary
Maria Auxiliadora
NYC Metro Lay Community

Ohio / Northern Kentucky

Ahava
Anawim
Atomic MLC
Cleveland MLC
Fiat
L'Esperance
Micah 6:8
Micah Theotokos
Queen of Apostles
Roots
Well Community

Pennsylvania

Heart of Mary
Maranatha
Mary's Yes

Quebec

Venez et Voyez

Texas

Coppell Texas Affiliate Community
Denton Texas Maria
Emmaus of Ft. Worth
Magnificat of San Antonio
The Mantle
Memorare
Nova Bella
Pillar of Faith
Stella Maris
Sub Tuum
Theotokos

Wisconsin

Marynook Lay Marianist Affiliates

Virtual Communities

Embers
Eudokeo
Hearth
Ho'ololi
Morning Star
Our Lady of the Round Table
Pillars Community
Singletons of Saragossa
Sodality of Our Lady of the Pillar
Vessels
Visitation State Community

