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Dominican Sisters of Peace Hold First Assembly, Celebrate Jubilees

COLUMBUS, OH – About 425 Sisters and Associates of the Dominican Sisters of Peace gathered July 22-25, 2010, at Ohio Dominican University for their first congregational Assembly since their founding on Easter Sunday 2009. On Saturday evening of the meeting, the group celebrated the [jubilees](#) of Sisters marking milestone anniversaries of profession, including 22 women commemorating 50 years and one woman commemorating 25 years of vowed religious life.

Coming from locales from around the United States and from Honduras, Peru, and Vietnam, the participants gathered to review and reflect on their first year as a new congregation and to plan for the coming year. The group affirmed the volume of work accomplished by their leaders, Sisters, Associates, and staff and shared about the personal and communal experience of living into the congregation's new identity in the past year.

With the guidance of the congregation's [Chapter Commitments](#), created last year at the first General Chapter of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, the assembly then worked in small and large groups to arrive at fourteen action statements. These statements represent the collective wisdom of the full body and will set direction for personal and congregational action of the Dominican Sisters of Peace in the coming year. Imbued with the Dominican spirit and grounded in the four pillars of Dominican life (study, contemplation, community, and ministry), the action statements articulate avenues for living out the members' charism to preach the Gospel of Christ Jesus and desire to be witnesses and instruments of peace. Among others, the statements include appointing an individual to coordinate study within the congregation, incorporating curricula of peace and non-violence in the congregation's centers of learning, developing and implementing a traveling Peace Center, partnering with established organizations involved with peacemaking and nonviolence, and increasing efforts for sustainable living.

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