



SESSION 5

Typical Circumstances Prompting Religious Institutes to Consider Partnerships with Others to Help Sustain Ministries

- 1. Hope for the future and strong desire to plan for it
- 2. A commitment to assure that the institute's mission and ministries are sustained into the future
- 3. An experienced and/or projected decline in the number of members
- 4. An already high or projected increase in the median age of membership
- 5. Fewer members who have the experience, level of expertise or skillset sustaining a particular ministry requires
- 6. An increase in the level of complexity and change associated with a particular ministry (e.g., health care)
- 7. Overall financial concerns for the future, including an inability to continue to provide the financial support a particular ministry requires
- 8. An inability to continue to commit members of the institute to the purposes of a particular ministry
- 9. A reduced level of risk associated with a ministry by spreading risk to others
- 10. A willingness and openness to associate with other groups with common values and interests and that have known and proven strengths and abilities

