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Greetings,

I write with good news of a commitment fulfilled!

I imagine many of you are familiar with the good work of empowerment through education and our collective support of Mission Haiti over the past decade.

The proposal to support Mission Haiti emerged in 2012 as a response to the needs of the times – a devastating 2010 earthquake in Haiti and long history of instability and colonialism in the country. Griselda Martinez-Morales, CSJ and a committee of Justice and Peace coordinators proposed *Rebuilding Haiti Through the Empowerment of Girls* in February 2012. The committee noted that a focus on education is a key strategy to affect long-term, systemic change.

The aims of the project were to provide education for ten Haitian girls from primary through secondary grades and three years of technical education for ten girls; to assist with educators' salaries and their certification; and for the construction of a secondary school in Leogane, Haiti. The U.S. Federation committed to fund \$320,580 for these endeavors, while the Canadian Federation pledged \$35,620 for a total of \$356,200.

I am happy to announce that as of May 2022, the U.S. Federation of the Sisters of St. Joseph has collected over \$335,000 for Mission Haiti! In the last fiscal year, \$56,000 has been sent to the organization.

Mary Ellen Gondeck, CSJ noted that, “We are all one – and we were acting as one locally and globally. The gifts continued with... going to Haiti and meeting the beautiful people who were living in such poverty, adversity yet responding with great generosity and creativity.” We thank Mary Ellen Gondeck and others who have championed this initiative.

While this means the Federation’s fiscal commitment to Mission Haiti is formally completed, you are welcome to send your contributions directly to the organization here:

<https://www.missionhaitiinc.org/donate/>

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I look forward to continuing the journey of global solidarity. May we continue to be attentive to the emerging needs and concerns of the day.

In Peace,

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