



Dear Associates,

We have decided to go to a more simple format in regard to *the Wichita Associates Spiritual Journey*. We are trying to cut our expenses on postage and publishing costs. Those who have computers will be able to access this issue on the web site. Lori Benge, our Area Coordinator, will have instructions on how to access the Newsletter. She will have the instructions later in this issue. We feel that this newsletter will come out in a timelier manner and keep us connected. Lori will let you know when an issue is on the web site. This is how the Regional Newsletter will be handled also. Those who do not have e-mail will get a hard copy in the mail. Most articles will be written by the Area Coordinators or Sister Mentor. We would also ask you to send in reflections, poetry, prose, life experiences about your associate life style.

### ASSOCIATE ASSEMBLY REUNION 2010

What a wonderful reunion it was!!! We haven't had one since 1998. Rosemary Niedens, Wichita Area Coordinator organized and facilitated it. Angie and Rosemary worked on the agenda and tried to encourage as many associates as we could to attend from the three areas: Columbia, Ruma and Wichita. Rosemary thought attaching it to the Regional Assembly would make it easier and more convenient. In the end we had 26 participants all together. Each of the areas was represented. The agenda was as follows:

12:00	Lunch together
1:00	Opening Prayer Service Rose Pobst, Ruma Area Coordinator
1:15	Welcome, Rosemary Niedens
1:20	Sr. Barbara Hudock, Leadership Liaison for Associates Keynote presentation
2:00	Break
2:20	Sue Scott Dolan, Columbia Area Coordinator How Do You Grow an Associate Program?
3:00	Lori Benge, Wichita Area Coordinator Nuts and Bolts: Things that would be helpful to know.
3:40	Closing Prayer Service Rosemary Niedens

The sharing that took place was very informational and profound. The associates were so open in discussing strengths and difficulties. It was a powerful moment in our history. We have been working toward sharing across areas and this was the most significant event for this kind of cross-cultural participation. At the Assembly meeting, itself, we gave an associate power point presentation. As soon as we make it into a DVD we will have this available to the associate groups. We have notes from the reunion sessions. If there is anything you would like to have, let us know at the Associate office.

## REGIONAL MISSION STATEMENT

There are 34 groups of associates in the US region. Our region supports associates and associate groups in eighteen states as well as in Africa, South America, Caribbean and Korea. We have 15 groups emanating from the Wichita area. Some of the local groups have developed mission statements that represent their unique circumstances. Recently, however, the three areas have come together to create an associate mission statement for the region. The following is the mission:

Adorer Associates are persons  
who are united with the  
ASC Congregation as they  
live St. Maria's charism of  
Christ's adoring, redeeming love  
integrating it into the circumstances  
and situations of their everyday life.

Each group mission should flow from the regional mission and all that I have seen certainly do. If you have not developed a mission statement for your group, please let us know and we will send you a process that can help you develop one. However, all associates in the region should claim and live the regional statement along with their particular group mission statement.

We have also designed a new associate pin. It is a little larger than the other pin. We have two types: it can be worn as a pin or another kind can be worn as a necklace. The following is the design of the new pin.

All new associates will be getting this pin. Those of you, who have the other pin, can also get this one for \$3. Let us know if you would like the new pin.

## OUR ASSOCIATES IN KOREA

In July of 2007, the first groups of associates made their promises in Korea. Sister Clara Lee states that at this moment they have twenty four committed associates in the Korean Foundation: some in Masan and some in Seoul.

Some of the women volunteer for the Catholic Women's Hotline where S. Clara is coordinator. They answer the phone and assist women who need help.

Two associates went to Rome with S. Clara for the International gathering of associates in January 2009. They met some of the US associates at that time.

They meet together monthly and have a very dedicated group. They have not had a gathering of them all together because of the distance between Seoul and Masan and because it is hard for people to get time for a couple of days.



## CAMPAIGN FOR KINDNESS

Maxine Coppel, an ASC associate has been working hard at spreading the good news of kindness in our world. She is being sponsored by a group in the Wichita Center Associates. She belongs on the Peace and Justice committee of her parish, St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton. For twelve weeks the bulletin will be publishing a message about the Kindness Campaign. These messages will focus on kindness as a way of building peaceful relations with family, friends, our country and the world. The Campaign uses kindness as a way of building peace because it is a concept that is understood around the world, no matter what language is spoken or circumstance is being lived. Kindness brings out the good-will in others, no matter if they are the giver or the receiver, or how big or small the kindness. The campaign slogan is: "Kindness: A win-win solution for peace." This week focus on a kindness offered to you and the effect it had on you. Periodically we will be publishing these comments for you. Remember, we have bumper stickers left. If you would like some, let us know. If you do not like them on your bumper, then you can display them anywhere.

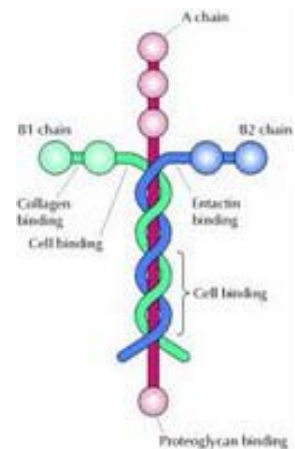
## WHAT ARE LAMININS?

Fanny Everette, an Adorer Associate from Oklahoma City sent this article to us about God's creative genius in making us.

Louie Giglio was giving a sermon on TV talking about how inconceivably BIG our God is...how God spoke the universe into being...how God breathes stars out of his mouth that are huge raging balls of fire. Then he went on to speak of how this star-breathing, universe creating God also knitted our human bodies together with amazing detail and wonder. He went on to talk about how we can trust that the God who created all this, also has the power to hold it all together when things seem to be falling apart.

Then he started talking about laminin. Laminins are a family of proteins that are an integral part of what holds us together. They are cell adhesion molecules. They are what holds one cell of our bodies to the next cell. Without them, we would literally fall apart. Here is what the structure of laminin looks like. This is what you will see...

The glue that holds us together is in the shape of the cross. I wanted you to know and to understand that YOU are being held together literally by the cross of Jesus Christ.



*Fanny Everette ASC Associate/Sojourner*

## CHANNEL OF LOVE ARE WE

Channels of love are we at least that is what we should be.

Each person regardless of race, creed, or color is a miracle as each person was created by God. As God is love it's self, each person is a product of that love and should and could be a reflection of the love that created them.

Gods love is so complete that He loves us even if we sin and turn away from Him. His love is so great that He sent His only Son to teach us how to live and even more how to love and out of love for us He died just for us.

There is not way we as humans can ever love as much as our heavenly Father but we can become channels of His love by allowing that love to flow through us and enrich us and through our actions that love can be freely given it to others who for some reason are not aware of the love God has for them.

There by we become not only servants of Our Lord but by this action we truly become channels of His love as it flows through us to others. Through this simple task we can help change the world one person at a time. Through this act of loving service to Our Lord and the world we can truly become extensions of Gods healing love to the world.

As the water flows freely from the snowy mountains through the channels of the rivers and streams to the sea, let us become channels for Gods love. May it flow freely through us to others there by helping to restore it to the world God intended it to be.

BE CHANNELS OF LOVE

LET GOD'S LOVE TO FLOW FREELY THROUGH OUR MINDS, BODIES AND SPIRITS TO ALL WE MEET.

*Ivan Lange, ASC Associate*

## ACCESSING THE NEWSLETTERS VIA THE ADORERS WEBSITE

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Click on the menu item on the far left, ASC Associates

There you will find all the newsletters by date in Adobe PDF format.

These newsletters are available to the general public too, so tell everyone to take a look.

Periodically there might be material that only associates should have access to, ie assembly information. That material will be available by clicking on the box at the bottom of the Associate page labeled ASC Associates. You will be prompted to enter a username and password. If you need any assistance please contact Lori Bengel, [bengel@adorers.org](mailto:bengel@adorers.org) or (316) 990-5928

If you do not have Adobe Reader you may download by clicking on the link under the newsletters or going directly to [www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com). It is a free download.

## COMING UP

Don't forget day of reflection on Saturday, March 5, 2011, at the Wichita Center.

*Father Tom Welk and Sister Angie will be the presenters.*

Father Joe Nassal will give a presentation on Saturday, October 1, 2011.

*Perhaps if you know this far ahead of time, you can plan to make it.*