

*In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.
This [Word] was in the beginning with God.
Everything came to be through [the Word],
and apart from [the Word] nothing at all came to be.
What came to be in [the Word] was Life,
and the Life was the Light of human beings.¹*

John 1:1-4

Our evolving universe, so rich in mystery, beauty, chaos and diversity pulsates with the subtle vibrancy of the Spirit of God – God who longs for intimacy and *interconnected relationship*.

God's unifying energy made visible in Christ Jesus, 'God With Us', ignites *hope in our shadowlands*, in the gaps and gullies where the lost, forsaken and forgotten lie hidden.

Our fragile, fragmented world hungers for *compassionate presence*. As women of the Church, standing at the foot of contemporary crosses, we are *channels of hope, love and mercy* in our villages, towns and cities.

¹ Scripture reference from 'The New Testament', translated by Nicholas King SJ, published by Kevin Mayhew Ltd. 2004

We commit ourselves to the *pilgrimage of discovery into God revealed in the cosmos* and we actively integrate this new consciousness into every aspect of our living.

In the Risen Christ, present in creation, we recognise a new impulse moving us to *more love, more union, more compassionate solidarity*. We seek to be in transformative relationship with everyone and everything.

Our FCJ charism impels us to incarnate *contemplative presence* wherever we are.

The interweaving of our lives with Companions in Mission leads to fresh insights beckoning us to *wider horizons*.

We delight that our charism resonates in the hearts of women across different cultures. We want *to respond to their searching*. With boldness and determination we press onwards.

Living out of *surprising abundance* causes us to see with new eyes, and to treasure even smallness as gift.

Can we risk courageous re-imagining?