



Wise and gentle God, we come to you with  
a great desire to unite our desire with yours for us.  
You have entrusted our districts  
to us as homeland and vineyard to work for  
the salvation of young people, especially the poor and those on the margins.  
Our Brothers before us showed us how to tend this chosen vineyard.  
They grew old and died faithfully in your service.

At this time we seek your guidance as  
We do not have ready and complete answers.  
We, too, are growing old in your service  
but wish to grow young in our vocation.  
As we assemble to envision a new future,  
guide our discernment to best respond to the needs  
you have entrusted to our care.

Send your Spirit upon our Assembly and upon our expanded homeland.  
“Re-create the face” of our District  
in keeping with the desires of Your heart.  
Let us hear your direction and walk with you in this time and this place.  
We are yours and this work is Yours.