



ASC Sojourners - Historical Timeline

US Region

- **2006** First task force, formed by the Keepers of the Plains LCN, for the purpose of drafting a proposal for a new lay community to be known as the ASC Collaborators, who would become non-canonical members of the ASC. The task force was composed of two Adorers and one active Associate.
- **2007 (June 23)** Revised proposal passed regional Assembly, establishing a new three-year task force to research options for this new group and to oversee the women seeking alternative membership. This date eventually became the Sojourners Foundation Day.
- **2008 (January)** New six-member task force (including one lay member) met for first time in ITV session. No united vision at this time. The group of six Collaborators (lay women) asked to be called Sojourners. Each woman had chosen a Sister Guide (later called a Spiritual Mentor) to help with formation and practical concerns.
- **2008 (March 4)** Two Sojourners at the Wichita Center made public commitment to pursue the path of *alternative membership* for two years. The other four made their commitments in their locales as soon as possible.
- **2008 (June)** Sojourners report/presentation given by task force chair at regional Assembly.
- **2009 (June)** Sojourners report/presentation given by one of the Sojourners, with other Sojourners answering questions from the floor at regional Assembly.
- **2010 (March)** Work of second task force ended. Regular Sojourners meetings being conducted with Sojourners leader (Coordinator) in charge. Sojourners in charge of own agenda and writing of own documents. Formation process individualized.
- **2010 (June)** Regional Assembly voted to extend three-year experimentation period for an additional three years.
- **2011 (January)** Sojourners began splitting major meeting times between a morning meeting with only Sojourners present, and an afternoon session involving Sojourners, Spiritual Mentors, and ASC Sojourners Liaison
- **2011 (February)** Regional Assembly passed a proposal asking permission from the General Assembly for Sojourners-type communities to be established on an international basis.

- **2011 (July)** General Assembly, meeting in Mysore, India, adopted "Beyond the Threshold" position, paving way for exploration of alternate forms of commitment and styles of consecrated life.
- **2011 (July)** First annual Sojourners retreat held at Ruma Center.
- **2012 (January)** Sojourners agreed to drop Associate membership as prerequisite for Sojourners formation.
- **2012 (April)** Second Sojourners Coordinator began three-year term of office. Sojourners adopted official Sojourners logo to be crafted into a pendant.
- **2012 (September)** Second annual Sojourners retreat held at Wichita Center.
- **2013 (June 20)** Regional Assembly approved Sojourners as part of ASC Family.
- **2013 (August)** First candidate began Sojourner formation.
- **2013 (September)** Sojourners third annual retreat held at Ruma Center. One Sojourners candidate undergoing formation.
- **2014 (August)** General Leadership Team meeting with Sojourners.