



## Reaching Out Part 1/1

### Encuentro/Missionary Discipleship: Helping Your CWOC Reach Out (60 min)

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Connecting with the many diverse individuals and groups in our chapel communities can sometimes seem like a daunting task. If you have ever wondered, “How can we get more active duty women involved?” or “How do we best serve those who have a different first language?” or “How do we bridge the gap between our youngest and most seasoned chapel members?”, this session is for you. Hear from representatives of the AMS’s V Encuentro team and others who can help you learn how to reach out to those on the margins of your chapel community.

**Holy Role Model:** St. Marianne Cope

**Ice Breaker:**

**Lessons:**

1. Go to the margins!
  - a. (St. Marianne Cope spent her life serving those “on the margins” – was an immigrant herself, taught in school for German immigrants, helped found hospitals that served all without attention to race or creed, cared for the sick in HI)
  - b. Who are the people “on the margins” in your community?
2. Go without fear!
  - a. (More than 50 communities were asked to go to HI to care for the ill and all said, “no” until Sister Marianne Cope said an overwhelming yes – *“I am hungry for the work and I wish with all my heart to be one of the chosen Ones, whose privilege it will be, to sacrifice themselves for the salvation of the souls of the poor Islanders... I am not afraid of any disease, hence it would be my greatest delight even to minister to the abandoned ‘lepers’*)
  - b. What holds your CWOC back from reaching out to those “on the margins?”
  - c. What resources do you have to help overcome those challenges?
3. Get out of the box!
  - a. (Sister Marianne was called to HI to care for sick patients, but her “treatment” went beyond medical care. She is noted for “introducing cleanliness, pride and fun to the colony. Bright scarves and pretty dresses for the women were part of her approach.”)
  - b. Divide up the group to brainstorm unconventional ways to reach out to different groups “on the margins”



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