Do you feel restless... wondering if God has more in mind for you?

To know more about us, write, call, e-mail, or visit us on-line to begin the conversation.

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“I have done what was mine to do, now may you do what is yours.”

-St. Francis of Assisi
If you answered “yes” to any of the questions above, becoming an Associate of the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis might be for you.

Who are Associates?
Associates are baptized Christian women and men who are part of the extended Franciscan family through an Associate relationship with the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis. Associates deepen their baptismal commitment by accepting God’s call to live according to the gospel of Jesus in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi and to embody the Hospital Sisters’ healing charism. By embracing more fully Franciscan values of prayer, conversion, simplicity and humility, Associates bring the healing presence of Jesus to others in ways that fit their own personality and life circumstances.

What do Associates do?
Associates emphasize a strong sense of community and gather to share their faith on spiritual and Franciscan topics, share in the Sisters’ spirituality, and join them in prayer, community celebrations and ministry. Associates give expression to their relationship through a written commitment renewed every two years. Their commitment consists of three parts: deepening their relationship with God, bonding with the Sisters and Associates in community, and witnessing gospel values in their daily lives consistent with the Sisters’ healing spirit.

How do I become an Associate?
Persons from any Christian faith tradition who are 18 years of age or older and express a desire to become an Associate enter first an exploration phase. This is followed by a four-step discernment process that extends over approximately 12 months culminating with a weekend discernment retreat and formal commitment, if desired.