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This was an e-mail that went out to all participants sharing the important subject of our next gathering on the 24th of July:

We are sorry to have been so out of touch the past two weeks. Our e-mail account has been out of service three times for days at a time. We think we've wrestled it to the ground and achieved submission.

Our meeting this week (7-24-02 at the Flahives @ 7 p.m.) is very important. One of the principal decisions to be made is whether to become a regional chapter of Voice of the Faithful or remain an independent group. While we discussed this in our last meeting, we decided to lay it over so that everyone with an interest in the issue could attend and participate in the decision. At this upcoming meeting, we will have a prayerful discussion, some time for personal and group discernment, and then hopefully reach a decision. We want everyone to be heard on this important decision. All opinions are welcome. If you cannot attend this gathering, please call or send us your thoughts via e-mail.

To assist you in reaching your own conclusion on the matter, there are two attachments. The first, prepared by Mary Jo Myers, is a review of the pros and cons of such affiliation. The second attachment is a summary of decisions to date, including our group vision statement and our core values. We also decided that we would move forward with our vision statement, core values and plan of action. These too, will be ratified at this gathering. For a group that is as new as we are, a lot has been accomplished to date.

We hope to see as many of you as possible on Wednesday, so that we have extensive support for the ultimate decision.

Regards,
Marty and Diana Flahive