

Gathering Prayer

Beverly: Loving God, Source of all that is and Giver of all gifts, we rejoice in this opportunity to gather in Your name.

Diana: As we begin this meeting, we do so blessed by Your presence within and among us. We gather with thankful hearts that You have called us to instruments of change while remaining faithful to your changeless mission – to reveal and mediate Your loving and saving presence in the world, the world of our everyday life where we live, work and pray.

Rose: You have led us to reach out to each other in collaboration to continue contributing to Your reign on earth. Empower us and give us the light we need to share our missions, strengths, wonderings and concerns as we move into the future.

Lyn: Changeless God, You call us to leadership for mission and values at this time marked by extraordinary change and challenges.

Jean: We thank You for that which is stable and unchanging, for the ancient and traditional which give meaning to the new and different.

Theresa: We thank You for Jesus' changeless call to be Your love and compassion to all people, both those we work with and those we serve. We pray that the primary focus of Jesus' call may always give meaning to the new and different.

Marlene: We see Christian love as our animating principle. We see compassion as a participation in the redemptive power of Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection, which we embrace in this Lenten season.

Sharon: We thank You for the capacity for change in our lives, for without change there can be no real growth and no true life.

Sue: We ask for the gift of Your discerning spirit so that all the changes in which our communities engage, be built on the values of clarity of mission, honest collaboration, creative and informed planning and trust in Divine Providence.

Toni: Changeless God, we are thankful for Your Son who "came so that all people might have life and have it more abundantly." (Jn.10:10) May all that we are about in the Wisconsin Religious Collaborative in this time of unending change and challenge seek the welfare of our members and those we are called to serve.

Pat: May our efforts to collaborate and move into the future that is calling us bring new life for all of Your people. We ask this in Your Son's name. Amen.