



**WRC Update to: LCWR Region 9 Fall Meeting- November 11-13, 2024**

Held @ Sienna Retreat Center - Racine, Wisconsin

**From: Wisconsin Religious Collaborative**

WRC Executive Director, Julie Tydrich FSPA

**WRC Purpose: Establish cooperation and surface resources among members to assist each other in addressing needs of their congregations.**

**Subject: Progress Report since Spring April 22-24, 2024 LCWR Region 9 Meeting**

**May 13 Board Meeting:** In addition to regular board business and discussion Dr. Emily Cash of St. Luke's Institute presented the board selected topic for the spring educational session of full Leadership Teams of WRC Board members:

"Skills for Leadership: Engaging and Nurturing Discernment for Future Leaders." After the presentation, participants moved into break-out sessions for discussion, followed by large group sharing.

**July 22 Governance Committee Meeting:** Prepared plan to consult Lynn Jarrell OSU canonist for clarity regarding pros and cons of WRC becoming a PJP (Public Juridic Person) for purpose of providing commissaries to members when they request such assistance.

**July 29 Board Meeting** discussions led to a decision to recruit and hire a Shared Services Director to help address canonical and operational management needs of WRC members.

**September 26 Governance Committee Meeting:** Met via Zoom with Lynn Jarrell OSU. Invited teams of WRC Board members to listen to the consultation if they wished.

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**October 7 Board Meeting:** Received the Report of the Governance Committee work concluding that WRC need not become a PJP (Public Juridic Person) to help each other find a commissary for members when they request assistance.

Shared that the 2024 RCRI Conference recorded a panel discussion of commissaries and representatives of institutes looking for commissaries. It was recorded and posted to the RCRI website.

Board members surfaced the desired educational topic for the Nov.25 Educational Session for Leadership Teams with Dr. Emily Cash of St. Luke's Institute (SLI). Two team education sessions are provided (spring and fall) for all WRC member Leadership Teams annually. Additionally, WRC membership also provides 3 consultations per Leadership Team with a SLI therapist (Dr. Emily Cash or Sister Jane Becker OSB) as well as access to SLI webinars on mental health topics offered live online plus access to SLI recorded topics On Demand.

Each board member shared changes to their organizational structures since the study conducted in Sept.2018 (6 years ago) and described their current needs related to internal management. Noted that among the ten WRC member institutes census has dropped by 437 members, a 33% decrease in 5.8 years.

**October 29, 2024:** WRC President Pat Cormack announced via E-mail the hire of S. Sharon Glumb SLW as WRC's Shared Services Director effective November 1. Congratulations S. Sharon Glumb and welcome to LCWR Region 9 as well as to WRC. Glad to have you back among us.

**October 30 Governance Committee Meeting:** Summarized their past work with canonist Lynn Jarrell OSU and outlined their final report/recommendations to be presented at the November 25 WRC Board meeting.

**LCWR Region 9 Legislative Network (Leg.Net.9):** Continued to meet bimonthly to keep their institutes abreast of ongoing peace and justice efforts underway in both the Wisconsin legislature and in their respective communities.

**Next WRC Board Meeting November 25:** In the morning Dr. Emily Cash will provide an educational session for WRC Board Members and their Leadership Teams:

*"Presentation on transitions highlighting that grieving is a part of the transition experience, and extra time focused on skills/strategies for individual and community experiences of grief."*

A regular meeting of the Board will also take place.