

## LCWR 9 Election Candidates

3-22-2024

### Chair:

**Mary Kay Brooks**, SSND—Current chair

**Kathleen O'Brien**, SSSF—Sr. Kathleen serves as the provincial coordinator for the School Sisters of St. Francis, U.S. Province. Prior to her election as a provincial in 2019, she served many years in higher education, mostly at Alverno College but also at American Islamic College in Chicago. Recently, working on transitioning SSSF sponsored ministries to other entities has been a major focus of her activities as well as the usual responsibilities of provincial leadership teams.

### Vice-Chair:

**Kathleen O'Brien**, SSSF—See above.

**Linda Szocik**, SSF-TOSF—I am a Sister of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis, currently serving as president (2023-28). I studied at Alverno College, UNC- Chapel Hill and MUSC- Charleston, preparing as a Family Nurse Practitioner and Midwife. I worked in healthcare ministry in NC, VA, SC, and Milwaukee. I am also a certified spiritual guide. I currently serve on the board of the Benedict Center and Sisters South Advisory Board, as chairperson. In collaboration with several congregations, I helped establish Sisters South, a day program and outreach for women on the streets of Milwaukee, many who have been trafficked. I served as Chairperson of LCWR, Region 9 and on the national board from 2010-2013. Personally, I enjoy nature, walking, and the creative art of basketry.

**Pat Cormack**, SCSC—Current

### Treasurer:

**Mary Kabat**, OSF—I am open to serving as treasurer for LCWR Region 9. I have experience in serving as treasurer for local communities for much of my religious life. I also have served as development director for our community for 20 years which includes recording donations and producing financial reports. For several years, I served as treasurer for our region of the Franciscan Federation for several years. I would also have Sr. Rose Jochmann close at hand to give me a good start!

**Agnes Johnson**, OP—I am a member of the Racine Dominicans for the last 60 years. I worked primarily in health care as a lab tech for 10 years and then as a Registered Nurse. In the 27 years of nursing I was privileged to work in a Refugee camp in Thailand for six months, Frontier Nursing Service in Kentucky, and Divine Savior Hospital in Portage, WI. Then I was head of our health care in Racine for 11 years followed by a return to Portage for 9 years working in Home Health doing primarily hospice in homes. This was followed by 12 years in leadership for RDs then four years of “retirement” during which I was a companion for many Sisters in their trips to hospitals and doctor’s offices. I never thought I would be in leadership again especially at age 80. I know it is difficult to get volunteers for these jobs so that is why I said yes to becoming a potential candidate for treasurer of LCWR Region 9.

### Recording Secretary:

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