



LCWR Region IX Fall
Gathering
November 11-13, 2024

September 30, 2024

Dear Sisters of LCWR Region IX,

I often write several drafts of my communications and send them out for other eyes to catch small and large errors. The first draft of this letter was written in early August for the executive committee to make comments while we gathered in Orlando for the National LCWR meeting. I didn't know which picture to use so I choose space. It's where my brain resides most of the time and where I am quite comfortable. 😊 LCWR Region IX will be gathering November 11-13 at Siena Center in Racine, WI. We begin at 1:00 pm on Monday and conclude by noon on Wednesday. Please remember that lunch is not provided on Monday or Wednesday.

In order to streamline our time together we are incorporating the ***Consent Agenda*** procedure. This process allows us to group routine items together and approve them without discussion. We use this option primarily for the approval of minutes and reports. It does require each of us to read them carefully prior to our gathering. The time we save will give us the opportunity of getting to know each other better and deepen our relationships.

Sister Laurie Brink, OP will be our main presenter on Tuesday, November 12. Sister Laurie is the Professor of New Testament Studies at the University of Chicago. Sister Laurie will speak to "*The differences among us: Seeking Unity in Diversity*". We look forward to her presence with us.

There will be materials from the National Office. This fall we will have Sister Annmarie Sanders, IHM present on *Discerning our Emerging Future*. Other materials will be online for you once they become available. All Region IX materials will be online within the WRC collaborative website. ([Wisconsin Religious Collaborative- St. Francis, WI \(wrcollab.org\)](http://wrcollab.org)). Don't hesitate to contact me if you need the username and password information.

Many blessings to each of you and I look forward to being with you in November as well as welcoming our distinguished guests.

Mary Kay

Please complete and mail the registration with payment (amounts listed on forms) ASAP but no later than October 15 to

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