

Date: March 12, 2020  
To: LCWR 9 Members  
From: Jean Steffes, Chair, LCWR 9  
Re: LCWR 9 Spring Meeting – Cancelled

The Executive Committee of LCWR 9 met on the morning of March 9 to plan for our meeting on April 20-22, 2020 at De Pere, WI. The very next day we received word that all LCWR regional meetings are suspended through June 30, 2020. We applaud the pre-emptive action, at the same time we regret not having the opportunity for networking and mutual support that is so helpful to all of us. A zoom meeting of the LCWR 9 Executive Committee followed on March 11 for alternative plans in lieu of this spring meeting. However, we are looking forward to our next LCWR 9 in-person meeting on October 26-28, 2020 at Siena Center in Racine with speaker Anthony Gittens, CSSp.

Though we will not be able to gather, we are putting together an approach for handling the materials and responses necessary for Region 9 and for our region's participation in the national agenda. We believe it best to cancel the presentation by Janet Mock, CSJ, and we have been fortunate in rescheduling and securing her presence for our April 19-21, 2021 LCWR 9 meeting in Oshkosh at the Jesuit Retreat House. The Wisconsin Religious Collaborative Board requested time on the agenda for an update by Lyn Korte. The information will be posted on the LCWR 9 Website.

Materials for the spring meetings will be posted on the LCWR 9 website by March 18, 2020. We are proposing that leadership teams work with the materials so that the regional and national items for consideration at this time are not lost. We will gather responses from the region to the various items via SurveyMonkey. Responses are from each individual with the exception of the Emerging Orientations Reflection and the Assembly Resolution – for these we would ask that you designate one from your team to respond on the survey. We ask that SurveyMonkey responses be sent no later than April 23, 2020.

## Regional Business\*

- 1) Minutes of the October 16-16, 2019 Meeting, Susan Seeby, CSA – Please indicate any corrections along with your over-all approval on the SurveyMonkey.

Treasurer's Report – Rose Jochmann, OSF – Please indicate any questions along with your over-all approval SurveyMonkey.

- 2) Liaison Reports will be posted for your review by March 18 or later as they are received:

- LCWR 9 Communicators for Women Religious – Diana De Bruin, OSF
- LCWR 9 Legislative Network – Toni Harris, OP
- Wisconsin Anti-Human Trafficking Consortium – Toni Harris, OP
  - Information on Earth Day Prayer and involvement in the Democratic National Convention will be sent following the late March 2020 meeting
- Wisconsin Catholic Conference Public Policy Advisory Committee – Maryann McMahan, OP
- Wisconsin Council of Churches – (Susan Seeby, CSA, interim) OPEN

- 3) The Elections Committee, Diana De Bruin, OSF, and Lisa Kane, OP, will have a slate for us which will be posted on the website. Please send the names of your choices by SurveyMonkey for the following offices:

- Chairperson
- Vice-Chairperson
- Recording Secretary
- Treasurer

The corresponding secretary, Toni Harris, OP, continues in her term of service.

- 4) Please review the chart for Topics/Dates of Future Meetings prepared by Ellen Sinclair, SDS, and send any suggestions to her regarding future speakers of topics by SurveyMonkey

- 5) Wisconsin Religious Collaborative Report, Lyn Korte, Executive Director, posted on the LCWR 9 website (no response needed)
- 6) By Laws and Handbook – current – to be posted for members and permanently on website, Jean Steffes, CSA (no response needed)
- 7) Google Groups and Yahoo Listserv – Rose Jochmann, OSF, and Theresa Sandok, OSM, will launch Google Groups in May and will keep both active until we are sure Google Groups will work for us. (no response needed)

### **National Business\***

- 1) *Emerging Orientations Reflection Guide*. This has been sent to all members of the LCWR. The document will be posted on our LCWR 9 website for regional members who do not receive the national information. All members are encouraged to review the guide with your leadership teams. In regional preparation for the national assembly, teams are invited to use the *Conclusion* section of the document, in particular, the last question: *What border, threshold, liminal space are we called to as an LCWR region? The LCWR board? The LCWR national office.*
  - a. Please send a summary of your team's response to this question via SurveyMonkey and we will collate your responses for a regional response. There is no form for this discussion.
- 2) 2019-2022 LCWR Assembly Resolution – materials for this process will be posted on the LCWR 9 website. Each leadership team is encouraged to share the process together and to return a team response via SurveyMonkey to be collated for a regional response to the national office.
- 3) *The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Roses in December Pilgrimage*. The national office has sent out this invitation encouraging women religious to attend. Congregations are free to send members directly. Region 9 will sponsor one LCWR 9 member for this pilgrimage. If you are interested, please send your name via the SurveyMonkey. All names will be placed in a “hat” and the one selected will be informed.

- 4) Governance – A document “LCWR Governance Committee Report to Regions, Spring 2020” is posted on the LCWR 9 website for your information. Please review in preparation for election of board members prior to the national assembly.
  
- 5) 2020 LCWR Annual Report from Region 9 will be prepared by Susan Seeby, CSA, and submitted to the national office.

Thank you in advance for your willingness to adjust due to the circumstances created by the COVID-19 virus. We want good health for all! We do look forward to seeing all of you at Siena Center in Racine in October 2020 and at Jesuit Retreat Center in Oshkosh in April 2021.

LCWR Executive Committee: Jean Steffes, CSA, Chair; Ellen Sinclair, SDS, Vice-chair; Toni Harris, OP, Corresponding Secretary; Susan Seeby, CSA, Recording Secretary; Rose Jochmann, OSF, Treasurer.

\*All materials for the meeting, regional and national, will be posted on the LCWR 9 website:

1. Go to [www.WRCollaborative.org](http://www.WRCollaborative.org)
2. Click on LCWR 9 on the blue banner on the WRC home page
3. Username: LCWR9
4. Password: Leaders#9

Note: SurveyMonkey is due April 23, 2020.