

**LCWR Region IX  
Spring Gathering  
March 14, 2025**



Dear Sisters of LCWR Region IX,

This letter comes to you during the beginning days of Lent and the desire for Spring to come forth stronger than ever. With Easter being late this year, I am praying for the crocus', daffodils and tulips to greet me as well as every extra minute of daylight. I choose to focus on the flowers and the sun rather than the often dark and dreary political news from both state and nation. There will be time to share our hopes for the crisis that continues to unfold each day and how we might respond as a region. I look forward to our gathering where our prayers, laughter, conversations, dialogue and support enrich us and renew us for the next days, weeks, and months.

Our presenter for this Spring gathering is Dayna Larson Hurst. The title of her presentation is

***Understanding Dementia, supporting the patient, supporting caregivers, self-care.***

Dayna is a dynamic and high energy presenter who is passionate about speaking on dementia, well-being and aging, and leadership development. I look forward to her presentation as the need for care of all our sisters, in every stage of life, continues to challenge us as leaders.

We will meet at the Jesuit Retreat House in Oshkosh on Monday, April 28, and conclude on April 30. As usual, we begin at noon on Monday and end at noon on Wednesday. Please remember lunch is on your own for both days. If your financial situation prevents you from attending, please contact Sister Mary Kabat for assistance. Your presence is the priority, and we have enough in reserve to be of assistance.

To streamline our time together we will continue to incorporate the Consent Agenda procedure. This process allows us to group routine items together and approve of them without discussion. We would use this option primarily for the approval of minutes and the financial report. We have downsized our other groups, so committee reports are not as prevalent. It does require each of us to read them carefully prior to our gathering.

The materials from the National office have arrived and the executive committee will be weaving them onto the agenda. There is less material coming out from the National Office which will give us more time for local issues. All regional leaders met in St Louis from Feb 23-25. One conversation at my table was the struggle with knowing sisters to nominate for the Outstanding Leadership Award. We shared some names which I will share during the presentation for OLA.

Please mark your calendars for this wonderful event and return your registration by April 5.

Blessings and Peace to each of you.

Mary Kay Brooks, SSND