



**LCWR Region 9
Spring Gathering
April 20-22, 2026**

Care of Leader

Dear Sisters of LCWR Region IX,

As I begin to reflect on my March calendar my thoughts quickly turn to the last days of the month. Yes, it is the most holy of days in the church calendar, but it is also my long-awaited vacation! I can hardly wait!! Even though it will be Holy Week my phone and computer will be out of sight. 😊 Upon my return there will be a flurry of activities, including our gathering, but I should be rested and peaceful.

Our spring gathering will be another opportunity for us to deepen our relationships with each other as we manage our respective issues and concerns within community. On top of those issues are our concerns over the latest war efforts in the Middle East. Our world needs our presence of collaboration, peace, and speaking up and out for truth and justice. In order to meet those challenges, we hope to offer you opportunities for self-care, deep self-care. We have asked ***Sister Judy Jewison, OP and Cindy Matteson from Otzwarte Circle***, to create experiences that may be out of our comfort zone but will open us up to deeper conversations and deeper awareness.

Judy and Cindy will begin their work with us on Monday afternoon and continue all day on Tuesday. Wednesday morning will be our time for more business issues. We will continue to have our socials in the evening, before supper and celebrate a Eucharistic Liturgy together on Tuesday afternoon at 4:30. LCWR National office will again offer zoom meetings with topics of concern and updates. There will not be an Outstanding Leadership Award this year as the focus will be on the 70th anniversary. The National office will give an update on that topic. I do know that if you are planning to bring more than 12 sisters in August to please contact the National office.

Please mark your calendars for this wonderful event and return your registration by Easter Monday, April 6.

Blessings and Peace to each of you.

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