

## **National Discernment on the Emerging Future of Religious Life Role Play of a Leadership Team Conversation**

Members of the LCWR Discerning the Emerging Future of Religious Life Planning Group will role play a conversation that takes place during a leadership team meeting that follows the LCWR assembly. The topic is: Collaborating with Other Religious Institutes in Our Region.

**We recommend that you familiarize yourselves with the roles they play prior to the session.**

The cast in order of appearance:

**Mary Hughes** has served in leadership once before in her community, knows the other leaders in the region well, and believes that collaboration with other institutes is a necessity and the time to start is now.

**Annmarie Sanders** is the youngest member of the team and the second youngest member of the community. She has been involved with her peers in other congregations since her initial formation and feels an urgency to have her community understand what the younger members are experiencing so that the community begins collaborating now.

**Anne Munley** is new to leadership and was a wild card in the election. She is noted for thinking outside the box, is fearless, and cannot imagine why the team would not begin planning with some other communities right away.

**Mary Dacey** is new to leadership and brings to the team a high level of sensitivity to others and what they are experiencing. She is very concerned about how the sisters will feel about collaborating with others and wants to move slowly with this endeavor. She is very aware of how much sisters are grieving these days and their fragility.

**Carol Zinn** is back in leadership after serving 15 years ago. She favors collaboration with others, but is very concerned that the team will move too fast. She believes that all will work out in religious life and in their community in due time if we trust in the providence of God.

**Bea Eichten** is new to congregational leadership and just came from serving 13 years as the congregation's communications director. She is concerned about managing information and proactively communicating a well thought-through message so that the members do not get upset and the team does not inadvertently create chaos among the sisters.