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Holy Mystery Revealed in our Midst

Conscious of the great hunger among women religious to be grounded in faith and ever attentive to the movement of God, the 2014 LCWR assembly will create a space for members to discern together where God is leading women's religious life. Set in a context of contemplation, and drawing upon the beauty of the arts, LCWR members will be led through a process to more deeply explore how Holy Mystery is being revealed in the midst of the concrete realities of US religious life as LCWR and its members plan for their future.

Assembly information and registration materials are available on the Members section of the LCWR website.

Members and associates must use their individualized username and password to access this area. (www.lcwr.org)

See information on page 3 on contributing to LCWR's scholarship fund so that all LCWR congregations may be represented at the assembly

LCWR Attends Canadian Religious Conference Assembly

LCWR president Carol Zinn, SSJ and executive director Janet Mock, CSJ attended the 30th general assembly of the Canadian Religious Conference (CRC), held in Montreal from May 29 – June 1. Under the theme of "Beyond Frontiers, a Call to Transformation," the assembly focused on the intercultural issues faced by women and men religious today.



At the Canadian Religious Conference assembly: Anthony Gittins, CSSP; Carol Zinn, SSJ; Patricia Murray, IBVM (UISG); Mireille Ethier; Yvonne Pomerleau, OP (CRC); Archbishop Luigi Bonazzi (apostolic nuncio to Canada); Janet Mock, CSJ; Suzanne Bolduc, FSP; Danielle Dunleavy; and Frank Morrissey, OMI

Included in the assembly was a celebration of the 60th anniversary of CRC's founding. The conference unveiled at the event a souvenir album, *Past, Present and Future*, which recounts CRC's history. The album includes testimonies from men and women religious about the future they imagine for consecrated life. Excerpts of testimonies are available on the conference's website at www.crc-canada.org/en.

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From the LCWR Presidency

A Yoke Worth Taking Up

by Carol Zinn, SSJ — LCWR President

We are sprinting into Ordinary Time which is, of course, anything but ordinary time for most of us. On our way we mark significant moments in our faith life, global life, religious life, and national life.

In our faith life we move from Pentecost to the feasts of the Most Holy Trinity, Corpus Christi, and Saints Peter and Paul to the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time on July 6. In our global life we mark the most UN International Days identified in any given month: environment, oceans, deforestation/drought, victims of torture and aggression, child labor, parents, elder abuse, refugees, widows, drug abuse, and illicit trafficking. In our religious life, chapters and vow ceremonies occur within the dynamics of shifting demographics, financial realities, ministry commitments, and building/property decisions. And in our nation's life we mark the third Fortnight of Freedom on our way to the celebration of Independence on July 4th.

What to make of these back-to-back liturgical feasts occurring only once on the church calendar? What to make of these many international days of remembrance occurring only in June? What to make of the ongoing events of religious institutes? And what to make of the juxtaposed church and state events occurring only in late-June/early-July, these past three years?

Perhaps the Scriptures of the liturgical celebrations and the historic gathering of Israeli President Peres, Palestinian Authority President Abbas, and Pope Francis could shed light on how these events prepared us for Ordinary Time.



In the Scriptures we discover that the Spirit is given to each individual for some benefit (Pentecost); that Moses receives commandments a second time in which God is revealed as merciful, gracious, slow to anger, rich in both kindness and fidelity (Trinity Sunday); that we are one, though many, because we all receive of the one bread (Corpus Christi); that our answer to “Who do you say that I am?” is just as compelling as was Peter’s (Feast of Saints Peter and Paul); and that taking up the yoke of Jesus IS easy and the burden IS light (14th Sunday in Ordinary Time).

On Pentecost Sunday, religious and political leaders gathered to pray for peace. These leaders believe in and love one God and share one father in faith—Abraham. They pray to the same God in different words and languages. And they desire the same peace from different worldviews and politics.

It is only when we realize our oneness, vulnerability, gifts, and need for God that we are able to live our lives in service to others. It is only when we realize that the absence of peace breaks the heart of God and tears at the fabric of all of life on Earth that we come to know real peace. It is only when we realize that in bearing the yoke of compassion, reconciliation, and mercy our lives are transformed into peace.

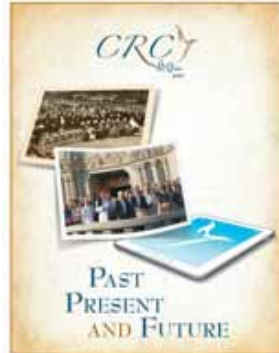
May we, whose lives are yoked to the peace the world cannot give, journey into Ordinary Time with extraordinary joy and hope as we witness God’s peace to our world.

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With history as backdrop and eyes turned towards the future, the assembly took a fresh look at the presence within congregations, the church, and society of people of various cultures who bring a diversity of values, beliefs, and stories. Anthony Gittins, CSSP addressed at the assembly the inner transformation needed to meet the challenges raised in this new reality of intercultural diversity.



“It was a great pleasure for Carol and me to be part of this experience,” said Janet Mock, “and we look forward to welcoming CRC’s new president Rita Larivee, SSA and executive director Yvon Pomerleau, OP to the LCWR assembly in August.

Make Assembly Attendance Possible for Members Through a Donation to the LCWR Scholarship Fund

LCWR is grateful to the congregations who sent scholarship donations for assembly attendance for members. It is not too late to consider sending a donation to the LCWR scholarship fund.

Donations (checks payable to LCWR) may be directed to Grace Hartzog, SC, associate director for business and finance, at 8808 Cameron Street, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Any congregation that wishes to attend the conference, but needs assistance also is asked to contact Grace (ghartzog@lcwr.org) to request a partial scholarship. Partial assistance with registration and/or hotel accommodations is available through the LCWR scholarship fund.



Nearly 150 People Attend Conference on LCWR’s Spiritual Leadership for Challenging Times

Solidarity with Sisters, a lay group formed to support US women religious and LCWR, in collaboration with the Institute for Policy Research and Catholic Studies, sponsored a one-day conference at Catholic University of America on Spiritual Leadership for Challenging Times.



The conference, which was attended by almost 150 people, unpacked many of the insights on leadership found in the new anthology of LCWR presidential addresses. The day consisted of a presentation by LCWR associate director for programs Marie McCarthy, SP; a panel discussion by former LCWR presidents Pat Farrell, OSF; Helen Garvey, BVM; and Mary Hughes, OP; and several opportunities for participants to contemplatively process the input and apply it to their own lives.

An article about the event can be found at: globalsistersreport.org/news/trends/leadership-challenging-times-4221.



Helen Garvey, BVM; Marie McCarthy, SP; Mary Hughes, OP; and Pat Farrell, OP on a panel that was facilitated by Betty Thompson of Solidarity with Sisters



Update on Leadership Pathways

One of the goals of Leadership Pathways is to engage the membership of LCWR in a process of contemplative reflection and courageous conversation focused on emerging issues in contemporary religious life. This process was initiated at the spring regional meetings. Members had been invited to reflect individually and as leadership teams on some area of their leadership ministry that was particularly challenging or demanding. They were then invited to bring the fruits of these reflections and conversations to the spring regional meeting. The contemplative process for the spring regional meetings took the form of individual and group reflection and sharing around the insights and wisdom emerging from the individual and team reflections.

Regions reported an appreciation for the process and a desire to continue to deepen their contemplative engagement in all aspects of their ministry. While time constraints prevented some teams and some regions from engaging in the entire process as outlined, all regions reported using some adaptation of the process and finding it helpful. The reports from each region will be made available on the LCWR “members’ only” section of the website. In addition a few highlights from these conversations will appear in the newsletter beginning with this current edition.

Some Wisdom From the Regions

“Our current reality, while difficult, is the place of the presence and action of the

Holy Spirit in our lives. It is crucial for us to make the space in our lives – to become empty – so that we are able to hear the direction of the Spirit. It’s not so much about what we are doing but about who we are for each other.”

“Attentiveness and sensitivity through contemplative listening to multiple feelings connected to decision making should not be an obstacle to decisions that need to be made, but are an important part of the process.”

Additional shared wisdom from the regions will be included in the next issue of the newsletter.

Collaborating to Offer Leadership Development to Religious and Associates

LCWR is one of the organizations working to prepare women religious and associates ages 60 and younger with the skills, knowledge, and confidence to assume leadership positions in their own institutes and in ministry.

Members of the Leadership Collaborative gathered in Silver Spring, Maryland in May for a two-day meeting to evaluate the efforts to date and to plan for the future. Several LCWR former and current members, staff, and associates are among those working on this effort to assist congregations to prepare their younger members for the future.



Standing: Kathy Wade; Joy O’Grady, CSC (former LCWR member); Sue Weber; Deborah Troillett, RSM (LCWR member); Diane Fassel, SL; Eileen Campbell, RSM (LCWR member); Carol Regan, SUSC (RFC); Mary Pickard (GHR Foundation); Annmarie Sanders, IHM (LCWR staff); Rita Valade, RSM; Nancy Conway, CSJ (LCWR member) and Rita Waters, RSM. Seated: Ray Friel; Kathleen Mahoney (GHR Foundation); Maureen O’Connell, SL (LCWR member); Marie McCarthy, SP (LCWR staff); Patty Johnson, CSJ (LCWR associate); and Barbara Bozak, CSJ (former LCWR member).



LCWR Members Encouraged to Reflect on Emerging Insights

A new LCWR contemplative insight card is now available for downloading. The July 2014 card (pictured) is available at: lcvr.org/resources/leadership-pathways/ behold.

The insights on these cards are drawn from the responses submitted from the 15 LCWR regions after completing the “Behold, I am Doing Something New” contemplative process.

Extra Copies of Occasional Papers and Praying in These Emerging Times Available

Some extra copies of both the Summer 2014 issue of *Occasional Papers* and the 2014 LCWR reflection book, *Praying in These Emerging Times*, are available for purchase.

Orders may be placed online:

Occasional Papers: lcvr.org/item/summer-2014-discernment (Members and associates will soon receive their individual copies in the mail.)

Praying in These Emerging Times: lcvr.org/publications/praying-these-emergent-times.



LCWR’s social mission office, in cooperation with justice and peace promoters around the country, has recently launched a number of email groups to connect advocates and multiply their efforts. These affinity groups are open to justice and peace promoters, members, colleagues, and friends.

The Bakhita Initiative Google Group is a virtual community of women religious and colleagues who address modern-day slavery. Contact: Margaret Nacke, CSJ - csjdev@nckn.com.

The LCWR Creation Justice Google Group, managed by Denise Curry, SNDdeN, provides a forum to share all kinds of information related to care for creation. Contact: Denise Curry - denise.curry@sndden.org.

The LCWR Death Penalty Google Group is designed to bring together women religious who are working on the issue of the death penalty and to share the resources and expertise of the Catholic Mobilizing Network to End the Use of the Death Penalty. Contact: Ilaria Buonriposi, CMS, sr.ilaria@catholicmobilizing.org.

The LCWR Immigration Coalition Google Group connects those working with and on behalf recent immigrants to the United States. Contact: Ann Scholz, SSND, ascholz@lcvr.org.

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Upcoming LCWR Dates

LCWR Assembly
Nashville, Tennessee
August 12 — 16, 2014

Leading from Within Retreat
Bethany Retreat Center
Lutz, Florida
January 11 — 16, 2015

Imagining Justice
Presentation Center
Los Gatos, California
March 2 — 5, 2015

LCWR New Leader Workshop
Conference Center - University of St.
Mary of the Lake
Mundelein, Illinois
March 19 — 22, 2015

LCWR Assembly
Houston, Texas
August 11—15, 2015

LCWR Assembly
Atlanta, Georgia
August 9—13, 2016

NRRO Accepting Applications for 2015 Planning Workshops

The Retirement Fund for Religious currently is scheduled to “sunset” in December 2017. That leaves only a few years for religious institutes to benefit from the planning assistance offered by the National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO). Institutes with more than 25 members that are more than 40% under-funded for retirement are eligible to receive both consultative and financial assistance from the NRRO through its planning and implementation process. (Institutes that are less than 40% under-funded are eligible to receive consultative assistance.) NRRO currently is accepting applications for the 2015 planning workshops.

An explanation booklet and application form are available on the NRRO website at www.usccb.org/about/national-religious-retirement-office/planning-and-implementation-assistance.cfm. Also available are some of the “success stories” of this process in the NRRO newsletters (www.usccb.org/about/national-religious-retirement-office/nrro-publications.cfm) -- in particular, Volume 25, Issues 2 and 3; Volume 26, Issue 1; and Volume 27, Issue 2. NRRO staff members will be ready to meet with LCWR members at the NRRO booth during the LCWR assembly.

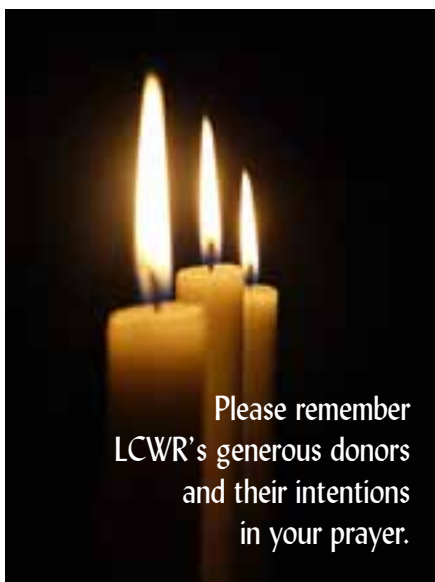
Is Your Leadership Term About to End?

If your leadership term is ending this month, we ask you to submit a change of leadership form found in the LCWR Members Information section (password-protected) of the website at lcwr.org/members/lcwr-membership-information.

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Registration for the Convocation of JPIC Promoters Still Open

Registration is open for “Entering the Transforming Future: JPIC Ministry in the Coming Age of Religious Life,” a national convocation for justice, peace, and integrity of creation personnel who serve women’s religious congregations. The convocation will be held from Tuesday, November 11 to Thursday, November 13, 2014 at River’s Edge Conference Center in Cleveland, Ohio.

The convocation will offer the opportunity for those engaged in justice, peace, and integrity of creation ministry to come together to strengthen regional and national networks, share resources and best practices, and discover ways to further the gospel call to build the reign of God.

The agenda will include a keynote address by Marie Dennis, co-president of Pax Christi International and former director of the Maryknoll Office of Global Concerns. It will also include opportunities for open space discussions, workshops, and talks on a variety of topics as well as a chance to explore future possibilities for collaboration.

The registration information is available at womenreligiousjusticeconvocation.org/registration. Payment and lodging information is on the registration form.

RFC Initiates Executive Director Search

Violet Grennan, MFIC will be completing her term as executive director of the Religious Formation Conference (RFC). The organization, located in Washington DC, has initiated a search for the next executive director. This position reports to the RFC board of directors. The search committee will be accepting applications through July 15, 2014.



RFC is seeking a visionary and strategic leader with experiential knowledge of religious life who has a well-grounded operational theology of apostolic life in the 21st century. RFC seeks a leader with a passion for advancing the mission of religious life and proven expertise in leading organizations forward strategically while ensuring solid operational performance daily. The conference is in search of an individual with readiness for immediate impact, high level of visibility, and full engagement on a local and national level with RFC constituents, key stakeholders, and membership.

RFC asks that LCWR members share this opening with their members and others. More information about the search and the application process are available at: www.relforcon.org/EDsearch.



NRVC Offers Summer Workshops

NRVC is committed to providing its membership with resources, workshops, and other programs that strengthen and enhance the professional skills of those serving in vocation ministry. The NRVC Annual Summer Institute is offering four workshops at the downtown campus of DePaul University. These workshops include:

- Ethical Issues in Vocation and Formation Ministry presented July 8-9 by Rev. Raymond P. Carey, PhD.
- Behavioral Assessment 1 presented July 10-12 by Rev. Raymond P. Carey, PhD.
- Orientation Program for New Vocation Directors presented July 14-18 by Paul Bednarczyk, CSC and Deborah M. Borneman, SSCM
- Understanding, Assessing, and Fostering Psycho-Sexual Integration presented July 19-22 by Lynn M. Levo, CSJ, PhD

Limited housing is available. More information and registration materials for these workshops are available at www.nrvc.net or by calling the NRVC Office at 773-363-5454.

Migration of Unaccompanied Children on the Rise

The unprecedented rise in arrivals of unaccompanied migrant children is fast becoming a humanitarian crisis. Before 2012, the number of arriving unaccompanied children averaged between 6,000 and 7,000 annually. In FY 2013, Health and Human Services' Office of Refugee Resettlement (HHS-ORR) served 24,668 children, almost double the 13,625 from the year before. In FY 2014, it is anticipated that approximately 60,000 children will come to the United States; most from Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras. Initially, the majority of children making the dangerous journey to the United States were boys. However, an increase in gender-based violence in these countries has forced a growing number of girls to undertake the arduous journey.

The growth in unaccompanied children in the United States is, for the most part, a result of "push factors" forcing them to leave their countries of origin. Many children from Mexico and Central America are fleeing violence, poverty, drug trafficking, gender violence, or extortion. Others are seeking to reconnect with family members. A number of these children will qualify for relief on humanitarian grounds. More information is available at unhcrwashington.org/children.

Child welfare advocates are adamant about the need to provide immigrant children with the least restrictive care within a community-based setting that meets the best interests of each child and are calling on Congress and the administration to ensure the protection and care of unaccompanied migrant children. Their recommendations include:

- Increase funding levels to ORR, which are currently inadequate to meet the expanding need.
- Ensure unaccompanied children are treated in a way that reflects their unique vulnerabilities, provides for their safety, and invests in their long-term integration and access to justice.
- Improve the trafficking-screening training and protocols along the border so that children entering the United States are properly evaluated and that victims of trafficking and persecution are effectively identified and referred for appropriate services.
- Place children in community-based care, NGO child welfare shelters, and other settings reflecting the needs of each child, including therapeutic place-

ments, mentor homes, and foster homes for young children and pregnant and parenting teens, rather than placing such children in large institutional settings.

- Require that all children released from federal custody receive follow-up services to ensure their safety and well-being.
- Provide legal representation for all unaccompanied migrant children.
- Remove barriers to accessing services for all vulnerable migrant children granted immigration status.
- Address the root causes of forced migration.

The US Conference of Catholic Bishops' Office of Migration and Refugee Services (MRS), recently developed the Unaccompanied Refugee Minor Program, which works with agencies around the world as well as in the United States to provide services to unaccompanied immigrant children, to help with re-uniting them with parents or other relatives, and to provide and oversee foster care when relatives cannot be located. More information can be found at tinyurl.com/na9we-us or by contacting Kristyn Peck (kpeck@uscgb.org) for details about plans for longer-term childcare needs including housing in smaller community-based residential facilities and transitional foster care. In addition Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA) is seeking help from Catholic organizations to meet staffing and housing needs for unaccompanied child migrants.

CCUSA is looking for Catholic agencies with bilingual case managers, licensed clinicians, immigration lawyers, and medical staff of all kinds able to serve unaccompanied child immigrants for a minimum of two weeks. Organizations with qualified staff are asked to contact Kristan Schlichte at kschlichte@catholiccharitiesusa.org.

Catholic Charities is also helping to coordinate US government outreach to the Catholic community. The government is interested in leasing facilities that could house 200-300 children. Buildings must be located within 50 miles of a metropolitan center; contain at least 40,000 square feet of open space and 40 square feet of space per child; and provide a secure and accessible environment. Empty office buildings, college dorms, retreat centers, seminaries, or religious houses may be suitable. Additional information may be obtained from Katie Oldaker at koldaker@catholiccharitiesusa.org.

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News from the UN

Profits from Trafficking Tripled since 2005

The profits gained from forced labor, human trafficking, and slavery are producing profits of \$150 billion annually, or more than three times the estimated profit in 2005, according to a report from the United Nations International Labor Organization. Details are available at tinyurl.com/oew5kq9.



Peace Day September 21

Each year the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on September 21. It is a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples. To mark the 30th anniversary of the General Assembly Declaration on the Right of Peoples to Peace, the theme of this year's International Day of Peace is the "Right of Peoples to Peace." More information is available at www.un.org/en/events/peaceday and www.PeaceDayPray.org.

UNFPA Officials say Child Marriage Violates Human Rights

Child marriage in Africa breaks two global human-rights agreements and the practice must end, write Julitta Onabanjo, Benoit Kalasa, and Mohamed Abdel-Ahad, regional directors of the United Nations Population Fund. "It is therefore an obligation of policy makers on the continent to protect the rights of the girl child that their governments have committed themselves to uphold. This includes putting an end to child marriage," they write in Inter Press Service IOP-Ed. The report is available at tinyurl.com/pr9c2zl.

Annual UN Conference Scheduled for August in NYC

The 65th UN DPI/NGO Conference, titled "2015 and Beyond: Our Action Agenda," is scheduled for August 27-29, 2014 at UN Headquarters in New York. The conference will focus on the theme of the role of civil society in the post-2015 development agenda and seeks to provide an opportunity for civil society networks and activists to mobilize messaging, advocacy strategies, partnerships, and accountability frameworks in the lead up to the start of the intergovernmental negotiations on the post-2015 development agenda. The conference is open to NGOs affiliated with the UN Department of Public Information or the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). More information is available at tinyurl.com/qhr43cp.



- Letter to Congress opposing efforts to use the appropriations process to change or weaken federal child nutrition programs. LCWR (5/19/14)
- Letter from Catholic leaders to Speaker Boehner asking him to stop the suffering of immigrant families and allow the House to act on comprehensive immigration reform. Carol Zinn, SSJ (5/20/14)
- Faith organizations' letter to Congress in support of the Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2014 (HR 3899/S.1945) and urging its swift passage by both chambers of Congress. LCWR (5/22/14)
- Letter urging the UN General Assembly's Open Working Group on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) to explicitly affirm its commitment to protect and promote the human right to water and sanitation within the SDG framework and implementation. LCWR (6/11/14)
- Letter to Ed Royce (R-CA), chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee expressing support for his efforts to move the Senator Paul Simon Water for the World Act of 2013, through committee and onward to the full House. LCWR (6/11/14)
- Letter from the faith-based community urging Congress to support HR 2901, the Senator Paul Simon Water for the World Act of 2013, for passage by the full House and Senate this Congress. LCWR (6/11/14)
- Religious leaders' letter on behalf of farmworkers in the tobacco fields under contract to Reynolds American expressing continuing concern about the working and living conditions. Janet Mock, CSJ (7/7/14)

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Once immediate needs are met, CCUSA will begin collecting material items such as diapers, teddy bears, clothing, etc. In the meantime, CCUSA is accepting monetary contributions at catholiccharitiesusa.org/.



Pope Francis and Solidarity

by Joan Mumaw, IHM, Development Director-USA

Meeting refugees on the island of Lampedusa early in his pontificate, Pope Francis had these words to say to the world: "Solidarity, this word that strikes fear in the more developed world...they try not to say it. It's almost a dirty word for them. But it is our word!" During this same event he called on religious orders to make a stronger commitment to the poor.

In a follow-up conference held in Rome in March of this year, treasurers of religious congregations were called to reject accumulation of goods in order to follow Jesus, "the poor man who lives in solidarity with the poor." Mindful of this challenge and that of the Gospel, we invite religious congregations to partner with Solidarity with South Sudan to assist the church in that war-torn country to build the capacity of its people for leadership in the areas of healthcare, education, pastoral ministry, and agriculture. This initiative of the global religious community, a project of the UISG/USG, needs the support of every congregation be it in financial donations, personnel, and most importantly prayerful support for those in ministry in South Sudan and for peace and reconciliation. Foundations which have promised funding have put their pledges on hold due to the situation in the country. Solidarity, however, continues to build the capacity of the people of South Sudan and needs the support of the global religious community. More information on ways to support this initiative may be found at www.solidarityssudan.org for ways to support this initiative or by contacting Joan Mumaw at the Solidarity office in Silver Spring, Maryland at 734 731 3726 or jmumaw.solidarity@gmail.com.

House Passes Human Trafficking Bills

In May members of Congress took the important step of introducing and voting on five bills to address human trafficking. While their action demonstrated their commitment to prevent sex trafficking and help survivors rebuild their lives, they did not address labor trafficking or foreign labor recruitment reform. The bills included HR 573, HR 4058, HR 4573, HR 3530, HR 3610, and HR 4225.

In a statement released by Polaris Project, a leading organization in the global fight against human trafficking and modern slavery, Brittany Vanderhoof, the project's policy counsel, commented: "These bills are a step in the right direction in our collective effort to support victims, especially child victims of sex trafficking."

Advocates hope for additional bi-partisan legislation in the coming weeks that will curb fraudulent labor recruiting practices, strengthen the child welfare system for child victims of both sex and labor trafficking, and prioritize human trafficking within the US Department of State. Bill-by-bill highlights and Polaris's analysis are available at tinyurl.com/o4g7x3s.

CWR 20th Anniversary Conference: Lights! Camera! Mission! *Advancing Mission Through Storytelling and Visual Media*

The Communicators for Women Religious (CWR, formerly: NCNWR – National Communicators Network for Women Religious) will host its 20th annual conference Sept. 30 – Oct. 3 at the Hilton Long Beach in Long Beach, California. Presentations and workshops will focus on the conference theme "Lights! Camera! Mission! Advancing Mission Through Storytelling and Visual Media."



CWR is a professional organization of personnel responsible for communications within congregations of vowed women religious. The organization's mission is to offer a network of professional support and provide education for members who promote understanding of women religious, enhance their image and advance their mission. CWR is also a resource to organizations serving women religious. The annual conference is an opportunity to meet colleagues working in a similar work environment and provides great professional training sessions, closely connected to the day-to-day work of communicators. CWR encourages communication professionals, congregation leaders, vocation directors, and development directors to attend this informative conference. More information is available at www.c4wr.org.