

## Adrent 2015

Odvent, the beginning of a new liturgical season, is always a time to create some sacred space in the busiest days to simply rejoice in the gift already given to us in our Emmanuel, God with us. It is a season of joyful and hopeful expectation; a season to take some time from the often frenzied preparations we put upon ourselves in getting ready for Christmas.

Because of the birth of Jesus we know that Divine Energy is at work within us and all around us, permeating this cosmic world. As we heard from Meister Eckhart, "we are all mothers of God, for God is waiting to be born in us." At our Providence Event this year Sr. Ilia Delio, OSF, helped us to understand that we are surrounded by God's providence at every moment and all we have to do is pause long enough to recognize it.

This year our Advent reflections will be taken from our new WPC publication: *Providence Alive in Us: Ever Unfolding Mystery*. Each Sunday and Wednesday we will hear from some of our WPC reflectors on the writings of the first five authors in the book. I've asked these reflectors to take the quote given them and reflect with an Advent lens and from readings of the day as well. It will be a challenging and exciting task!

During this Advent may we be nourished by the Scriptures of the season and our very own women theologians' words as they are pondered in the hearts of our reflection writers! May this Advent be a time of ever unfolding Mystery for all of us!

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