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A Message from the LCWR Executive Director

Thank you for your messages of welcome, support and promise of prayer as I begin my ministry with LCWR. It is a joy to be working with the wonderful LCWR team and with you as we live our mission and call. If we can be of service to you please do not hesitate to contact the national office.



I am profoundly grateful to Janet Mock, CSJ for all that she has done for LCWR and the church. The time of orientation with Janet was comprehensive and very helpful. The wisdom she shared is gift and blessing. With all of you I wish Janet peace and some rest as she enters the sacred space of her sabbatical.

As the charism of religious life continues to unfold, a passage from the letter to the Ephesians speaks to my heart and experience: "God can do infinitely more than we can ask imagine." As we make this journey together I trust that the Spirit's movement within us, among us and around us will draw us deeper into the heart of God and God's people.

United with women religious throughout the world let us pray for peace in the hearts of all people and carry hope for a world of compassion.

Devotedly,

Joan Marie Steadman, CSC
LCWR Executive Director

LCWR Reflection Book



LCWR presents a new book, *I Will Give You the Treasures of Darkness*, a reflective resource for the spiritual journey. Based on the text of Isaiah 45:3, "I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places," the book focuses on God's work in the midst of the mystery of darkness.

Approximately 40 LCWR members share in short reflections what they have learned from their own life experiences about dwelling with darkness, how they encounter and relate to God in darkness, and what sustains them as they journey through dark times. The images and stories are shared with the hope that they will assist readers to plumb the richness of the dark experiences in their own lives and find the wisdom there that God may be inviting them to discover. Artwork by Catholic sisters will accompany the reflections, as well as questions and suggestions for deepening the reader's own prayer.

LCWR will print only the amount of copies that are pre-ordered. Special rates are available for ordering in bulk.

Orders may be placed online at lwr.org/publications/i-will-give-you-treasures-darkness and must be received with payment by February 27, 2015. The books will be mailed by April.

