



La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

Leadership Commission

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Judy Conner, Leadership Chair

National Convention Recap. We are Women of JOY!! A Big THANK YOU to all of you for sending representatives from the LDCCW to the National Convention! It is always a time of renewal and sharing of Catholic values in an uplifting, spiritual environment.



NCCW Presidents Report: There was great news from Sheila Hopkins, out-going NCCW President. The NCCW is financially stable and out of debt, with money in the bank! Yahoo! She shared that 2 million works of Mercy (instead of the 1 million goal) were collected this past year and presented to Pope Francis! How awesome is that!

Mentoring new leaders: The NCCW Leadership Commission focused its convention attention on attracting new women into leadership positions. Everyone received a mentoring handout that offered

the following strategy we can use to insuring the future of our organization:

"A mentor is a trusted and experienced person who can advise you on personal and business matters. A mentor can serve as teacher, sponsor, guide, exemplar, and counselor. A Mentee is a person who is advised and counseled by a more experienced person over a period of time. Mentorship is a relationship in which a more experienced or more knowledgeable person helps or advises a less experienced person. It is a learning and development partnership between someone with vast experience and knowledge and someone who wants to learn."

Come to the **LDCCW Shreshop on October 28 at St. Peter and Paul Parish in Independence** to learn more about mentoring to draw-in new leaders!



MENTORING
Women embracing Women

Other important mentoring elements:

- Be sure to welcome new members and have them list their talents, likes and dislikes.
- When you are in need of certain talents, use the gifts they have to get the job done. They will feel good about doing something they are good at!
- Give them a new member packet on what it means to be a member. Inform them of the NCCW and LDCCW website and resources.
- Advertise what your council is involved in. And be sure not to ask them to a leadership position at the first meeting they attend ☺
- Provide food options for those who have peanut, dairy or gluten allergies.



The Leadership Training Development (LTD)

team also presented helpful tips to attract younger members. Some of these included:

- Young women want to access info in different ways. Have a website, Facebook, Twitter account, depending on your area needs.
- Tell them what you do locally. NCCW is involved in helping with domestic violence, respite, human trafficking, mercy retreat, vocation purse club, and more!
- Notice the new person at the meeting. Start meetings on time and keep them timely. Young women (all women actually) are busy and have only a finite amount of time.
- Instead of chairman of committee, have teams!
- Be sure to delegate and share responsibilities.

Targeting new and younger members cannot come at the expense of retaining current and often older members. Ideas offered on this matter included:

- Respect them for their service; they have a lot to share.
- Have a WE CARE committee that sends thank yous, birthday cards, visit people in the nursing homes, and send cards to members who are missed at the meetings.

The LDCCW will be hosting the LTD team next year; stay tuned and plan to attend to get the latest and greatest knowledge and ideas to reinvigorate your councils when they come!

The Thorp Deanery convocation was held in September. Keynote speaker Moira Kneer spoke on how to bring individuals into leadership roles. It boils down to this: People need a personal invitation, to be asked, she explained. If you need a speaker on this topic or many other topics she does, give her a call, she is great!

Stacy Thomlinson's convention presentation was titled "She who has Jesus Lacks for Nothing!" She really touched my heart as she talked about her relationship with Jesus and how she has come to trust him in everything. Through her real life struggles, she shared how she grew closer to Jesus. We are the hands and feet of Jesus, she said. Have

courage, be kind. She said we don't trust Jesus, we often run from him..... "My, my, my, how he loves us!!" Stacy discovered that she was always saying "I" instead of giving it to Jesus to do. He can do anything! She ended saying Mary loves it when we sing and dance for her and then sang "Hail Mary" by Tony Melendez. It was a real testimony of prayer, faith and the love of Jesus for his children!!

2017 Women of Christ Conference

"Consider it all Joy" is this year's theme on Saturday, Nov 4, 9AM to 5PM at the Washington County Fair Park in West Bend. Register at www.womenofchrist.net or call 262-384-8414. The day includes Mass, confessions, adoration, vendor market, Eucharistic procession and speakers Jeff Cavins, Fr. Larry Richards, Donna Marie Cooper-O'Boyle (author and EWTN host), Leah Darrow (convert and former model), Judy Hehr (event Emcee) and Archbishop Jerome Listecki. Join Catholic women from all over the state to be refreshed in your faith! For groups of 5, cost is \$35 per person. Single ticket is \$40.

Province of Milwaukee Director Carol

Brennan was installed at NCCW Convention in Dallas Texas. Many thanks to Lucille Brandner who served us well for the past 2 years! We look forward to Carol's leadership.

