



Sisters of Mercy of the Americas
Hermanas de la Misericordia de las Américas

WEST MIDWEST COMMUNITY

May 16, 2011

Dear Voting Members of the Third Session of our WMW Assembly,

The first phase of the election process for President of the WMW has been completed with the determination of the list of voting members for the Third Session of the WMW Assembly. You are receiving this letter and ballot as a voting member of the WMW Assembly.

The purpose of this ballot is to determine the mode of the election process. You are asked to vote for a mode of coming together to elect the President. Options include:

- a. A face-to-face meeting of participants
- b. A live, participative video-conferencing of the election from multiple sites with two tellers at each location
- c. A suspension of the section of the Governance Plan that requires a face-to-face meeting, allowing the WMW Assembly to proceed to elect through use of paper (mail in) ballots. The section of the Governance Plan states: "In special situations, except for the election of the CLT, and after appropriate discussion and consultation, the CLT can decide that voting and limited Assembly business be conducted by mail or electronic transmission." (Section 3, Assembly #6)

This suspension is expressed in the following resolution:

In order to provide for the elections required by the death of Sister Norita Cooney, and only these elections, the Assembly suspends the following portion of the Governance Plan: "except for the election of the CLT" (Section 3, Assembly #6). This suspension is no longer effective after the above elections are completed.

As a voting member of the Assembly, you have the responsibility to help determine how we will proceed with the election of our new President. Please refer to the Q & A overview that was mailed on May 9 for additional information on this process. It is posted on the WMW web site (intranet) for your reference (link to intranet here).

To protect the privacy of each person in this phase of the election, two envelopes are enclosed to be used for the ballot. Please complete your ballot, put it in the unmarked envelope, write your full name on the outside of the envelope, place it in the envelope pre-addressed to the WMW office, seal it and mail to:

Sisters of Mercy
Attn: Election Process #1
7262 Mercy Road
Omaha, NE 68124-2389

(Please note that failure to write your name on the envelope that includes your ballot will render it invalid.) **Due in Omaha by Friday, June 3, 2011.**

Sincerely,

Katherine Doyle and Nancy Houlahan, Co-chairs, Corrine Connelly, Maureen Mulcrone, Nancy Perlick, and Laura Reicks
Assembly Planning Committee