

DCCW MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT & RESOURCE TEAM (MDR)

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Like Jim Croce sings "There never seems to be enough time to do the things you want to do".

The MDR Team is responsible for membership development and being a resource for help. It is closely related to the Leadership Commission as well as DCCW's efforts to promote DCCW/NCCW affiliation. We have always found NCCW to be the greatest resource of information for Councils. We have continually encouraged the use of the NCCW Guidance Manual, available in English and Spanish, and all the other excellent resources available on the NCCW website. However, these are only available in the "members only" section, so ladies groups need to affiliate with NCCW. A BIG pro when considering affiliating. We had a table out at last year's DCCW Convention with samples of many of these resources, which ladies were able to look at. Unfortunately, table space is more limited this year at the Little America Hotel. But, we do still have samples of many NCCW resources, if anyone wants to check them out before purchasing.

In getting ladies groups started and affiliated, the parish priest is the first person in the so-called chain of command. Without his support, a new group can't be started or may have a harder time. We want to give kudos to the Wasatch Deanery President, Annette Pressley, who on her own contacted the dean of priests for the Wasatch Deanery and along with President Kerouac was able to get some time on their agenda to make a presentation at their meeting on the who, what, why's of DCCW affiliation. Jeanne Audiss also attended on behalf of NCCW. MDR wasn't able to attend. This was a fantastic idea to reach the priests directly, especially those who don't have an active women's organization and those who don't understand the whole Rings of Council concept and where their parish fits in. We would like to encourage all deaneries to do the same.

Instead of us waiting for the phone to ring, deaneries can help identify where and who may need the help of DCCW. Deaneries are the Ring of Council closest to parishes whether or not they're presently affiliated. To that end President Kerouac asked for a representative from each deanery to be on the MDR team. These contacts are an area that needs to be further pursued so a real "team" effort can be made in helping parishes see in a tangible way the good received by being an affiliate of such great organizations as DCCW and NCCW.

We congratulate the incoming 2024-2026 DCCW officers. They won't believe how fast their term will go. The 2022-2024 Council term is over, and we didn't all get to do the things we wanted to do. If only we could bottle time.

