



## DCCW MEETING NOVEMBER 13, 2021

It is hard to believe that we are already half-way through the month of November! Where has this year gone? When I was first installed as DCCW President, two years sounded like a long time, but it has definitely flown by! We will soon begin our Advent season and be ushering in a new year. Let us pray that our health makes it through the continued presence of the COVID virus and that we receive plenty of moisture this winter to help lessen or alleviate the terrible drought we experienced last summer.

My duties have been plentiful since our September meeting, held on the Friday of convention. Our meeting with the Sheraton Hotel went well, as we reviewed the evaluation summaries and discussed any questions on the final bill for the convention. Bobbie Hunt and I met with Mariah and discussed changes for next year's convention. We have not signed the contract for 2022 as of yet, however. There are concerns with meals that need to be resolved before we can commit.

Our Convention Guidelines Committee has been working very hard on the changes that have been presented to you in your emails, and these changes will be reviewed and voted on at the board meeting November 13, 2021. There are many good suggestions and a great deal of thought has gone into these changes. Thank you, Kirsten Mele (Leadership Chair), Barb Kerouac, Jeanne Audiss, Bonnie Siegrist, Carol Harley, Marcie Downs, Pat Musich, Cheryl Johnson, and Kathy Fazio for your hard work. I participated on the committee as well.

I also appointed a Woman of the Year Committee as a "hot wash" after the convention. While working in public health, a hot wash was performed to review and address problems encountered with any event that occurred in the district. It is an effective way to discuss and correct problems encountered and a great way to find solutions before the next event occurs. This committee did an excellent job when we met in Salt Lake City the day of the annual meeting with the Bishop. I thank these ladies for their knowledge and input for solutions to streamline and perfect the Woman of the Year banquet in April of next year. Thank you to Michael O'Shea, Bonnie Siegrist, Marcie Downs, Jeanne Audiss, Barb Kerouac, and Kathy Fazio. I also participated on the committee.

The annual meeting with Bishop Oscar Solis went very well. Those in attendance at the meeting were Father Ariel Durian, Casey Pond, Barb Kerouac, Michael O'Shea, Kristina Causse,

the Bishop, and your DCCW President. (Tish Ramos-Yarber and Cherri Delgado were excused from the meeting.) I am excited to report that the Bishop stated we will receive our usual donation from the Diocese for our organization. He was very supportive of all that we do in our affiliates and our deaneries. The Bishop had many great suggestions for the convention next year, which paralleled the recommendations from the Woman of the Year committee. He was very animated in his discussion and continued to stress that we need to bring “fun” into our convention and our meetings, to celebrate being together in all that we do. I thanked the Bishop for travelling to Arlington, Virginia to attend the NCCW Convention and participate in the Mass and witness the installation of our own Pat Voorhes as NCCW President, and Amy Kennedy, as NCCW Secretary. I also thanked him for our September DCCW Convention and his participation at the Vigil Mass and the banquet for the Women of the Year. He has offered the use of the busses from the Madeleine School, to transport women to and from the hotel during the convention in April, in conjunction with the use of busses from Judge Memorial. We are thrilled!

Preparations are already in the works for speakers for April, when we will highlight our Service and our Spirituality Commissions. I am waiting for confirmation from the keynote speaker, whom I hope to be Dan Misleh, from the Catholic Climate Covenant based in Washington, D.C. Dan spoke at the WUCWO (World Union of Catholic Women’s Organization) conference. That conference took place the day before our NCCW Convention in September of this year. He was amazing and so very interesting to listen to with his knowledge of global warming and our environment. Our theme for the convention will be “A Vision for the Future”, which was the theme for the national convention. I hope to focus on the future of our world, our environment, and the vision we need to have for generations to come.

Our Immediate Past President, Casey Pond, has the duty of contacting and searching for people to fill the offices for DCCW next April. She is also blessed with the duty of finding a new San Francisco Province Director from our Salt Lake Diocese. Pray for Casey and look within your hearts to serve and keep our organization going, since we know it seems to get harder and harder to find officers to say “yes” to taking on a position on the board. The time you spend is sometimes a challenge, sometimes time-consuming, but always rewarding. Please pray and think about serving, if called upon by Casey. Thank you, Casey, and good luck!



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