

# Living into Our Emerging Future

## Module Two: What Do We See Ahead?

Group Process for December 1, 2024 - February 28, 2025



## Gathering with Others

To be used with one's own community and/or on the LCWR Zoom sessions for all women religious

Leader welcomes all.

Facilitators set the context -- recalling the content from Module One: Preparing for Our Emerging Future: What is the World Asking Us to Be?

### Breakout Sessions - Round One

Allow approximately 25 minutes for this conversation in groups of 4-5

Participants briefly introduce themselves and then share ideas on the following questions using contemplative dialogue. Please allow each participant in your group an opportunity to speak once before anyone speaks a second time. After all have spoken, participants listen carefully to what was shared and note the emergence of shared wisdom in the dialogue.

- How do the insights offered by Pat Kieler speak to me today?
- Like Mary Magdalene, how will we run to our sisters and brothers and make God known, today and in a beckoning future?
- What do we see ahead, for our congregation, for ourselves personally, and for our world?

### Large Group Sharing

Allow approximately 10 minutes for a few people to speak

Facilitators invite anyone who would like to share briefly about one key insight that emerged in the breakout session conversation that might be helpful for all to hear. Keeping the insights brief will allow the group to hear many of the key insights.

### Breakout Sessions - Round Two

Allow approximately 25 minutes for this conversation in groups of 4-5. These will be different groups from round one.

- Taking the path that leads to the center of your life, what insight do you have about living into your emerging future? Expand this reflection to the emerging future of your congregation... of religious life in the United States... of religious life in the world.
- What did our founders/foundresses see in their time? How far ahead did they try to see? What do you see ahead? How is it influenced by what you see today and what we saw in the past – at Vatican II, at our congregation's founding?
- How do we move into this future, aware of yet not burdened by the vast sea of change in which we find ourselves, seeking to live gracefully into a horizon of expectation which holds past, present and future in a light grasp? How do we live fully the NOW in a way that brings grace and light to the future?



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## *Contemplative Pause*

## *Closing Prayer*

“Dear Lord”

My prayer for the emerging future,  
Comes from the depth of my vulnerability.  
A commitment, Dear Lord, deep and binding,  
And yet, I fear for the future of not being able to live out this calling.  
My prayer, Dear Lord, for this emerging future  
Is to have a future of the truest viability  
When the halls and houses were full of us  
Eager to please and to serve.  
Dear Lord, we are still viable and living on this earth  
To listen to your directions  
On our emerging future.  
We are here with eager hearts,  
Capable hands,  
And the capacity to love and love deeply and richly.

Our vulnerability is real.  
Our vitality is real.  
Our viability is enduring.

Dear Lord, we are here.  
Sandra Coles-Bell



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