

DISCERNMENT GUIDE

PREMISE:

- You have been identified as having leadership qualities required by the conference at this critical time
- You have accepted the call to discern
- This discernment begins in the Heart of God
- This discernment is a ministry to the conference

REFLECTIVE PREPARATION:

- What is our world, our society, God's people asking of women religious right now? What is most desperately needed from us?
- At this time of change in the governance structure of the LCWR presidency & ED position, what is required of those discerning this call?

PERSONAL IMPACT:

- What was my reaction when I received the invitation to discern for the ED position?
- What are my resistances? What is their source?
- What is this call asking me to give up? To take on?
- Toward what is this call beckoning me?
- What do I see as the "great possibility" in this invitation with the LCWR?
- Given the description of the role, what aspects of the ED position would be easy for me? What aspects would be difficult? What aspects would be life-giving? What aspects evoke fear or "blah" in me?
- What gifts and skills would I bring to the position of ED?
- How would my appointment as ED affect my religious congregation?

THE DIVINE "OUGHT":

- What do I hear God saying when I consider the possibility of this role for myself?
- What do I hear myself saying to God in response?

We often become what we believe ourselves to be.

If I keep on saying to myself that I cannot do a certain thing,
it is possible that I may end by really becoming incapable of doing it.

On the contrary, if I have the belief that I can do it,
I shall surely acquire the capacity to do it even if I may not have it at the beginning.

~Mahatma Gandhi