We, the members of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, believe that God’s call is written in the signs of our time. Our foremothers and founders stepped into the chaos and the unknown of their day, trusting in God’s good guidance and great providence. In our time, we are called to do the same. Inspired by the radical call of the Gospel, led by God’s Spirit and companioned by one another, we embrace our time as holy, our leadership as gift, and our challenges as blessings.

In this time of God’s favor, we live in a world where major social and global changes create fear, anxiety, confusion, and polarization. Technology, communication, and information shrink time and distances among peoples. Inaccessibility to basic resources breeds suffering, oppression and violence. Increasingly, violence, military force and terrorist activity are used to settle disputes. Multinational corporations exert control over legitimate governments. Religion is used to justify political and personal aggression. Environmental degradation threatens all of God’s creation.

And where people long for justice, peace and communion, work to achieve the common good, hunger for spirituality and meaning, claim personal and communal power for change, awaken to the wonder of the universe, and the place of humans within it.

The Spirit of God is upon us. God has anointed us to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives, to bring recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim this, our age, as a time of God’s favor.