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LCWR 2013 Assembly  
Leadership Evolving:  
Graced, Grounded & Free  
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## Leadership Evolving: Graced, Grounded and Free Embracing a New Critical Juncture

A Pre-LCWR Assembly Workshop presented by the  
Leadership Conference of Women Religious,  
National Religious Retirement Office &  
Resource Center for Religious Institutes

August 13, 2013 -- 8:30 AM -- 1:30 PM  
LCWR Assembly Site

Participants in the 2013 LCWR assembly -- Leadership Evolving: Graced, Grounded & Free -- will explore how the growing awareness of an evolving universe impacts understandings of religious life and leadership.



Keynoter **Ilia Delio, OSF** will address the topic, "Religious Life on the Edge of the Universe." In order to prepare for her presentations, LCWR suggests that members read the following:

- *The Unbearable Wholeness of Being: God, Evolution, and the Power of Love*, a book by Ilia.
- The interview with Ilia from the summer 2012 edition of *Occasional Papers*: "Seeing Christianity as a Religion of Evolution and the Implications for Religious Life." The interview is available at: [lcsr.org/sites/default/files/page/files/interview\\_with\\_ilia\\_delio\\_-\\_op\\_summer\\_12.pdf](http://lcsr.org/sites/default/files/page/files/interview_with_ilia_delio_-_op_summer_12.pdf)

The assembly will also include a presentation by and opportunity to interact with Archbishop J. Peter Sartain, as well as several executive sessions to discuss the CDF mandate to LCWR.

Early registration is encouraged since fees increase after June 21.

The purposes of the gathering are:

- To increase awareness of the urgency of planning for the future
- To familiarize participants of the services available through the three presenting organizations (LCWR, NRRO and RCRI)
- To review a variety of approaches for planning for the future including the covenanting concept
- To suggest some "next best steps" for moving forward

The gathering will be especially helpful to leaders of communities that identify with one or more of the following:

- Are concerned about lack of financial planning and/or fiscal management for the future
- Have a median age of 75 or higher
- Have had no new members in the recent past
- Are concerned about diminishing numbers and a shrinking leadership pool

Registration deadline: June 15, 2013

While it would be beneficial for entire leadership teams or councils to attend this workshop, the limit for the number from any one community is two members, since the workshop is restricted to 100 participants. If after June 15 there is room for more participants, registration will be opened to additional members of council/leadership teams.

Fee: \$125 per person including lunch

Registration Form: [lcsr.org/system/files/members/attachments/pre-assembly\\_gathering.pdf](http://lcsr.org/system/files/members/attachments/pre-assembly_gathering.pdf)























