

Leadership Commission, March 2015

Carol Brennan, Chair

Leadership and Advocacy Calls: NCCW Connect, February, by Jane Carter:

**Leadership and Advocacy Conference Calls will be scheduled on the 2nd Wednesday of every month.** Mark your calendars and plan your schedule to include the opportunity to learn and share with Council sisters from across the country--without leaving home!

\*Put reminders on your calendar, phone &/or computer.

\* **CALLS ARE OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS! Especially beneficial for presidents & board members.**

**NCCW CALL IN NUMBER: (712) 432-2375 PIN 505816#**

**TIME ZONE INFO:** 5 p.m., PT, 6 p.m. MT, **7p.m. CT**, 8 p.m. ET

Upcoming calls

Apr. 8 LTD, with Mary Matheus and Pat Reymann

May 13 Spirituality Commission, with Patty Johnson

June 10 Board Meeting Report, with Sheila Hopkins, President Elect

July 8 Service Commission--Prison Ministry, with Nancy Poll

Aug. 12 Convention Update -- Co-chairs/commission chairs (workshops)

Mar 1 Domestic Violence

The March NCCW Connect has an article "**Promoting the NCCW 'We are Called to Witness' Program**" **TIPS for PRESIDENTS.**" The original handout is connected to this report but I have a few suggestions also: A copy of this was already given to our Bishop by Jean Kelly, Province Director, and I gave a copy to our Spiritual Advisors. Give a copy to your parish priest, DRE as well as your Catholic school if you have one in your parish. Your priest will then have this information, and your DRE and school may want to use some of the ideas and suggestions for Evangelization with their students.

**MORE IDEAS:** Also in this NCCW Connect there were more ideas for using this program by Eileen O'Connor and Pat Cetera. I will summarize a couple of these but you can find them in their entirety in the Connect.

\***Lenten Calendar - Inspiration for Every Day**". Many of you probably thought about doing this during Lent but maybe didn't quite get around to it. I have good news - you can use this as a guide for ANY month, you may just have to make a few adaptations. This is ideal for councils AND individuals to help you focus on ways to Evangelize, as well as to help you grow in your faith. I used to think Evangelization meant going door to door preaching the Gospel. Well, it is BUT it is much more: It is **living** your faith in your everyday life, wherever you are, whatever you are doing and **sharing** it with others.

\*"Hospitality is about welcome and building relationships, and relationships are the foundation of membership. Christian hospitality is rooted in Scripture and is comprised of both presence and attention as well as reaching people where they are, not always waiting for them to come to us." (Pg. 42). **(Join or start a parish Ministry of Hospitality.)**

\***The Apostle Philip: A 3 Step Model for Evangelization**, excerpt from Pope Francis' catechesis on Acts 8:26 (p. 70), **Docility, Dialogue with people, and Trusting in the grace of God.** "...the docility to evangelize, to do what God is requesting; secondly, a dialogue with the people, but during this dialogue, you begin from where these people come from; and thirdly, trusting in grace. Grace is more important than all the bureaucracy. 'What prevents this?' Remember this. So many times we people of the Church are a factory to create obstacles so people can't arrive at grace. May the Lord help us to understand this."

\* TIPS for PRESIDENTS from NCCW promoting the NCCW "We are Called to Witness" program is included in this information.

"FOLLOW ME - Called to Serve, Chosen to Lead" A something that jumped out at me from the latest Catholic Woman was we must remember EVERY person is important - not just our officers. Everyone has different gifts - they are all

valuable. Everyone's ideas are important. We need all of you, your thoughts, ideas, past experiences, hopes, dreams, challenges, even your disappointments but especially your help as this will help us all grow. We are all connected.

**EVANGELIZATION IS NOT A 1 OR 3 YEAR PROGRAM - THIS SHOULD BE A WAY OF LIFE - FOREVER!**

**In our Prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel we pray "Make Us WISE, COURAGEOUS,  
LOVING LEADERS OF THE CHURCH!"**

**BE NOT AFRAID - GET OUT AND EVANGELIZE!**