

## Louisville Province Report for NCCW

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I returned to Tennessee January 21, 2019, after the March for Life and NCCW Board meeting. Below are my notes.

### March for Life and Board meeting

The National Council of Catholic Women participated in the Mass and March for Life in January. The Executive Committee and Board of Directors then met at the Washington Retreat House to review and work on plans for the future of NCCW. The Spirituality, Leadership, and Service Commissions met in groups to formulate resolutions and programs for the 2019 Convention.

### Membership

A great emphasis is being placed on membership—both individual and affiliate. **Growth in membership is essential** for any organization's future. The Leadership Commission is planning posts on Facebook, in the *Connect* newsletter, and in *Catholic Woman* to give affiliates ideas for increasing their membership. The commission is also preparing a program for the convention to encourage membership.

### NCCW Convention in Atlanta

The 2019 Convention will be **August 21 (Wed.)-24 (Sat.) at the Renaissance** on the north side of **Atlanta**, making it convenient for members from the Louisville Province to drive. (I would like to charter a bus to take us to Atlanta. So far, I've gotten expensive quotes. If anyone has suggestions for a bus company, please let me know.) The theme is **Caring for God's Creation**. Be aware that early registration begins March 1 and ends July 1, and July 29 marks the end of registration. Check out the contest on the website for the convention. You may get your way paid to the convention by bringing in new members.

### Human Trafficking

NCCW is still working with the USCCB and Catholic Sisters against Human Trafficking. Some of us wore blue on January 11, but many people didn't get the word in time. Put it on your calendar for next year. The Homeland Security declared January 11 as Blue Day to promote awareness of the scourge of human trafficking. President Trump finally signed a bill passed by Congress in October to authorize funds to assist victims of human trafficking. For information and materials to help your affiliate be more involved in this **fight against human trafficking**, go to the NCCW website, [www.NCCW.org](http://www.NCCW.org). There is also a **form for reporting** any work you or your affiliate is doing to help wipe out human trafficking.

### Resolutions

Anyone may submit resolutions to NCCW. Resolutions are discussed and voted on at the convention. The form for drafting a resolution is on the website along with information for submitting your resolution. The **deadline** for sending resolutions to the **Resolutions Committee is February 23, 2019.**

### Voting

Votes for officers are cast electronically. If you are a member, you will receive instructions through email. If you do not have email, you will receive a paper ballot. **Each individual gets one vote; each affiliate gets 2 votes**, which will be cast by the president of the affiliate, so be sure to let your affiliate president know your pleasure. Bios of the candidates are in the current *Connect* e-newsletter. This year we will be voting on president-elect and secretary. Our own Nancy Poll is Chair of the Election Committee.

### NCCW Communications

The *website* [www.NCCW.org](http://www.NCCW.org), *Catholic Woman*, the monthly *Connect e-newsletter*, monthly **3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday conference calls**, **Rosary on the 13<sup>th</sup> of each month** to commemorate the last appearance of Mary at Fatima—all these are ways to stay informed and involved with the National Council of Catholic Women. Go to **“Affiliate Happenings”** on the NCCW website to see what exciting things other affiliates are doing. You may also post something your affiliate would like to share. If you are having trouble navigating the website, there is a **“Guide to the Website”** at the bottom of the homepage.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns pertaining to NCCW.

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