

## KDCCW (virtual) Board Meeting - April 23, 2020 Spirituality Commission Chair Report - Lucy Brown

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The National Council of Catholic Women acts through its members to support, empower, and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership, and service. NCCW programs respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world.

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Since mid-March, our happy planning and anticipation for our 2020 KDCCW Convention has of necessity been sidetracked, adjusted and the event itself postponed until probably late October because of the current worldwide coronavirus pandemic that is no small threat to life and sanity. Nevertheless, **“Mary’s Fiat, Our Yes: A Vision for the Future”** will yet come to be within our Lord’s will and timing. Though we in east Tennessee have not been as sorely affected as those in many other states, we are all suffering in varying degrees privately and corporately from the severe restrictions placed upon us by our national, state and clerical leaders for whom we continually ask God’s protection and wisdom. We await resumption of “normal” living whenever that can safely take place. We pray and love a lot because we are people of hope and we know and trust the Someone Who is HOPE Himself. He is accompanying us, encouraging us, enabling our adjustments and flooding us with His Grace and Mercy so we may reach out with physical and spiritual help and comfort to others as we are able and our God-given giftings dictate.

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As to the “business at hand,” your Spirituality Commission Chair has been ever busy to continue gleaning choice morsels of spiritual food for you from a variety of faithful sources.

I submitted my resolution **“I Want to Sit at Your Feet, Jesus”** and received vote approval from our KDCCW board for presentation to our general constituency at Convention in October for their hopeful adoption. The subject matter of this resolution is particularly needful and poignantly timed for us all to execute in these days of extreme challenge and upside-down daily schedules. Interestingly enough, I wrote it only weeks before the COVID-19 crisis burst upon the scene!

With the need to encourage our sisters during this worldwide health crisis that is keeping most of us confined to our homes and away from public places, meetings, Masses, the Sacraments, etc. for yet an undetermined time, I have sent out many more **Spirituality Commission emails** than usual. I will continue doing so as I feel led by the Holy Spirit.

Following are my emails that were sent after our January 11, 2020 board meeting:

1/22/20	“Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children”
1/27/20	“Keep a Bible Close to You for Daily Inspiration” ... Pope Francis at First Sunday of the Word of God
2/13/20	“Love Story – Connect the dots in your heart”
2/17/20	“Lenten Preparation Novena to the Holy Face begins today 17 February”
(2/18/20	how to receive these future days’ prayers // Fw: Lenten Preparation Novena ...)

3/5/20 "Lenten Meditations"  
3/9/20 "Help yourself be informed //Fw: Pray this Novena for Protection from Coronavirus"  
3/12/20 "serious message today from a friend"  
3/17/20 for such a time as this ... "In Quietness and Confidence"  
3/27/20 "keeping our focus"  
4/1/20 "What is the Lord saying in this time?"  
4/8/20 "For Friday and Beyond"  
4/15/20 "An Easter Gaze"

(These are all archived so if you want one/some resent to you, let me know.)

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### Special Note to Deanery Presidents:

Beginning now and in preparation for the Memorial Mass at our 2020 Convention, the names of women from each parish who have died between April 1, 2019 and March 31, 2020 need to be gathered and emailed to me very soon now so a script can be prepared for each deanery spiritual advisor to read at the Mass.

**Deanery presidents**, please gather those names by contacting each of the church secretaries within your deanery. Please compile all names, by parish, into a final list before emailing it to me.

Thank you, Aimee, for sending me the names from Five Rivers Deanery. I need to hear yet from Chattanooga, Smoky Mountain and Cumberland Mountain Deaneries.

(Please mark "Memorial Mass Names" in the subject line. Send to: [mellucy1967@yahoo.com](mailto:mellucy1967@yahoo.com))

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May God bless and keep each one of us close to His Sacred Heart. Let us pray for one another and rejoicing, rest in hope. Snuggle down in our Lord's loving embrace. His mercies endure forever and they are new every morning!

Finding solace with you within His Holy Wounds,  
*Lucy Brown*



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