

FCCW Leadership Commission Report

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Transition and Preparing for our New Normal

The FCCW Leadership Commission has been communicating regularly with the NCCW Leadership Commission to keep abreast of new ideas and trends. They have been busy getting ready for the national convention, especially with a new breakout session of Lunch and Learn.

We realize that many councils are not meeting during this time of Covid-19, however, many are keeping their membership informed and working on projects! Congratulations on not letting this time of crises stop your important work. We would like to encourage all councils to stay in touch with their sisters using any means you may have at your disposal.

Now is the time to begin to plan for next years schedule and programs. It is an excellent time to contact your membership and survey what would be beneficial to them. It is also a great idea to have a meeting with your spiritual advisor and get him on board with a back to council retreat when you start meeting again in the fall. Go over dates and times you would like to have him present, or ideas he may have for a retreat facilitator. Communicate what you would like him to do, even if it is saying a prayer before or after your meetings. Ask him how the council could be of service to him. He may need extra hands on deck getting everything back to our new normal. Be there for him and let him know you and your members are ready to support him and your parish, deanery, or diocese.

It would also be beneficial to have your transition meeting from last years officers to the new ones. We have heard from some councils that are keeping the same officers, since the year was cut short. If you are switching officers, be sure they are trained and have last years' folders containing goals and a list of contacts and what the previous officer or commissioner accomplished. Is there anything left undone? Are there any on-going projects that need your attention? Communication is the key to a smooth transition and goal setting. How are you going to achieve this?

Many CCW training sessions have been cancelled this summer; however, we want to let you know that we are here to assist you in how you can do an inhouse leadership training. Preparation is the best resource for a successful council year. ***And let us not forget the most important factor, prayer. Please know all of you will be in our prayers as we prepare for our new normal.***

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