## Listening & Learning, Networking & Responding

A weekend conference for women religious who are lesbian, congregational leaders, or formation/vocation ministers

February 5, 5:00 p.m. – February 7, 2010, 1:30 p.m.

San Damiano Retreat Center
710 Highland Drive
Danville (near Oakland), CA 94526
925-837-9141

- Listen to the coming out stories of lesbian sisters--those who discovered their sexual orientation before they entered community life and those who came to this awareness during religious life.
- Learn from the stories of leaders and formation/vocation ministers who have companioned lesbian sisters and begun education about homosexuality in their communities.
- Network with other women religious while enjoying conversation, prayer, and laughter.
- Discuss how to respond by promoting awareness through LCWR, RFC, and NRVC.

Registration: \$135 by Nov. 12 or \$155 after Nov. 12, 2009
Includes accommodations, Friday supper, meals on Saturday, and Sunday breakfast and lunch.
Financial aid available.

Call: 301-864-3604, e-mail: info@NewWaysMinistry.org or write Womanjourney Weavings, 4012 29th St., Mt. Rainier, MD 20712.

## Our Presenters



Sandy Yost, CSJ
Listening - Coming
Out While in
Community



Deidre Jordy, SP

Listening - Coming
Out before Entering
Community



Julie Brown, RSM
Learning - Lesbian
Sisters: Why Talk
about It?



Mary Ann Zollmann,
BVM

Learning - A View from Our Communities
& Congregational
Leaders



Diana Rawlings, ASC

Learning - A View from Our

Communities & Vocation/Formation

Ministers

## Conference Schedule

•	ebruary 5, 2010
4:00 pm	Check-in and Social in the Meeting Room
5:30 pm	Opening Session
	Welcome, Sharing, Ritual Experience
7:00 pm	Supper
8:00 pm	Social or retire
Saturday,	February 6, 2010
8:00 am	Breakfast
9:00 am	Morning Prayer
9:30 am	Listening - Coming Out While in Community
	- Sandy Yost, CSJ
10:00 am	Quiet reflection and small group sharing
10:30 am	Break
10:45 am	Listening - Coming Out before Entering
	Community – Deidre Jordy, SP
11:15 am	Quiet reflection and small group sharing
11:45 am	Break
12:00 pm	Dinner
1:30 pm	Large Group Response to the Storytelling
	How does your heart respond to the stories you
2.00	heard? Do the stories evoke further questions?
2:00 pm	Learning - Lesbian Sisters: Why Talk about It?
3:00 pm	– Julie Brown, RSM Break
3:30 pm	Learning - A View from Our Communities
3.30 pm	Panel:
	- Mary Ann Zollmann, BVM,
	- a BVM Community Member,
	- Diana Rawlings, ASC
4:30 pm	Small Group Response
4:45 pm	Large Group Discussion
5:30 pm	Break
6:00 pm	Supper
7:00 pm	Ritual
8:30 pm	Movie: Milk and/or Social
Sunday, February 7, 2010	
	Breakfast
	Eucharist
	Networking and Responding
	- Reports on Past Year
	- What actions can be initiated with LCWR,
	the Religious Formation Conference,
	the National Religious Vocation Conference,
	and our own communities?
11:15 am	Future Planning and Evaluation
11:30 am	Closing Prayer
12:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	Departure
We will try to provide transportation to/from the Oakland airport. Please arrive before 1:00 pm Friday and depart after 4:00 pm Sunday	

Overnight accommodations on Feb. 7: \$75 (includes Monday

breakfast, but not Sunday dinner).



Registration

I am registering for the weekend, Listening & Learning, Networking & Responding, February 5-7, 2010. Make checks payable to New Ways Ministry. Registration fee enclosed: \$135 by November 12, 2009 or \$155 after November 12, 2009. Check all that apply: Lesbian Sister \_\_\_ Community Leader Formation/Vocation Minister Name \_\_\_\_\_ Congregation Address E-mail City State Zip Day Phone Evening Phone Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_