

It has been just one year since the Eucharistic Congress was held in Indianapolis, Indiana. If you participated in any of the pilgrimage routes leading up to the Congress, or got to actually attend the Congress, you know it was a special moment. And even if you were not able to be there, the fruits of that Eucharistic Revival are still flowing during this Year of Mission and there are still opportunities for everyone to be a Eucharistic Missionary, inspired by this great revival. According to the Eucharistic Congress Website, "Jesus in the Eucharist is the answer to every restless longing of the human heart. If we truly believe this, then living faith will compel us to share this joy with our brothers and sisters! That's what the third year of the Revival - the Year of Mission - is about."

At the Congress, we were all urged to go back to our homes and be Eucharistic Missionaries. We are asked to pray for guidance and "Walk With One" by searching for people that we could encounter and accompany in a journey of faith. Easier said than done! But the amazing thing is that there are many resources available FREE to all of us through the web site set up by the Eucharistic Revival. At this link, you can read all about being a Eucharistic Missionary and access all sorts of resources and videos (my favorite were videos about how to accompany those folks we know in difficult situations) and sign up for regular updates, links, and even ZOOM training. www.eucharisticrevival.org/become

And amazingly, at the recent Province meeting for women from all three Nebraska Dioceses, John and Rebessa Lillyman from Kearney, Nebraska spoke about their experiences of Eucharistic Mission and they gave advice and examples from their lives on how to strike up conversations and help people encounter Jesus in very ordinary situations. Their stories of sharing Jesus in the grocery store or at a doctor's office brought us to tears. After discussion, several women shared touching stories of their own experiences of sharing their faith. One woman turned her new move to an assisted living home into an encounter of faith with a lonely neighbor. Did I say amazing? I left feeling that being a missionary might actually be easier than I thought. I would recommend John and Rebecca Lillyman as speakers for anyone needing an inspirational program for their group. And, thanks to support from our LDCCW, we can all be better missionaries wherever we are.