

Project Update - January 31, 2026

LDCCW is women walking together - across ages, experiences, and seasons of life - growing in faith and serving with purpose.

Historian: Kay Palha

- Born & raised in Nebraska! UNL Alumni (Psychology)
- Lived in NYC 12+ years (where I met my husband), also lived in Denver and Chicago before moving back to Lincoln (small business owner)
- PCCW Secretary - St. Peter
- Marriage prep coordinator - St. Mary
- WWME & Love & Life Programs (volunteer - marriage enrichment programs)
- Professional training: HR, tech & finance recruiting, tech operations, social services

Review

- Preserve memories & milestones
 - Document annual activities & events
 - Organize historical archives for future accessibility
 - Celebrate the impact of women in faith leadership
 - Support diocesan & national goals, aligning documentation
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Collect & digitize

- Call for contributions
- Scan and digitize older paper records
- Organize materials by decade or administration

Archive Setup

- Research tool options
- Locate physical archives
- Create digital archives
- Organize all files

Reports/Displays

- Prepare historical displays (March) & reports (May)
 - "This Day in LDCCW History..."
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Update - In Progress/Ongoing

Interviews:

- Scheduling Interviews
- Taking notes: do better
- Member memory drive
- Volunteers for interviews

Chancery - Archives

- Locate archives
- Collect documentation
- Scan documents

Technology:

- Storage solutions
- Scan documents using OCR technology
- Create a searchable repository
- Document organization
- Naming standards

Demo - Interview Video Clip

- Big THANK YOU to Ellen Jirovsky!
- 40 minute recording (could easily go for hours)
- Lessons learned -
 - need better video equipment (mic/camera) and editing software
 - reassure people that I will cut out anything they don't want published; also they are only sharing their perspective - not called to be experts.

Initial Goals (recalibrating...)

- **November 2025:** Member memory drive: Collect 10 stories or photos from past members - technically this is done, but not in sharable format >Estimated hours of work to record and edit ~10 interviews (~40 hours)
- **December 2025:** Begin organizing digital records by decade - this has been done with the small amount I have already scanned, and most of the archived documents are already in chronological order; they just need to be scanned. >Estimated hours of work to scan/organize existing archives: ~40 hours (or 14 days @ 3 hours per day - limited times to access information)
- **March 2026:** Display the Diocesan and Deanery history books at the Biennial Convention. Place LDCCW records in the Chancery archives. ~5 hours (or 2 days - limited times to access archives)

Chancery - photos of the archives (main contact: Sister Patricia Radek)

- some loose paper documents & president books
- stored in 2 areas in the basement
- fairly well-organized based on viewing a couple of boxes
- recommend wearing gloves to handle documents to help preserve them

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- Share any photos, programs, or memories you have!
- Volunteer for an interview - let's preserve your voice and experience.
- Nominate someone to be interviewed.

Gifts/prizes - thank you!

Notes: