Join the ILT in ritual to weave togetherness as Institute

“A Tapestry Unfolding: Reweaving the Threads of Mercy” is the theme of the Institute ritual that will mark the July 1, 2019, transition to one elected leadership team—the Institute Leadership Team—and the first Institute-wide missioning of sisters. The ritual will take place on the local level, in a variety of gatherings that will occur between June 15 and July 20. It will include readings; time for reflection and sharing; and a video message from the ILT that will mission sisters, bless associates and companions, and affirm the current Community and country leaders as leaders for the Institute for 2019–2021.

An opening video that weaves together pictures of sisters, associates and companions from across the Institute was created especially for this occasion by Sister Genemarie Beegan, and the ritual was planned by the Institute Ritual Committee: Sisters Mary Ruth Broz, Marie Ann Ellmer, Maria Rosario Gaite, Maria Klosowski, Colleen O’Toole and Pat Flynn (ILT Liaison).

The following is a list of the ritual celebrations that will be occurring in the Communities. If you would like to attend one of these celebrations and you are not from that Community, please contact the person listed for more information. Attendees will be responsible for their own travel and accommodations.

If you are not able to attend one of the community gatherings and would like to gather a group of sisters, associates and companions to celebrate this transition, please contact your Community Leadership Team for the ritual materials.

**CCASA**
Date: July 26–30
The ritual will take place during the CCASA Assembly in Lima, Peru.

**Guam**
Date: July 10
Time: 11:00 a.m.
Contact: Marian Arroyo, marroyo@mercysc.org

Mid-Atlantic
Mid-Atlantic will be hosting gatherings at five sites on June 20.

Time: 10:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
Location: Convent of Mercy, Merion, Pennsylvania
Contact: Ricki Bonnard, rbonnard@mercymidatlantic.org

Time: 3:30 p.m.
Location: Mercy Center, Dallas, Pennsylvania
Contact: Susanne Stash, sstash@mercymidsatlantic.org

Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: Sisters of Mercy Convent, Whitestone, New York
Contact: Maureen McCormick, mmcormack@mercymidatlantic.org

Time: 3:00 p.m.
Location: Marian Woods, Hartsdale, New York
Contact: Sister Betty Scanlan, Bettyrsms2@aol.com

Time: 4:00 p.m.
Location: Bayshore Senior Center, 100 Main St., Keansburg, New Jersey
Contact: Sister Pat Morrison, pmorrison@mercymidatlantic.org

Please RSVP to the contact person listed under each locale by Wednesday, June 12.

Northeast
Date: July 6
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Location: Sturbridge Host Hotel and Conference Center, Sturbridge, Massachusetts
Contact: Sister Maureen Mitchell, mmitchell@mercyne.org

New York Pennsylvania West
Date: June 30
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Place: Millennium Hotel, Buffalo, New York
Contact: Sister Kathy Wahl, kwahl@mercynyppaw.org

For information about local celebrations of the ritual in Pittsburgh, Erie, Buffalo and Rochester, please contact Sister Kathy Wahl, kwahl@mercynyppaw.org.
Philippines
Date: June 15
Place: Mercy Regional House, Iligan City, Mindanao
Contact: Jean Delgado, sr_jean_d@yahoo.com

South Central
Registration for the South Central Gathering, June 21–23, is already full.
For information about local celebrations of the ritual, please contact Jenn Hardin, jhardin@mercysc.org.

West Midwest
West Midwest will be hosting the ritual via Blue Jeans at six sites on June 23.
Auburn, California, at 1:30 p.m. (Pacific Time)
Burlingame, California, at 1:30 p.m. (Pacific Time)
Cedar Rapids, Iowa, at 3:30 p.m. (Central Time)
Chicago, Illinois, at 3:30 p.m. (Central Time)
Detroit, Michigan, at 4:30 p.m. (Eastern Time)
Omaha, Nebraska, at 3:30 p.m. (Central Time)
Contact: Suzette Deitchler, SDeitchler@mercywmw.org