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Catch up with our Leadership Conference of Women Religious assembly coverage.

The second day of the annual assembly for LCWR (held virtually this year) offered a type of support group under the guise of a panel: LCWR's focus on grief helps sisters find solidarity amid loss of lives, ministries

On the LCWR annual assembly's final day, women religious gathered virtually to map out their journey forward. Officers shared three initiatives to guide them, and the conference revisited its 2019-2022 resolution: LCWR invests in the future of religious life, elevates social justice issues

The "Mainstreaming Women's Ministries in the Roman Catholic Church" found that 82% of those surveyed felt that women's ministries were not valued equally to men's. Of the 224 young Catholic women in formation and ministry in the U.S. who responded, 80% were dissatisfied with the ministry opportunities available to them in the global church, and 73% said the same about local opportunities. Read more.

Although difficult issues may be on the table for China and the Vatican — including the status of the Catholic community in Hong Kong and the Vatican's relations with Taiwan — both sides seem to want to continue the pact for now, experts say. Read more.

Kamala Harris is a great vice presidential nominee for all Catholics who support the priorities of Pope Francis: reducing poverty, protecting the elderly, caring for immigrants, ending racism and more. Read the commentary by Social Service Sr. Simone Cambell.

To mark World Humanitarian Day, GSR asked Catholic sisters and those they work with in four countries — Malawi, Kenya, India and El Salvador — about their humanitarian ministries in the face of the pandemic. Read more.

Following World War II, the Assumption affirmed the goodness of the body and offered an alternative vision for a shared destiny. On this 70th anniversary, amid our own troubled times, is it worth considering what the Assumption may have to offer, or is it an esoteric antique, a day of obligation? Read more from Carmen Nanko-Fernández: 'It is what it is.' The Assumption says no!

Alexandra Codina's documentary, "Paper Children" is a finely detailed portrait of a family, a film that accompanies four siblings going through the years-long process of seeking asylum. The review includes a link to the hour-long film (free to watch).

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