



*Stephanie M. Inis*  
*Northern States District President*

**March 2021**

To:  
National Officers  
District Officers  
Grand Ladies  
Junior Daughter Counselors  
Members

Greetings:

I am so excited to finally be able to share with you the plans for our first virtual Conference. It was so good to see several of you on the Virtual Training. We will be using the Zoom platform for meetings, so that all our sister's will be able to participate either by computer or dialing in on the dedicated Zoom line. This year we will also be using the Eventbrite platform. I will send a sample link on how to use Eventbrite for registration. As we approach this Conference differently let's focus on this year's Conference theme: **"Faith Over Fear".** *(Therefore, do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.) Matthew 6:34*

In the upcoming months before the actual Conference, I will host a couple of Mock Conference's for those who are new to Zoom, and to help you navigate to our new norm, if you will for meetings. More details to come.

**Credentials and Committee Assignments**

Credentials have been out sent either via email or US mail. Please note that there have been some changes to the Credentials form. This year the Credentials form is a fillable for online, once you have filled out the Credentials you must save it first to your computer and then email to both Lady Tasha McShan and Myself. Due to the safety of our members you will not need the Court seal, however we do require the signatures of the Grand Lady and Financial Secretary. Those who receive the Credential via US mail need to make a copy for both Lady McShan and myself. We are asking that you adhere to the deadlines of returning the Credentials form and Committee Assignment form April 12, 2021.

Conference Committee's will look a bit different this Year as well. We will not have the following Committees: Claver Basket, Joint Raffle, President's Corner, and Pot of Gold, as these are Committee's that require in person money/items collections.

### **Elections**

As you know we had to cancel our 2020 Conference due to the pandemic. However there is unfinished business that we have to conduct for our Conference. We have to hold a special 1-year Election of all District Officers, in order to be in compliance for the 2022 Conference and Convention year. In order to participate in the Nomination and Election process members must be financial with both their Courts and with the National Office.

### **Resolutions and Bylaws**

Please also keep in mind that this is a Resolution and Bylaws revision year. All Resolutions must be submitted and received by Lady Tasha McShan in accordance to our Bylaws 45 days prior to Conference. Forty-five (45) days prior to Conference is March 29, 2021. Resolutions can be emailed or sent via US mail before the deadline. A copy of all Resolutions received will be sent to your Courts for review with the Committee assignment correspondence.

### **District Awards (Once an application has been received by the District Officer you will receive confirmation that it has been received by the District)**

***ALL APPLICATION DEADLINES ARE APRIL 26, 2021 NO EXCEPTIONS. Please follow the guidelines for the Charity petition, Counselor of the year, and for the H.I.V. Application as printed on the application.***

### **National Grant Applications**

***ALL APPLICATION DEADLINES ARE APRIL 26, 2021 NO EXCEPTIONS. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT IF YOU SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATIONS ONLINE TO NATIONAL YOU MUST ALSO PRINT A HARD COPY AND SUBMIT TO THE DEPUTY AND PRESIDENT, for the following: Court of the Year, Woman of the Year, District Grand Lady of the Year Please follow the guidelines and deadlines on the application sent out by the National Office. When applying for the National Counselor. Please adhere to the National deadline for the National application and the District deadline for the District application. You can apply to both the District and the National Counselor of the year award***

### **Helping Innocence Victims (HIV) Project**

This project supports agencies that are servicing “HIV/AIDS” affected individuals. Funding for this project comes from Court donations. Please be generous; these individuals need our help. Any Court desiring help for such an agency should submit a request using the enclosed criteria and application form.

### **Northern States District Counselor of the Year Application**

When submitting Counselor of the Year for the District, please use the application with this correspondence. **YOU CAN ALSO SUBMIT TO THE NATIONAL APPLICATION WHICH HAS A DIFFERENT APPLICATION PROCESS AND DEADLINE**

**ENTRIES FOR COUNSELOR OF THE YEAR MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE APRIL 19, 2021 NO EXCEPTIONS**

Please submit one copy each, **ATTENTION: Counselor of the Year,**

Yours in Claverism,

*Stephanie M. Inis*

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