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The leadership group representing about 80% of the 42,000 sisters in the United States pledges to work with the Biden administration to bring healing to a divided nation.

The Leadership Conference of Women Religious issued a statement Nov. 9 congratulating President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris and promised to work with them.

"After a difficult election season, it is time for us to take up the twin tasks of reconciliation and healing. In these challenging times it is critically important that we break through that which divides us one from another, repair fractured relationships and reclaim our essential unity," the statement says.

"The people of this pluralistic nation form a diverse community characterized by different beliefs, experiences, and interests. We know that our differences can be our greatest strengths; our disagreements, opportunities to seek the truth. Our challenge is to embrace those differences and together seek the common good lest we rend the bonds that unite us."

The statement thanked those who voted and said sisters would not shrink from the challenge.

"Now is the time to make space in our hearts and our communities for the needs and concerns of all God's people, the undocumented mother, the Midwest farmer, the unemployed steel-worker, the suburban business woman, and the children and elders consigned to live in poverty. It is time to tear down the walls, real or imagined, which divide us by gender, race, class, geography, lifestyle, ideology, political party, and religious belief and to make room in our body politic for all who have been disaffected, disenfranchised, and discarded.

"Now is the time to banish the fear that infects our souls and diminishes our hope. There is no room in this nation for fear of the other; no need to fear change; no reason to fear the future. This is a nation built on the dreams of our ancestors and the visions of our children. Our task is to make room at the table for every voice and every vision."

You can read the entire statement here.

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