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HUG-IN-A MUG from Pat Reck



Psalm 16:9-11. "Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay. You have made known to me the path of my life; you will fill me with JOY in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand. " (see where our **SING! TELL! DECLARE!** comes right it?).

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THE TIME **IS NOW!** Right around three months from this week, we will assemble to rooms full of Lutheran sisters we delight in seeing, breaking bread, toasting morning brews, posing for everlasting "selfies, " and spending opening night out under vast skies unblemished by any annoying, ambient light, save the wonder of God's starry heavens. Minus fireworks, it's just a celebration where we gather to **SING! TELL! DECLARE!** I have the additional JOY to **SHARE** the experience with my guest, a fellow missionary, from my years in Japan, now retired in Seattle. We have not seen each other in nearly 25 years!

AND WE ARE ALL BUSY WITH **ANTICIPATION...AND PARTICIPATION** IN THIS 2020 CONVENTION ON OUR SUMMER CALENDAR....June 25~28.

I am feeling pretty caffeinated AND captivated by the recent, EXTREMELY productive, DELIGHTFULLY INTERACTIVE Spring Board meeting at our **JOY** fully hospitable Trinity, Cottage Grove. It's so great to enter a room and see upwards of 30-40 old and familiar faces: I think it goes down as a genuine hug-fest. And ladies kept arriving late into the first afternoon! Many went away in a happy fog of being able to visualize what energy and "new, exciting venues" will be available for us to be a part of. We cannot deny that we may "**rest secure**" that so many women are strong in their assigned " jobs of JOY" which they have committed to. That's why I selected Psalm16 from the January-March **Today's Light** daily devotions. We are so refreshed by the Psalms and the promises, like true and reinforcing "conversations with God, meant to be memorized or echoed to our own ears..." No matter how bruised one might be from the speed-bumps of life, or how many physical, spiritual or mental walls surround you, He makes himself known, and true armor

surrounds us. Lord God, allow us to be direct in our energy to make this all come together. And, the closer we get to the foot of the cross in this restorative season of Lent, our minds are reminded of THE sacrifice of blood..***Christ is our peace, who has broken down in His flesh the dividing wall of hostility.(Eph 2:14)***

"Shalom," dear Sisters. Pat Reck, Leader Development Chair