Mary Ward was called by God to be and to do something different. She called the church to recognize the new form of religious life she shaped. She was a catalyst, introducing a new dance step that was not acceptable in her lifetime. After her many encounters with the church and many failures, the perseverance she had led to a new direction for women religious within the Catholic community.

If we, like Mary Ward, are different, what flows from us will be different. Remembering that we have all that we need, is it time to risk new ways, new paths that God’s love be known?

In this 21st century, we co-workers are called to glorify God through the dance of our contemplative prayer and our active mission as we walk together in this place at this time. The Divine is in the dance.

Broken was the snare and we were freed. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124: 7-8