

Response to Sister Question:

Editor's note: Each issue, we print responses to our Sister Question. The question for March-April was: What has helped to change the situation when you have felt lonely in your

community? **Anna Groff, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania responded:**

I joined a book club about three years ago when I moved to Pittsburgh. Meeting regularly with this intergenerational group of women provides a constant reminder that I am not alone in addressing the following: charting my career and family life, my relationship with my church, the influence of my family of origin, the push and pull of significant relationships and more. We just finished reading *Mennonite in a Little Black Dress*, and hearing others' honest reflections helped me to see beyond my own experiences and perspective.

For many years I lived with a group of females or attended college with many close friends. While this is no longer the case, turning to social networking and technology offers comfort at times. I would not replace these interactions with in-person conversations, but my cell phone, email account and Skype allow me to connect with friends and family who live in faraway spaces. ☑



Anna Groff

Cup of Water

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