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Born in Saskatoon, Canada, Sr. Lucy spent many years of service in Jerusalem and Rome. She completed her Masters of Theology in conjunction with the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and St. Michael's University College at the University of Toronto. Her thesis dealt with 'The Communal Dimension of Repentance in Jewish and Christian Liturgies'.

Lucy was Provincial superior for seven years of the 'Mediterranean' Province of the Sisters of Sion which included communities in Egypt, Turkey, Lebanon, Tunis and Israel. She served as President of the Ecumenical Theological Fraternity in Israel for a number of years.

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