

February 2024

Dear LCWR Region Members,

Although it may seem early, our discernment for the 2025 Outstanding Leadership Award begins at our Spring 2024 Region meetings. In preparation for the spring region meeting, please give some thought individually and with your leadership team about sisters whose leadership speaks to the needs of our times. The purpose of the award is to recognize and honor persons who have significantly contributed to the ministry of leadership and who reflect the LCWR Mission.

Consider whether the potential recipient evidences the criteria for the award:

- commitment and collaboration in the ministry of leadership
- faithfulness to Gospel values and mission, creative and innovative leadership in one or more areas
- significant contributions as a leader on the national and/or international level, particularly to congregations of women religious
- deep listening, authenticity, and responsiveness to the Spirit

The next steps in the process of selecting the 2025 Outstanding Leadership Award are:

1. Discern individually and with your leadership team the person(s) you would like your region to recommend for the 2025 Outstanding Leadership Award.
2. Come to the spring Region meeting prepared to share reasons your nominee should be considered for the award. It is helpful to write a brief recommendation paragraph or list of outstanding characteristics to share with your Region leaders because they will fill out the Region's nomination form online. For your convenience, use the form on the second page of this letter.
3. At the spring Region meeting, we invite your Region to discuss reasons for the nominations and select up to five nominees to move forward in the process.
4. Region Chairs (or a designee) will submit their Region's nominees via an online form that will be made available.

Thank you for your participation in this important step of the 2025 Outstanding Leadership Award discernment process. The LCWR Awards Committee relies on your written recommendations to aid us in selecting a few nominees to forward to the fall Region meetings.

Sincerely,

The LCWR Awards Committee: Anna Marie Espinosa, IWBS; Rose Marie Jasinski, CBS; Vicky Larson, PBVM, Chairperson; Anne Munley, IHM, LCWR Liaison; Constance Phelps, SCL; Sharlet Wagner, CSC; Carol Zinn, SSJ, LCWR Executive Director

2025 Outstanding Leadership Award Nominations

Prepare to give this form to your Region Chair at the Spring 2024 LCWR Region Meeting

1. Please indicate your name or the names of the leaders on your team who are making this nomination. Include a phone number or email in case we have questions about your nomination.
2. Who would you like to nominate for the 2025 Outstanding Leadership Award?
3. Provide at least a few sentences or a couple paragraphs explaining why you think they should be honored with the award.