



## WRC Update to LCWR9

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The Wisconsin Religious Collaborative continues to develop and explore options for collaboration across women religious institutes in our region. In the following report, we outline the five strategic goals for the WRC along with 2019 progress and 2020 plans.

### Goal 1: Establish and implement two to three service programs or projects able to provide management assistance in requested (by the member Institutes) areas of need.

#### 2019:

- Executive Director completed member needs assessment via discovery and introduction meetings and analysis
- Identified 15 total programs to be established and developed prioritized project plan to ensure development of at least 2 to 3 programs developed during term of grant  
Programs: Resource Library Online, Staffing and Management Program, Assessment Package, Pastoral Care Program, Health Agency Collective, Ongoing Formation, Social Justice, Archives Practices, Governance, Health Care and Aging Housing, Fleet Collective, Initial Formation Collaboration, Archives Partnership, Mental Health Resources, IT Services
- Created Advisory Committees to support and advise Executive Director in program development

#### 2020:

- Continue planning and developing programs with support from Advisory Committees as shown in the table below:

Archives Committee	Active	Collecting and synthesizing best practices and systems from member institutes and national organizations; considering long-term archiving solutions
IT Committee	Active	Creating monthly IT roundtable call with topical coverage plus Q&A with experts; seeking service agreement for helpdesk and consultant support
Ongoing Formation	Active	Establishing portal on website and developing monthly programming schedule and participating model
Staffing and Management	Active	Identifying needed resources to support areas of people/systems, processes, and technology; developing portal on website to share personnel needs/available personnel
Social Justice	Active	Establishing portal on website and convening focus group to better define need and solution
Health Care	Forming	To be launched beginning of Q2 2020
Governance	Forming	To be launched beginning of Q2 2020



*Your participation is always welcome! See [www.WRCollaborative.org](http://www.WRCollaborative.org) for additional information on participating in Advisory Committees of interest.*



**Goal 2: Recruit and incorporate at least one to two additional member Institutes.**

**2019:**

- Solidified the WRC strategic plan, affirming goals so potential members can clearly understand the organization and potential benefits

**2020:**

- Meet with non-member institutes in region and continue outreach and connection, including participating in LCWR 9 regional meetings
- Refine new membership process
- Respond to membership inquiries

**Goal 3: Share information and presentations about the Wisconsin Religious Collaborative with other regions of LCWR and RCRI.**

**2019:**

- Developed website, branding, and organizational infrastructure for communication and information sharing
- Presented to Wisconsin Treasurers of Religious Institutes and Illinois Treasurers of Religious Institutes
- Participated in and shared information at LCWR 9 regional meetings, currently seeking opportunities to share information at neighboring LCWR regions (Illinois and Iowa)
- Discussions about WRC in relation to Transitional Services and upcoming regional meetings for LCWR
- Attended 2019 RCRI annual meeting, established connections and shared information in networking times and during Q&A of programs
- Launched discussion/information sharing with congregations in San Antonio region
- Established relationships and information sharing through broad network of experts and resources

**2020:**

- Invited to participate in panel at 2020 RCRI annual meeting
- Continue to meet with LCWR regional meetings as well as Treasurers, Legislative Network, and Communicators Group
- Continue outreach and collaboration with other collaborative initiatives globally



**Goal 4: Seek additional grant funding in support of the Collaborative.**

**2019:**

- Identified professional resource within a member congregation who can help and advise on grant applications.

**2020:**

- Established grant research as priority for Executive Director in 2020, including a potential grant request of the Hilton Fund

**Goal 5: Begin an exploration of whether Canonical Status as a Public Juridic Person would enhance the services available to member institutes.**

**2019:**

- Established an Advisory Committee to consider governance issues, including Canonical Status as a Public Juridic Person, will commence discussion, research, and consultation in 2020

**2020:**

- Launch Advisory Committee and research global developments

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