



INTERNATIONAL
SYLVIA MICHEL PRIZE
FOR THE PROMOTION OF LEADERSHIP ROLES
FOR WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

Awarded by the female presidents and vice-presidents
of the protestant churches in Switzerland (PanKS)
in conjunction with the World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC).



THE SYLVIA MICHEL PRIZE

WAS FIRST AWARDED IN 2008.



Sylvia Michel studied theology and was ordained as a protestant pastor in 1964. She was one of the first women in Switzerland to have her own congregation. In 1980 she was elected to the position of president of the protestant church in the canton of Aargau. She became the first woman in Europe to hold such a post. Out of a spirit of gratitude for her pioneering role and for the competence and care with which women serve and guide the church in general the Sylvia Michel Prize strives to encourage and support leadership among women in other countries and churches.

The prize is awarded by the female presidents and vice-presidents of the protestant churches of Switzerland (PanKS) in conjunction with the World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC). The prize money is \$ 5,000.

**DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS
JANUARY 31ST, 2022**



WHAT ARE THE OBJECTIVES OF THE PRIZE?

The prize attempts to support and encourage women worldwide to rise to and competently serve in important leadership positions in churches with a protestant tradition

WHO AND/OR WHAT QUALIFIES FOR THE PRIZE?

Projects as well as research and individual efforts qualify if:

- > they promote awareness in churches and religious organizations assuring equality for women in church leadership
- > men and women in leadership positions in protestant churches are treated equally throughout the world
- > they demand the ordination of women and their access to all church offices
- > they encourage and educate women to take on leadership offices
- > they examine the status of equality for men and women in leading positions in the protestant churches worldwide.

In order to qualify for the prize at least one of the above named objectives must be met.

NOMINATION PROPOSALS FOR THE PRIZE

A nomination for the prize can be for oneself or for one's own organization. A nomination can also be submitted by a third party, either for an individual or an organization.

The deadline for nominations is January 31st, 2022.

WHAT DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION MUST BE SUBMITTED?

The submission must be made using the official nomination form which has the following criteria:

- > Information about the persons who are submitting the application (third parties or organizations are also possible)
- > Information about the candidate or candidates who qualify for the prize
- > Information about the project which qualifies for the award. A description, the aims and objectives, the organization, the method of operation and results should be presented
- > Information about the life-long work of the candidate
- > Information about the church affiliation of the candidates (member of WCRC).

Please see the back side of this page for contact information in case of questions.

PREVIOUS AWARD WINNERS:

2009: Esther Mombo and Dorcas Chebet Wamalwa (Kenia) **2011:** Agnes Lisulo Mulemwa (Sambia)
2013: Hee Soo Kang and Nan Hee Lee (Korea) **2015:** Yvette Rabemila and Brigitte Rabarijaona (Madagascar) **2018:** Dr. theol. Mery Kolimon (Indonesia) **2020:** Cecilia Castillo Nanjari (Chile)





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THE JURY

- > The female presidents and vice-presidents of the protestant churches of Switzerland (PankS)
- > A member of the World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC)
- > Representatives of organizations dealing with gender issues



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