



## NCCW 2018-2019 Call for Volunteers

**DEADLINE TO APPLY: September 28, 2018**

The 2018-2019 Commissions and Committees will serve a 1-year terms starting from appointment and finishing at the 2019 Convention. The groups do their work primarily through email and monthly conference calls. These are member volunteer groups who serve with no compensation. These groups are a wonderful opportunity for ladies to make an impact at the national level in their areas of interest and expertise by participating in the planning and implementation of programs that educate, empower and support Catholic women.

Applications must be submitted by September 28, 2018 using the application form. Appointments will be announced by October 9, 2018 and will be in NCCW publications and announced on the NCCW Website.

**Please note that all members applying for appointment to a commission or committee must be current NCCW Individual Members and have the ability to meet via conference calls and to communicate via email.**

### **NCCW National Commissions**

These commissions are critical to the focus of our NCCW Mission with our affiliates at the province, diocesan, deanery/vicariate/regional and parish levels.

Based on the bylaws, NCCW has three (3) national commissions. All commissions are made up of Board members and members at large from the NCCW membership. Each commission has a chair. It is strongly recommended that applicants have had commission experience at one of the affiliate levels.

At minimum, all commissions will be expected to develop a 1-year plan of work including a "project" for their term by December 31, 2018, provide a 1-page written report for each NCCW Board meeting on the work of the commission, provide a quarterly column for *Catholic Woman (CW)* magazine, provide information for the *Connect* online newsletter at least 3 times a year, participate in Membership Conference Calls when the topic of the call is related to their commission, help find or develop resources that may be made available free on the NCCW website, submit a resolution for each convention, and conduct one breakout session at both the 2018 and 2019 conventions. Ladies appointed to these commissions should be willing to accept calls/emails from members related to their commission work, update the Commission resources, network with affiliate commission chairs and other duties as assigned.

- **The Spirituality Commission** reinforces faith and supports service to the Church and to the world through discipleship and spiritual growth guided by Catholic Social Teaching. The commission's work will include monitoring Catholic and issue-related websites, including the USCCB, Right to Life, etc. for issues related to the commission and, development of prayers and prayer services for use by affiliated organizations. The commission will work closely with the Liturgy Committee to develop beautiful spiritual events at Convention.

- **The Service Commission** engages the members of NCCW, and all people, in working to address the needs and concerns of persons at all stages of life, and supports and enhances family life within the Church and society.

In addition to the above responsibilities, the commission will support NCCW's advocacy work through coalitions and partnerships that are in line with Catholic Church teaching. Members will be responsible for the promotion of existing programs such as the March for Life, March for Marriage, and November Day of Fasting. The commission's work also encompasses NCCW's global partnerships with Catholic Relief Services and Cross Catholic Outreach. The Service Commission will also be expected to be involved in World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations (WUCWO)-related activities as needed or requested.

- **The Leadership Commission** provides organizational development, public relations resources and publications to strengthen leadership within NCCW. Another component is membership recruitment and development and mentoring.

In addition to the above responsibilities, this commission will be expected to work to develop and promote meaningful resources for leadership development and to participate in the Membership Conference Calls.

Membership activities should include recruiting new affiliations and recapturing lost affiliates, developing and implementing strategies to diversify ages and ethnicities of members and promote ideas to increase individual membership.

### **Committees and Other Work Groups**

- **Legislative Advocacy Committee** monitors issues that impact Catholic Church teaching and USCCB priorities positively or negatively and initiates education on or action by members
- **Resolutions Committee** is responsible for the development and review of resolutions submitted by members, affiliates and commissions based on the procedures in the bylaws. The Committee reviews/approves the resolutions to be submitted to the Board of Directors and presents the final resolutions for approval to the members at the Annual Business Meeting. The committee will develop a Set of Guidelines to assist affiliates in implementing the Resolutions in their areas. The committee includes Board members and members at large, chaired by one of the members as appointed by the President of the NCCW.
- **Liturgy Committee** is responsible for planning and executing the Holy Masses, rosaries and Reconciliation at Convention. This committee is to work closely with the Spirituality Commission to not only create beautiful liturgies but to share resources from them with affiliates and members not able to attend convention events. This committee works closely with the convention host diocese planning group.
- **Our Lady of Good Counsel Award Committee** reviews the applications and recommends a recipient with final selection of the NCCW award recipient approved by the Board of Directors. The committee also assists with raising money for the award.

# National Council of Catholic Women 2018-2019 Call for Volunteers Application Form

All NCCW members who are also individual members of NCCW are invited to submit their name for consideration. The Application Form is due by mail on September 28, 2018 to Maribeth Stewart, 24 Candee Avenue, West Haven, 06516 CT. See committee descriptions to determine your interest areas. Applicants selected will be notified by October 9, 2018 if they have been appointed to a commission/committee.

Name

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Address

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Email \_\_\_\_\_ Tel/Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Diocese \_\_\_\_\_ Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Current Board or Affiliate Position [if any]

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**Previous National, Province, Diocesan, Deanery/Vicariate/Regional or Parish Volunteer Experience:**

(Include positions held and years served --use back of sheet if needed)

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**Please mark your preferences for Commission/Committee Assignments**

| OPEN TO ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP AND NCCW BOARD MEMBERS |                                |                          |  |                          |                       |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/>                         | Spirituality Commission        | <input type="checkbox"/> | Leadership Commission                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | Service Commission    |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                         | Legislative Advocacy Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> | Our Lady of Good Council Award Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> | Resolutions Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                         | Liturgy Committee              | <input type="checkbox"/> |  | <input type="checkbox"/> |                       |

Current Board members whose terms expire in 2018 are eligible for appointment as an NCCW Individual Member for the 2018-2019 term on commissions and committees not limited to Board membership.