

Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada

Opportunity to serve on WICC Council

January 2009

The **Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada (WICC)** is a national Christian women's council that encourages women to grow in ecumenism; to share their spirituality and prayer; to engage in dialogue about women's concerns; to respond to national and international issues affecting women; and to take action together for justice.

The Council's core values state that:

We trust in God, and seek to live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We have faith in the power of women to transform the world.

We are strengthened and energized by diversity and mutual respect.

We share a hopeful vision of equality for all peoples and the integrity of the whole created earth.

The Council is made up of 25 members, 11 of which are appointed by its denominational partners. Currently, there are elected positions to fill at the Spring Council meeting in June. The Membership Committee of WICC is now receiving names of women interested in these positions. To be considered we ask you to fill out a *Personal Profile* form and to submit it to the office by **May 1, 2009**. The Membership Committee will present its recommendations to the Spring Council, June 5 – 7, 2009.

Criteria for Membership:

To be appointed or elected, the nominee must be committed to the following criteria:

- Agreement with the above mission statement and core values of WICC
- Be available for two weekend meetings a year (Spring and Fall Council)
- Be willing to further the work of WICC through committees and task groups, and to communicate the work of WICC through your denominational networks.
- Be willing to make a minimum commitment of 2 years.

Skills required:

The skills and gifts WICC needs are outlined on Page 2 of the Personal Profile.

Priorities to guide WICC's process for selection of members:

These are the priorities identified by the Council in order to widen the WICC circle.

- Racial/ethnic diversity
- Young women
- Regional representation – WICC is currently missing participation from Alberta, Saskatchewan, northern Ontario, francophone/Quebec, Nova Scotia, PEI
- Connections with local WIC's and other groups working on women's justice issues.

Nominating process and timeline for 2009

- May – close applications for current year; committee will consider the names as a group in relation to our priorities, follow up with interviews (by phone or in person), and will draw up a slate of names to be elected at the Spring Council meeting June 5 – 7, 2009.
- Spring council – Board presents slate to Council for approval
- Fall Council / Annual General Meeting– new members will attend their first meeting; any vacancies for 2010 will be announced.

WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL OF CANADA
~ **Personal Profile** ~

Name: _____

Street/Apt.: _____

Town/City: _____

Province/Postal Code: _____

Home Phone/Business Phone: _____

E-mail Address/Fax: _____

Denomination: _____

If there is insufficient space to respond to any of the questions below, please attach answers on a separate sheet.

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Work Experience

Recent Denominational Experience (local/regional/national/international)

Recent Ecumenical Experience (local/regional/national/international)

Community/Volunteer Experience

Personal Interests/Hobbies

What can you bring to WICC?

Please indicate which skills/gifts you can offer to WICC:

Administrative Skills

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Communication | <input type="checkbox"/> Constitutional/governance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Evaluation | <input type="checkbox"/> Finances |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Long-range planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> French-speaking/translating | <input type="checkbox"/> Minute-taking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Policy development | <input type="checkbox"/> Promotion and marketing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Web site | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Program Skills

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible study | <input type="checkbox"/> Creative (writing/music/art) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational programs/workshops | <input type="checkbox"/> Networking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Feminist theology | <input type="checkbox"/> Public speaking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Liturgy – writing and leading | <input type="checkbox"/> Writing articles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Expertise on violence against women, racial justice, right relations with Aboriginal peoples, economic justice | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Please indicate if you have a interest in particular areas of WICC’s work:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> World Day of Prayer | <input type="checkbox"/> Overcoming violence against women |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fellowship of the Least Coin | <input type="checkbox"/> Anti-racism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> December 6 th liturgy | <input type="checkbox"/> Making Waves |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Women Doing Theology | <input type="checkbox"/> Web site |

Personal Statement

WICC Council members must be committed to the mission and core values outlined on the first page. Members of WICC are of the Christian faith. Please affirm your understanding and acceptance of these statements elaborating as necessary.

Statement of Intention

I believe that I can help fulfill the WICC mission statement goals of spiritual development, ecumenism, social justice and promoting women’s concerns; and its core values as a Christian organization in the following way: *(use other side if necessary)*

~~~~~**For Office Use Only**~~~~~

Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommendation of Membership Committee \_\_\_\_\_

Date Elected/Appointed: \_\_\_\_\_