



**COMMUNICATORS  
FOR WOMEN RELIGIOUS**

*Advancing the Mission of Catholic Sisters*

## MISSION

Communicators for Women Religious (CWR) is a professional organization of personnel responsible for communications within congregations of Catholic sisters. CWR's mission is to be a network of professional support and education for members who promote understanding of women religious, enhance their image and advance their mission. CWR is also a resource to organizations serving women religious.

## CONFERENCE

CWR has held a conference every year since 1995. The conference offers professional development and networking opportunities, showcasing the latest communication technologies and expertise while maintaining an emphasis on spirituality and ministry. The 24th annual CWR conference, "FORTify your Mission: The Path WORTH Taking" is Oct. 2-5 in Fort Worth, Texas.

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## MEMBERSHIP

CWR has grown to 200-plus members representing more than 150 congregations of Catholic sisters in the United States, Canada, Ireland, Italy and Australia. The organization offers three levels of membership: Individual, Associate and Friend of CWR.

## LOOKING BACK

The National Communicators Network for Women Religious (NCNWR) was formally established in 1994, with nine charter members (eight Catholic sisters and one laywoman). The organization held its first conference in September 1995 in Adrian, Michigan, with 79 participants. In October 1996, NCNWR elected its first board of directors. The organization was incorporated in the State of Illinois in 2006, and granted 501(c)(3) status. In 2013, members voted to change the name to Communicators for Women Religious.



## CONTACT

### 2018 Board Officers

Kathy Gatliff, Chair  
Jennifer Brandlon, Vice Chair  
Jean Merry, Treasurer

## LOOKING FORWARD

In December 2015, the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation awarded CWR a \$1.5 million grant to help the organization expand its influence and build capacity. With this support, CWR has undertaken a three-year strategic plan with the vision of becoming "the go-to organization for communications about women religious." In June 2016, CWR hired an executive director, and established an office in Chicago at the Catholic Theological Union.

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