

IAWN - International Anglican Women's Network

An authorised network of the Anglican Communion

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Dear IAWN Steering Group members and IAWN Provincial Links,

The time has come to start the election process for members of the new IAWN Steering Group for the next three years: 2024 – 2026. This is an important network as we seek to eradicate gender-based inequality and violence, and to promote just relationships among all people.

The IAWN Steering Group, which represents women around the Anglican Communion, continues to connect, share resources and experiences, pray for one another, and identify and celebrate actions across our church that contribute toward fulfilling the ACC resolutions related to gender justice and preventing and ending gender-based violence, and SDG's.

Attached to this letter you will find an application form for this volunteer role. If you are interested, please complete this form and return it to iawn@anglicancommunion.org Please note that any Anglican woman in the International Anglican Women's Network is eligible to stand for election to the Steering Group. However, if successfully elected, confirmation of suitability will be requested from your province.

Applications:

- Any IAWN member can recommend another IAWN member but please check with them first that they would like to stand for election
- You may apply yourself.
- Applications will close on Thursday 30th November at midnight UTC/GMT.
- In accordance with IAWN's charter, the IAWN Provincial Links and current IAWN Steering Group members will then be asked to vote from Monday 4th December Voting will close at midnight UTC/GMT on Friday 15th December.
- Successful and unsuccessful applicants and their relevant church authorities (as applicable) will be informed of the result before the end of 2023.

As you consider your application/s, please remember that the IAWN Steering Group is an active working group. Each member should have access to Wi-Fi and a computer, laptop or tablet, so that she can join regular Steering Group zoom meetings. In addition to the zoom meetings a face to face meeting is planned for early June 2024 at the Anglican Communion Office in London, and the hope is that all IAWN Steering Group members will be able to attend. The current Steering Group is looking into how this meeting will be funded, but the hope is that provinces will be able to contribute. At this meeting there will be opportunities to review the purposes (see attached) and organise ways in which the group communicates and effectively promotes gender justice across the Anglican Communion.

A Steering Group Member Volunteer role description is attached. More information about IAWN is at http://iawn.anglicancommunion.org

Elections:

- To ensure that the regions and diversity of the Anglican Communion are represented in the Steering Group, applications for the election process will be set out in the following 7 regions:
 - 1. Provinces in the Centre and Southern areas of Africa
 - 2. Provinces in the East, West and Northern areas of Africa
 - 3. Provinces in Asia
 - 4. Provinces in Central & South America and the Caribbean
 - 5. Provinces in Europe and the Middle East
 - 6. Provinces in the Oceania region
 - 7. Provinces in North America
- For continuity, two members of the current IAWN Steering Group have been requested to serve a second term.
- Once the new IAWN Steering Group has been elected, it will appoint a Coordinator/Chair from the elected Group members in the new year.

If you have any further questions please contact me via iawn@anglicancommunion.org

We look forward to receiving your applications by 30th November 2023.

Peace and blessings,

The Ven Carole Hughes

IAWN Steering Group Chair/Coordinator