

Diocese of Indianapolis - Episcopal Women's Ministries Council (EWM)  
Call for 2026 Honored Woman Nominations

Dear Clergy, Staff, and Women of the Parish,

We, the Episcopal Women's Ministry Council (EWM), hope this letter finds you all well and that you are enjoying the Season of Easter and spring in Indiana! We are writing to let you know that the 2026 Honored Woman Program has begun again.

Your EWM Council is hoping that each parish will submit the name of an Honored Woman in your congregation. The submission deadline is **now Tuesday, June 30, 2026**. Your nominee should be 1.) An Episcopal woman communicant in good standing; and 2.) A layperson. (See "Guidelines" page) Please complete the nomination form and biography, and include a 4 x 6 photo of your nominee. Online nominations are preferred, but may be submitted by mail if necessary.

The Honored Women of our diocese will be recognized in the Diocesan Newsletter and on our Facebook page. These will be the women, chosen by you, who give so much of themselves to the parish, community, and world in the service of Christ Jesus. One of the Honored Women will be selected to be the Distinguished Woman representing the Diocese of Indianapolis at the General Convention's ECW Triennial Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona, July 2027. The Distinguished Woman and the Diocesan Office will be notified in a letter. Later this year, EWM will submit her name, picture, and biography to the National ECW Triennial Committee to be published in a booklet, along with other women from all 9 Provinces. Her name will be announced in a ceremony at the Distinguished Woman Luncheon during the Triennial Meeting in 2027. She will also be recognized at the Diocesan Convention in the fall of 2027.

All women of the church are invited to attend the Spring Gathering in 2027. This will be a great opportunity to celebrate each other and the Honored Women in our diocese.

Thank you for considering submitting the name of your Honored Woman. We know this is a difficult decision. We look forward to hearing from you.

Blessings to you,

Bev Ruebeck and Lisa Matucheski  
And The Episcopal Women's Ministries/EWM of the Diocese of Indianapolis

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## Diocese of Indianapolis - Episcopal Women's Ministries Council (EWM) Honored Woman Nomination Guidelines 2026

In The Episcopal Church, TEC, there are many categories of Ministries. They list women's groups under "Women in the Church."

The lay women in your parish are involved or have been involved in many ministries: Acolytes, Altar Guild, Choir, Daughters of the King, Episcopal Church Women, Education, Evangelism, Greeters, Hospitality, Inreach, Intercessors, Global Missions, Outreach, Prison Ministries, Vestry, UTO, Visiting Shut-Ins, Volunteering in the parish, Worship, and the list goes on. We, as women of the church, wear many hats, and we are all "Women in the Church."

In the Diocese of Indianapolis, the women are organized in a ministry called "The Episcopal Women's Ministry (EWM) of the Diocese of Indianapolis," a name the Council chose to be the entity in this diocese, which includes all the ministries traditionally sponsored and supported by the National Episcopal Church Women (ECW).

Your EWM Council is busy planning ways to honor women in our diocese. We are asking each rector/parish to please consider nominating an Episcopal woman whose life reflects her Christian values and uses her God-given talents to be the parish's Honored Woman.

Criteria and Guidelines for selection of the Honored Woman from a parish:

1. Must be an Episcopal woman communicant in good standing in the parish
2. A 400-word or less biography
3. A 4x6 photograph

Things to consider: Her length of service in the parish and diversity of service; her outreach in her parish, community, and world; leadership – what ministries she has led or is leading; volunteerism; her demonstration of Christian values, and her Christian modeling for others. The Council is lifting up laywomen who carry out God's work in the parish and wider church, and prefers laypersons to be nominated.

Please use the online form or the accompanying form to submit your nomination, nominee biography, and photo.

Questions? Email Lisa Matucheski, [jmatuche@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jmatuche@sbcglobal.net) or Bev Ruebeck, [beverlyruebeck@gmail.com](mailto:beverlyruebeck@gmail.com)

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2026 Honored Woman Nomination Form - Deadline is **Tuesday, June 30, 2026.**

[Click here](#) to submit your nomination online or use the form below. To complete this form in Google Docs, you will need to first copy it to your account.

(Please print)

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee contact information:

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Home Address:

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\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (city), \_\_\_\_\_ (state) \_\_\_\_\_ (zip)

(None of this information will be shared. This is only for EWM use.)

Church/Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parish Priest/Priest in Charge/Church Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name at Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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**Name of Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_

4x6 Photo, preferably a headshot (check one):

Attached \_\_\_\_\_ or Emailed \_\_\_\_\_ to [jmatuches@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jmatuches@sbcglobal.net)

Provide a 400-word or less biographical sketch of the nominee on the next page.

Send the completed:

- Application
- Biography
- Photo

to Lisa Matucheski, 5707 Arabian Run, Indianapolis, IN 46228

Questions?

Email Bev Ruebeck, [beverlyruebeck@gmail.com](mailto:beverlyruebeck@gmail.com) or  
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