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INTERNATIONAL
SYLVIA MICHEL PRIZE
 FOR THE PROMOTION OF LEADERSHIP ROLES
 FOR WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

Awarded by the female presidents of the reformed cantonal churches of Switzerland in co-operation with the WARC World Alliance of Reformed Churches



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CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS





THE SYLVIA MICHEL PRIZE

AWARDED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 2008, APPLICATIONS EVERY 2 YEARS

After studying theology and subsequently being ordained, the Reformed parish leader Sylvia Michel became the first woman to independently run her own ministry in 1964. In 1980, she was elected president of the Reformed Church of the Canton of Aargau and became the first woman in Europe in this position. In gratitude for her pioneering work and for the professionalism and care that women display in their support and leadership of the Church, the Sylvia Michel Prize is intended to encourage and promote women in other countries and churches to enter leadership positions.

The prize is awarded every two years by a Reformed Cantonal Church in co-operation with the World Alliance of Reformed Churches. Prize money: 5000 US dollars



**SUBMISSION DEADLINE
31 AUGUST**



WHAT DOES THE PRIZE AIM TO ACHIEVE? The Sylvia Michel Prize aims to support and promote ordained and non-ordained women in taking on important leadership roles in the Reformed Church all over the world and to perform these roles effectively.

WHO OR WHAT IS REWARDED? Awards are given for projects as well as research work and individual activities. They should already be in progress and have one of the following aims:

- > to promote awareness in churches and church groups for equal rights for women in church leadership
- > to equate women and men in leadership positions in the Reformed Church
- > to encourage and train women to take on leadership roles
- > to research the situation of equality between woman and men in leadership positions in the Reformed Church across the world

THE FIRST PRIZE CEREMONY Professors Esther Mombo and Dorcas Chebet Mawalwa from Limuru, Kenya, were honoured for a research project that aims to promote equal rights and the ordination of women within the Reformed Church of East Africa.

PROPOSALS FOR THE AWARD You can submit a proposal for the prize for yourself or your own group. A proposal can also be submitted for a group or an individual by a third party.

Submission deadline: the 31 August of 2010, 2012, 2014 etc.

WHAT DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION DO YOU NEED TO SUBMIT? Please submit a description of the project, the activity or the research project on a maximum of five pages with information on:

- > contact person, project leaders, other participants
- > project description: aims, procedures
- > what is being done, and for whom
- > confirmation of the project from the superior body or the responsible church

See back page for forms and addresses for queries

