

SLW Core Values

SLW Vision Statement

*Rooted in the Word,
we are impelled to be God's
language, transforming the world
as we lean into life's unfolding
revelation. We advocate for the
voiceless, risking uncharted paths.
We listen in contemplative silence,
attending to the call of simplicity and
presence. We weave a network of
connections among diverse peoples
and in dissonant situations. (9/97)*

SLW Stewardship Statement

*We, the Sisters of the Living Word
revere all as gift. We commit
ourselves to live simply,
trust in providence,
joyfully nurture life and
effectively realize our
interdependence and mutuality with
all of God's creation. Rooted in the
Word we are instruments in the
transformation of the world for
the sake of the kingdom. (8/84)*

Life of Faith

*Being rooted in God's Word as
followers of Jesus and in communion with
all people and creation*

Living the Gospel

*Trusting in God's providence, sharing in mutuality
with people who are poor and marginalized,
working in collaboration, and searching for truth
in dialogue with others*

Peace and Justice

*Promoting the common good through systemic
change and accompanying and empowering others
to bring new life*

Simplicity of Life and Care for the Earth

*Sharing our gifts and creating sustainable ways of
living so all will have what they need*

Respect

*Respecting the dignity of each person, and valuing
each person's word through the gifts of listening,
presence and compassion
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SLW Ministry Grant

2023 Application Brochure



SLW Mission Statement

*As Jesus was sent by the Father,
in the power of the Spirit,
so are we sent
as Sisters of the Living Word.
We reflect and affirm
the Word in the World,
the Word who continually
frees the oppressed and
gives new life. (8/78)*

Description

We, the Sisters of the Living Word, are a community of 41 women religious founded in 1975 and headquartered in Des Plaines, Illinois. Our Mission is to reflect and affirm the Word, Jesus, who frees the oppressed and gives new life.

We minister throughout the Midwest and South. Our works include youth and adult education, parish, health care, retreat and spiritual direction, counseling, healing ministries, environmental advocacy, and outreach to new immigrants as well as to victims of violence, hunger, unemployment and homelessness.

Purpose of Ministry Grant

- To expand the Mission of the Sisters of the Living Word
- To witness a corporate solidarity with people who are materially poor, marginalized or oppressed
- To promote ministries and SLW involvement in social concerns and peace & justice issues

Criteria

The request must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- A ministry in which SLW are currently involved
- Addresses a justice issue on a local level
- Seeds a new venture or encourages a new or expanded program
- Funds a one-time cost
- Alleviates a pressing financial need
- Can not receive funding from other sources

Ratings will be given on project's capacity:

- To relieve poverty and oppression or address the causes of these conditions
- To empower people to positively impact their current situations and move toward self-reliance
- To incorporate SLW Core Values in supporting systemic change

Funding Policies

The SLW Ministry Grant Selection Committee will consider requests from:

- Sisters of the Living Word
- Non-for-profit organizations whose goals are in harmony with the purpose of the SLW Ministry Grant

The SLW Ministry Grant Selection Committee does not award grants:

- Of more than \$1,000
- To partisan activities, lobbying, endowment funds or advertising in charitable publications
- To organizations that are not consistent with our SLW Mission, Stewardship, Mission Statements and Vision Statements
- To meet the needs of a specific individual.

SLW Ministry Grants are given for one fiscal year.

Deadlines

Applications must be received by Friday, April 21, 2023. Grant recipients will be notified in May 2023.

Return by April 21, 2023 to:

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