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## GHR Foundation Awards LCWR and RCRI Grants to Plan for US Religious Life into the Future

LCWR Receives \$1,125,000 Grant

The GHR Foundation awarded the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR) and the Resource Center for Religious Institutes (RCRI) grants for a strategic planning effort designed to assure a future for US women's religious life.

With the grants, LCWR and RCRI will assist orders of women religious in this unique moment in history when their demographics include very large numbers of elderly members. The grants will be used by the two organizations to fund cooperative efforts to accompany religious institute leaders through difficult decision-making processes, provide information on the practical aspects of



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planning and preparing for the future, and offer pastoral care to the members of communities that are in the midst of significant change.

Over the past year, LCWR and RCRI have worked with the National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) to assess the assistance needed by US women religious institutes in the next several years, particularly

those that are now in their last generation.

"LCWR has a responsibility to support its members in navigating these next years – to downsize in order to

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## Preparing for the LCWR Assembly



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LCWR encourages all voting members of LCWR who will be attending the LCWR assembly to read all the preparatory materials made available on the LCWR website. The documents and reports can be found with the assembly materials on the members' side of the site.



















