

Center for Women, Faith & Leadership

ADVISORY COUNCILS AT THE INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

Advisory Councils at the Institute for Global Engagement (IGE) bring together leaders and experts from from a diverse array of fields, sectors and areas of expertise. Advisory council members play a valuable role in the substance and sustainability of the organization’s mission, bringing expertise and practical experience to bear on the work and goals of the Institute. Through their service on the Advisory Council, council members contribute their analysis and recommendations on issues of the day; at the intersection of faith and international affairs; top down-bottom up engagement; and, hard and soft power. As a result of their personal and professional leadership, Council members are provided with opportunities to work across a diverse array of religious freedom and global affairs issues. Council members are featured prominently on the IGE website and social media platforms, and receive premier access to private events and high level meetings. In addition, Council members can contribute their expertise by serving on special event panels, contributing as writers and contributors to IGE’s Review of Faith & International Affairs and other publications, and participating as experts with IGE’s conference call series and civil society forums.

Advisory Councils are a non-compensated, non-fiduciary body of advisors and supporters at IGE. Council members’ philanthropic, advisory and expert contributions provide IGE and its programs with much needed advise and support which allow the organization to remain entrepreneurial in its programs, nimble in its outreach and partnerships, cutting edge in its research and scholarship, and effective in its advocacy. Advisory Councils are voluntary bodies within IGE, and members serve on “at will” basis.

THE CENTER FOR WOMEN, FAITH & LEADERSHIP ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Center for Women, Faith & Leadership Advisory Council is a body of prominent leaders from diverse sectors dedicated to supporting the vision and mission of IGE’s Center for Women, Faith & Leadership (CWFL) and its corresponding programs. Council members play a valuable role in the substance and sustainability of the Center, serving as advocates and advisors on issues relevant to women of faith and religious women’s leadership, especially their engagement and influence in under-represented sectors, in real-time.

As a global initiative, Council members represent a diverse array of cultures, geographic locations, ethnic and religious backgrounds, political perspectives and professional competencies. Individuals invited to serve as CWFL Advisory Council members typically include leaders from the public, non-profit and private sectors that have demonstrated personal distinction, leadership, and a commitment to building the capacity of women of faith in order to ensure that these women, with full agency as equal citizens, are equipped and empowered to serve as leaders and agents of change-across vocations and locations; and, on the world’s most pressing socio-economic and geo-political challenges and conflicts.

In order to strategically support CWFL, its staff and fellows, Council members are asked to assume the following responsibilities for a period of two years:

- Act as a key link between the Institute and stakeholder communities, serving as CWFL ambassadors both formally and informally;
- Provide advisement to CWFL in the development and achievement of the Center's strategic goals;
- Is a source of informed insight from the academic, public, private or non-profit sectors, introducing knowledge, expertise, creativity, and innovation to CWFL's discussions and activities;
- Serve as a sounding board, assisting with informal performance measurement and evaluation of the Center's programs and their effectiveness;
- Serve as ad hoc advisors and mentors to CWFL fellows (when available);
- Serve as an advisor in the identification of funding sources in support of CWFL; and,
- Attend one annual advisory council meeting (typically in October of each year), and quarterly conference calls..

As a result of their volunteer leadership, Council members are provided with the following benefits:

- Periodic invitations to join international CWFL and IGE delegations and trips, with opportunity to meet with government officials and grassroots religious/civic leadership to discuss sustainable roadmaps for religious freedom;
- Invitations to attend or contribute to CWFL briefings, RFIA publications and public forums;
- Participation in conference calls with CWFL leadership and program officers to inform members about emerging crises and issues of pressing international concern; and,
- Meeting with U.S. and international policy leaders and government officials when available.