

Elder Dr. Nancy Wilson Selected as the 2019 Mother Eagle Award Recipient

The award, presented jointly by Christian Feminism Today and Q Christian Fellowship, honors a woman integrally involved in advocating for LGBTQIA equality in Christianity.

INDIANAPOLIS (December 1, 2018) — Elder Dr. Nancy L. Wilson, pastor and Christian LGBTQ+ activist, has been selected as the 2019 recipient of the Mother Eagle Award. The official award presentation will take place during the Q Christian Fellowship conference in Chicago, IL, on January 10, 2019.

The Mother Eagle Award was jointly created by Q Christian Fellowship (formerly the Gay Christian Network) and Christian Feminism Today to honor women who have taken the lead in advocating for LGBTQ+ equality in Christianity. The name of the award comes from Deuteronomy 32:11: “like an eagle that stirs up its nest and hovers over its young, that spreads its wings to catch them and carries them aloft” (NIV). This is an annual award. Virginia Ramey Mollenkott was the recipient of the inaugural award in 2017; Rev. Dr. Yvette A. Flunder was the 2018 recipient.



About Elder Dr. Nancy L. Wilson

Elder Dr. Nancy L. Wilson served as the Moderator (global leader) of the Metropolitan Community Churches (MCC) denomination from 2005 to 2016. She has held various local, national, and international leadership positions within the denomination since becoming involved in 1972. Currently the co-senior pastor at SunCoast Cathedral MCC in Venice, Florida, Nancy is also an Associate Minister with The Fellowship of Affirming Ministries.

Nancy has been involved in many key moments in LGBTQ+ Christian history, including participating in the first-ever meeting of gay and lesbian religious leaders at the White House in 1979. In 2013, she gave a Scripture reading at the Inaugural Prayer Service at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. (the first openly gay clergy member to participate).

Elder Wilson obtained her B.A. from Allegheny College, her M.Div. from SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary, and her D.Min. from Episcopal Divinity School (EDS). She received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Episcopal Divinity School in 2016.

She is the author of several books, one of which is *I Love to Tell the Story: 100+ Stories of Justice, Inclusion and Hope*, which provides the reader with a glimpse into the many important events she has experienced during her decades of work advocating for LGBTQ+ Christians.

About Q Christian Fellowship:

[Q Christian Fellowship](#) radically welcomes a diverse community with varied backgrounds, cultures, theologies and denominations, drawn together through our love of Christ and our belief that every LGBTQ+ person, indeed, every person, is a beloved child of God. Founded in 2001, Q Christian offers an online community with nearly 35,000 members, as well as providing devotionals, blog posts, and other resources available at qchristian.org. The [Q Christian Fellowship conference](#) is the world's largest annual event for LGBTQ+ Christians and allies for 15 years.

About Christian Feminism Today:

With a history dating from 1973, Christian Feminism Today (originally the Evangelical Women's Caucus) is an international ecumenical organization working to promote gender justice in Christianity. In 1986 the organization voted to take an official position in support of lesbian and gay equality, likely the first evangelical organization to do so. CFT's primary outreach vehicle is its website, *Christian Feminism Today*, featuring hundreds of reviews, articles, blog posts, and Bible studies of interest to progressive Christians. Visit Christian Feminism Today on the web at <https://eewc.com>.

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