



SLDI | AMÉRICA LATINA

CATHOLIC SISTERS INTERCONGREGATIONAL NETWORK UNITED STATES/MEXICO & SISTER LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE LATIN AMERICA

Dedicated to providing quarterly updates on the Hilton Project's progress toward building the capacity of religious sisters, ministries, and congregations in serving impoverished indigenous and migrating children, youth, women and families.

HIGHLIGHTS

HILTON FOUNDATION PROJECTS—BUILDING RELIGIOUS MINISTRIES' CAPACITY TO SERVE COMMUNITIES

CCVI-Hilton Projects Highlights

CCVI-HILTON NETWORK FUNDS		
ACCOMPLISHMENTS	Year ending Sept. 2025	Year ending Sept. 2026
Beneficiaries (U.S. and Mexico) / Goal U.S. (9,625); MX(121,619)	131,244 /328%	306,865 Goal exceeded US = 11,200 / MX = 295,665
Money Disbursed to Ministries	\$514,997	\$841,800
Sisters Participating in Funded Ministries/# of Congregations	170/64	Ministries = 58 Congregations = 81 Sisters = 219
Partnerships	116	Community Partners = 285

- For year to date, Network Funds requests included family/social services (50%), educational needs (28%), healthcare (20%), and entrepreneurship (2%);
- The majority of the Network Funds requests were in Mexico (96%), demonstrating the grant's strong reach and relevance in Mexico, concentrated in Ciudad de México (12), Chilón (8), Ciudad Juárez (8), and Sitalá (6);
- The majority of the Network Funds requests in the United States were concentrated in the states of Missouri and Texas, especially in the respective cities of St. Louis and San Antonio (other states include Michigan, Tennessee, Maryland, and Illinois)

Building Religious Sisters Leadership in Addressing Needs of Vulnerable Communities

The Sisters Leadership Development Initiative–Latin America (SLDI–Latin America) is a leadership-formation program for Catholic sisters that supports the Catholic Sisters Initiative and its religious' capacity to advance sisters with leadership, social-institutional development, and strengthen their ministries and communities.

In November 2024, the Hilton Corazones Que Educan, A.C. a strengthen Catholic sisters' sister-led networks in Mexico SLDI–Latin America. The Corazones Que Educan, Sisters of Charity of the other regional partners. experience with the Religious Sisters

in Mexico from 2020 to 2024, contributing its charism, ministry, and formation experience, administrative capacity, and evaluation expertise to help extend effective leadership formation and intercongregational networking across Latin America.



Conrad N. Hilton Foundation's goal of strengthening women human development. It equips project management, peer-learning skills that service to vulnerable

Foundation awarded \$1.4 million, 36-month grant to leadership skills and develop and Latin America through collaboration brings together SLDI–Latin America, the Incarnate Word (CCVI), and CCVI builds on its Foundation-supported Leadership Training project

Sisters Leadership Development Initiative–Latin America: Mission and Reach

- ✓ **Leadership Training:** Sisters learn how to run organizations and develop social projects to support vulnerable people.
- ✓ **Technology Skills:** The program teaches sisters basic computer skills and internet tools to manage their convents/ministries.
- ✓ **Project Management:** Sisters use these tools to secure grants, build schools, and provide healthcare to their local communities.



Sisters from 18 Mexican states and 14 countries in Latin America

ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2025 - 2026

2025 - 2026	
SLDI Religious Sisters Leadership Training	
Sisters Trained via SLDI –new students registered	129
Sisters Trained via SLDI –graduate students	104
SLDI Countries Served	14

Since it started, the SLDI América Latina program has helped nearly a hundred sisters across dozens of different religious congregations.

One year since its inception, the SLDI has accomplished the following:

SLDI Leadership Certification module topics, including human development, transformational leadership, institutional development, project management, impact assessment and learning communities to build religious sisters' knowledge and skills toward effective management of their ministries.

Faces of Religious Sisters Graduates 2026



The 2025-26 fourth certification cohort included **129 sisters from 79 religious congregations** in Mexico and across Latin America. Of those, **104 completed** the program after 11 months of online study across six areas: collective human development, transformational leadership, impact evaluation, institutional development, project administration, and a learning community.

Participants developed **114 social projects** addressing needs involving children, migrants, Indigenous communities, older adults, people with disabilities, and women's religious life.

Faces of Religious Sisters Leadership Team: Joint convening role

The January 2026 International SLDI Congress at UDEM, co-organized by the Hilton Foundation and the Latin American leadership team brought together sisters from more than **60 congregations in Mexico**, the United States, and several Latin American countries, with a focus on continuing formation, peer exchange, and intercongregational networking.

Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word (CCVI) -administrative and fiduciary partner

Universidad de Monterrey- academic and leadership training partner

Corazones Que Educan, A.C., mission-aligned grant recipient and implementing partner

Sisters Leadership Development Initiative – Latin America – Hilton Program



Creating a Future for Women Religious Education and Leadership Development

The SLDI–Latin America leadership team and regional collaborators are laying the groundwork for a sustainable, regionally rooted home for the education, formation, and leadership development of women religious across Latin America. Through this collaborative effort, Hilton’s investments have provided essential financial support, strategic encouragement, and long-term capacity-building resources, while Latin American partners contribute local knowledge, institutional leadership, academic expertise, and direct relationships with religious congregations.

CCVI has been the catalytic agent in the development of SLDI–Latin America, initially serving as the Hilton Foundation grantee that helped establish the leadership-training initiative through its vision, experience, and institutional support. Drawing on its longstanding leadership in women religious formation and its extensive ministries in education, health care, and social service, CCVI will continue in its stewardship role in shaping, sustaining, and expanding the future of this regional leadership-formation enterprise.

Meet our Team!!

Rocio De Hoyos – Hilton Project Administrative Manager, United States and Mexico

Denise Krohn Peña, Ph.D. – Project Evaluator

Idalia Sanchez – Project Consultant

Recognizing our Sisters Network

CCVI Coordinators:

Sr. María Elena Corripio

Sr. Bertha Elena Flores

SLDI Coordinators:

Sr. Ma. De la Luz Cardona Cerda, General Coordinator

Sr. Lilia Guillermina Gutiérrez Aguirre, Wednesday Morning Group Coordinator

Sr. Guadalupe Andrea Hernández S., Wednesday Afternoon Group Coordinator

Sr. María Guadalupe Martínez González, Thursday Morning Group Coordinator

Sr. Carmen Daniela Arteaga Soto, Thursday Afternoon Group Coordinator

