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**SR. JUDY BYRON, OP AND SR. SUSAN VICKERS, RSM TO RECEIVE ICCR'S 2018 LEGACY AWARD**

**NEW YORK, NY, TUESDAY, JULY 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2018** – The governing board of the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility is pleased to announce the recipients of its 2018 Legacy Award are Sr. Judy Byron, OP of the Adrian Dominican Sisters and Sr. Susan Vickers, RSM of the Sisters of Mercy.

[The ICCR Legacy Award](#) was created to honor those whose work has provided a strong moral foundation and an enduring record of demonstrated influence on corporate policies. The award was created in 2011 as a celebration of the 40th anniversary of ICCR.

Sr. Judy Byron, OP, an Adrian Dominican, is the director of the Northwest Coalition for Responsible Investment, and the program director of the Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center in Seattle, Washington. She has been a member of ICCR since 1998, and has led successful corporate engagements on issues such as gun safety, health equity, human trafficking and sustainable food and water. Judy's ministries have included Catholic education and leadership in her religious community and she represented her community in founding the Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center and Mercy Housing Northwest (MHNW) in collaboration with religious communities in the northwest. She currently serves on the board of MHNW and was on ICCR's board from 2002-2005.

Her colleague, Margaret Weber of the Adrian Dominicans, said, "***Sr. Judy Byron is tireless in her compassion, and passion, for justice. Her light is steady and unwavering. She keeps a social justice lens 'at the ready' for critical moments in time for the shareholder voice. Judy's leadership on the gun safety shareholder proposal at Sturm Ruger is illustrative of how she sees a moment in time and acts on it.***"

Sr. Susan Vickers, a member of the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, retired from Dignity Health after 28 years of serving in a variety of roles. Most recently Susan served as Dignity's VP of Corporate Responsibility, where she was responsible for directing and overseeing system-wide corporate social responsibility and sustainability programs.

In conjunction with her corporate responsibility work, Susan directed Dignity Health's shareholder initiatives to raise social responsibility issues with the management of companies in Dignity Health's investment portfolio. This is where Susan made common cause with so many ICCR members, most notably on questions of health equity and corporate environmental performance. Susan was ICCR's

board chair from 2011 – 2012 and she currently serves as a board member of Mercy Investment Services, Practice Greenhealth, Health Care Without Harm, and St. Mary's Medical Center Foundation.

Said Susan Makos of Mercy Investment Services, ***“In her decades of shareholder advocacy ministry, Sr. Susan Vickers has led with a quiet, yet fierce determination to advocate for the greater good and a healthy environment for all. A pioneer in the field, she has championed issues before they were mainstream, and encouraged her health system and her religious community to be leaders in socially responsible investing. Her dedication to socially responsible investing will continue to guide and inspire the work of faith-based investors for years to come.”***

Observed Rev. Séamus Finn, ICCR's board chair, ***“As active members involved in a host of environmental and social justice issues and both having served on ICCR's governing board, Sr. Judy's and Sr. Susan's advocacy continues to have a profound impact on ICCR's work. Sr. Judy's quiet yet persistent presence consistently brings a clear social justice voice into our meetings and conversations. She never fails to remind companies - and all of us - about the impact policies and decisions have on local communities and on the lives of people who are frequently ignored or excluded. Susan generously offered her gifted leadership through her presence and leadership on the board of directors and through her shareholder advocacy on numerous issues including access to medicines and engagements with the financial services sector. As a voice from the west coast, Susan always brought a ray of needed sunshine to our east coast-dominated organization.”***

Srs. Judy and Susan will be honored at ICCR's annual event on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at The Riverside Church in NYC. Please join ICCR in congratulating these two very deserving members on receiving the 2018 Legacy Award.

#### **About the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility (ICCR)**

Celebrating its 47th year, ICCR is the pioneer coalition of shareholder advocates who view the management of their investments as a catalyst for social change. Its 300 member organizations comprise faith communities, socially responsible asset managers, unions, pensions, NGOs and other socially responsible investors with combined assets of over \$400 billion. ICCR members engage hundreds of corporations annually in an effort to foster greater corporate accountability. [www.iccr.org](http://www.iccr.org)