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## She Leads the Nations Honors Global Christian Women Leaders at Historic Capitol Hill Launch

**Washington, D.C. — February 2026** — Christian women leaders from across the United States and around the world will gather on Capitol Hill for the inaugural **She Leads the Nations Global Summit and Launch**, taking place February 3–4, 2026, in the Cannon House Office Building in Washington, D.C.

Founded by **Liz Doyle**, She Leads the Nations is the global expansion of She Leads America, a movement established in 2021 to honor, connect, and encourage Christian women leaders serving across government, media, business, education, healthcare, defense, ministry, and culture.

The Global Summit will culminate in an official **Launch & Honoring Reception on February 3**, recognizing fourteen exceptional international Christian women leaders whose lives and leadership exemplify courage, faith, service, and influence at the highest levels of society.

“These women represent what is possible when faith, excellence, and courage meet,” said Liz Doyle, Founder and Executive Director. “They are shaping nations, defending freedom, serving the vulnerable, and standing boldly for truth in the public square.”

## Women Honored at the She Leads the Nations Reception

The women being honored at the February 3 reception include leaders from government, diplomacy, defense, medicine, humanitarian work, the arts, and global ministry:

- **Aasiya Nasir** — Former multi-term Member of Pakistan’s National Assembly (2002–2018), internationally respected human rights advocate and Christian leader championing freedom of religion, education for all, and the protection of minority women and girls through legislative action, global advocacy, and grassroots ministry.
- **Päivi Räsänen**, MP — Finnish physician, author, eight-term parliamentarian, and former Minister of the Interior, internationally recognized for her courageous defense of freedom of speech, freedom of religion, and biblical Christian values in the public square.
- **Allison Hooker** — 25th Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, with extensive experience in U.S. foreign policy and national security through senior

leadership roles at the White House, the Department of State, and international strategic advisory work.

- **Margaret Jepkoech Kamar**, MP — Kenyan senator, academic, and former cabinet minister who made history as the first elected female Deputy Speaker of the Senate of Kenya, advancing higher education, environmental stewardship, and women's leadership.
- **Veronica Maina**, MP — Special Elect Senator in Kenya's 13th Parliament and senior legal professional with over 26 years' experience, nationally recognized for championing justice, governance reform, human rights, and women's leadership.
- **Mary Zachariah**, MD — Pioneering missionary physician, OBGYN, and fertility specialist with over 38 years of service integrating medical excellence and Christian compassion across India and the Middle East, currently serving at Prime Hospital, Dubai.
- **Betty Uribe**, PhD — Internationally respected psychologist, author, and Christian leader from Colombia, widely known for bold advocacy for biblical family values, women's leadership, and faith-based transformation across Latin America and the global church.
- **Lisette Bonano**, PhD — Decorated U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.), with 28 years of service including Joint Staff and combat-zone leadership, multilingual international affairs expertise, and faith-driven servant leadership in global security and civil-military engagement.
- **Rosemary James**, MA (Oxon), MSc (Lond), MA (SOAS), DIC — UK-based social anthropologist and cross-cultural ministry pioneer dedicated to contextualized, arts-based approaches to evangelization and reconciliation among unreached communities worldwide.
- **Saira Peter** — British-Pakistani soprano internationally recognized as the world's first Sufi opera singer and Founder of NJ Arts London and Saira Arts Academy, pioneering cross-cultural music as a force for unity and artistic excellence.
- **Konjit Berhane Eshetu** — Founder and Executive Director of RAS Global and humanitarian development expert advancing holistic, community-based solutions to break cycles of poverty and restore dignity in Ethiopia.
- **Elona Prroj**, PhD — Albanian pastor, psychologist, and ambassador of reconciliation whose testimony of forgiveness and leadership in trauma healing has impacted governments, parliaments, and global faith platforms worldwide.
- **Liz Wright** — Globally influential Christian faith leader and Founder & CEO of the International Mentoring Community, impacting millions across more than 125 nations through mentoring, media, and leadership development.

- **Julie Bentz**, Major General (Ret.) — Nationally respected nuclear security and defense leader who served 33 years across the U.S. Army, Reserve, and National Guard, advised three U.S. presidents, chairs advisory boards for Sandia and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories, and serves on corporate nuclear and energy boards.

## **About She Leads the Nations**

She Leads the Nations is the global expansion of She Leads America, dedicated to recognizing and empowering Christian women leaders who are influencing their nations with integrity, courage, and conviction. Through summits, receptions, and strategic partnerships, She Leads the Nations builds bridges between leaders, nations, and generations.

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