

THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS AND ROLE OF WOMEN

COSROW has used this past year to begin planning for the future. Our emphasis in COSROW has been focused for many years in the Newsletter, and Women in the Pulpit - encouraging church people to support women by giving them space to speak this one Sunday out of the year. We have arrived at the place that we have many women who are speaking in the pulpit every Sunday – ordained clergy, local pastors, and lay speakers. Thus our focus is moving towards becoming more visible through three different avenues:

1. We will continue to need the newsletter, to open minds in how to support women in all walks of life throughout the year and to give space for women to share their story. We also intend for the newsletter to become a vessel for resources created by the women of our conference. This Newsletter will be distributed in registration packets.
2. Domestic Violence continues to be a concern. We are presently preparing a resource to be available to all churches in this area of ministry. Representatives from SCCADVASA will be present at a booth at annual conference to discuss and offer information on Domestic Violence. We are discussing how we may offer resources for churches, pastors and laity desiring to have training in responding to Domestic Violence in their communities.
3. How to nurture our Methodist Women in all areas of leadership remains a priority. We are working towards planning an annual Day of Nurture for United Methodist Women, a day when women throughout the conference may join together in fellowship and worship.

We continue to strive towards becoming a strong and vital ministry in the South Carolina Conference.

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