

THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS AND ROLE OF WOMEN

The Commission on the Status and Role of Women has used much of our time this year to begin planning what steps we need to take in order to be a more useful resource and support for the conference. We have moved from two scheduled meetings to three to help in our organizational structure and to give more space for brainstorming. We continue to work towards becoming more visible and viable through three different avenues:

1. Our Newsletter this year was a vessel to bring forth awareness of Domestic and Sexual Violence throughout our communities, state and the world. We offer it as a resource for Pastors and Laity.
2. This past year we invited the South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault to attend one of our meetings and share with us how the church may be in dialogue with them. SCCADVASA and Robin Griffeth gave us an enlightening presentation that brought us to the point of asking, "How do we offer this as a resource to our pastors and the laity?" As a result, we are looking into the future of offering a one day workshop/conference with the opportunity of receiving Continuing Education Credits. We are also purchasing two DVD's for resources in the Resource Center.
3. We are still concerned about the Nurture of our Women in all areas of Ministry. Our planning has not taken us to this area yet - maybe ext year!

God is working with us as we strive towards becoming a healthy and effective ministry in the South Carolina Conference.

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