

## **WOMEN IN MINISTRY AT SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

### **PHILOSOPHY OF MINISTRY**

At Second Presbyterian Church we believe that God made us male and female, equally loved by Him and gifted by Him for service in His Church and in His world. We long to see all men and all women become like Jesus Christ, Who is the very goal of our faith.

Just as men and women worship and serve together, we also at times need to be encouraged and trained in unique ways (cf. Titus 2:1-8). We, therefore, both learn and serve in mixed-gender groups and in single-gender groups for the purpose of growing and serving Him.

Our Women in Ministry team is especially focused on encouraging women in their unique areas of need and in training women in their unique gifts for ministry. We do this through counseling, Bible study, personal edification, and ministry training. We also help mobilize our women members into the existing ministry structures of the Church, we seek ways to evangelize and include unchurched women in our community, and we advocate for and minister to women around the world.

Our strategies for ministry are several, and they are flexible. We want to see that each of our Congregational Communities (Sunday School) are effectively ministering to the women in their fellowship and developing their gifts, and we will increasingly structure our WIM efforts through our adult CCs. We want to continue to teach and train our women effectively and want to see our women's Bible studies grow. We see many needs to serve women in Memphis, especially the under-resourced, and we want to expand our reach into their lives. We grieve over the oppression of the women around the world, especially in the least evangelized areas, and we want to grow our international ministry to them.

This great effort requires skilled shepherding leadership, both on staff and with volunteers. We are committed to recruiting, training, and mobilizing the leaders needed to accomplish this great work.

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