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Paragraph 2102 of the Discipline of the United Methodist Church reads: "The Commission on Status and Role of Women is charged with responsibility to challenge the United Methodist Church, including its general agencies, institutions and connectional structures, to a continuing commitment to the full and equal responsibility and participation of women in the total life and mission of the Church, sharing fully in the power and policy making at all levels of the Church's life."

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The butterfly was adopted by COSROW as a symbol of change and new life.

The Marie Kerkeles Phillips Scholarship



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Established in 1999
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“If the first woman God ever made was strong enough to turn the world upside down all alone, these women together ought to be able to turn it back, and get it right side up again! And now they is asking to do it, the men better let them.” — Sojourner Truth

Marie Kerkeles Phillips is a women who worked to get the world right side up again! She is described as a person of “discernment, intelligence, dignity and empathy” by the many persons who knew her. While serving as chairperson of COSROW from 1984-1988, Marie provided enthusiastic leadership in the areas of inclusive language and women’s rights. Others remember her laughter and love that made her a role model and good friend.

Marie was born in Nashville, Tennessee to a father who was Greek Orthodox and a mother who was Southern Baptist. She attended a Presbyterian Church as a teen, sang in an Episcopal choir and married a United Methodist minister. Her love for her family (husband Sam, son Robert and daughter Amy) as well as her love of life was obvious to all who knew her. Marie is remembered for her optimistic and energetic spirit in spite of a painful disease which eventually took her life in December, 1998.

COSROW is pleased to honor her memory through this scholarship. It is our prayer that the recipient will feel Marie’s warmth and caring through this effort.



The members of COSROW of Indiana Conference are providing a scholarship for a female student who is preparing for ministry in the UMC by attending the School of Theology through Africa University in Zimbabwe, Africa.

The scholarship is offered annually to a woman from Sierra Leone or Liberia to encourage a greater number of students from those countries. The University has a goal of specifically encouraging students from African countries outside of Zimbabwe to continue their education. Africa University also has a goal of equal numbers of men and women in the student body.

COSROW provides this scholarship to cover expenses for a year at the University. The amount required is approximately \$3,800.

Your financial help would be greatly appreciated! As additional funds are raised, we will be able to assist more students.

For women from Sierra Leone and Liberia to attend Africa University as they prepare for ministry in the United Methodist Church.

“One of the most significant undertakings of the United Methodist Church has been the establishment of Africa University. What a great opportunity and accomplishment for the Continent of Africa and its youth!

I have had the privilege of being on campus on several occasions. Each time I continue to be absolutely thrilled by how God is using Africa University to help make our world a better place.

I am an advocate of the University’s support through scholarships, personal involvement and sacrificial giving and I think your idea is a splendid one to honor Marie Phillips in such a tangible and significant way.”

— Bishop Woodie W. White
The United Methodist Church,
Retired

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