

Celebrating with Gratitude!

We've had a joyous and productive month here at GCSRW, and we're excited to share some of our recent activities:

- We attended the Council of Bishops gathering and hosted a luncheon for the women bishops. We also celebrated the election of Bishop Tracy S. Malone as the new president of the Council of Bishops, taking office in 2024. She is the first Black woman to be elected to lead more than 110 bishops in the global denomination that includes Africa, Asia, Europe and Americas.
- Our staff convened with other leaders across the connection to lay the groundwork for our participation at General Conference to be held in Charlotte, NC in 2024. Expect more detailed information on this soon.
- We also led a Response Team training session for the Oregon/Idaho Annual Conference, contributing to enhancing preparedness and support within their own context.
- Finally, we will be spearheading a workshop on *Healthy Boundaries, Healthy Churches* at the Facing the Future event, organized by the General Commission on Religion and Race.

If you'd like more information on trainings we offer and to learn how you can bring them to your conference, you may reach us at info@gcsr.org.

We are grateful to be in ministry with each and everyone of you. Your dedication and support play a vital role in our mission to promote full and equal participation of women in the life and mission of the Church.

Thank you for being part of our journey.

Warm regards,
GCSRW Team



The General Commission on the Status and Role of Women

Ever forward on our journey...

Legislative Initiatives for General Conference in 2024

We believe that a fully engaged and empowered membership is vital to The United Methodist Church's mission "to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." Therefore, GCSRW is submitting 10 pieces of legislation to be considered at General Conference in 2024. We have divided our pieces into three different categories: **Leadership, Sexual Ethics, and Complaint Process Equity**. We invite you to familiarize yourself with this document summary and encourage you to email us at info@gcsr.org with any questions.

[READ SUMMARY](#)



Did you know you can watch our archived Coffee Chat sessions?

Grab your beverage of choice, and join us! Earlier this year we launched Coffee Chats with Denise Smartt Sears, GCSRW's Director of Leadership Development and Accountability. These monthly gatherings provide insightful discussions and contribute to a vibrant network that fosters growth and collaboration to shape the future of the Church with the advancement of women.

Previous sessions include:

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Rev. Dawn M. Hand

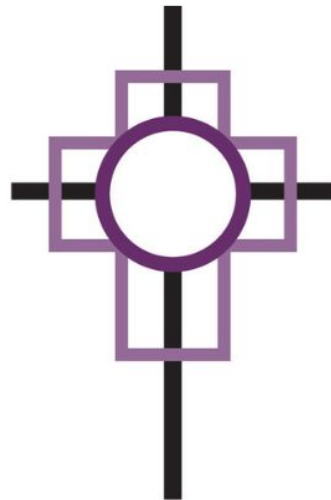
An inspiring woman



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