Want to participate?

Attend a Women’s Transformation and Leadership connection event. Some equip women to fulfill personal calling. Others help men and women in church leadership learn more about biblical teaching on gifts and leadership, and healthy ministry partnerships between men and women.

Grow your leadership skills as part of a leadership collaborative (offered in English, Spanish, and Korean). These small groups of women go through a customized process of self-reflection, coaching, and learning. We also offer “train the trainer” events for church leaders (English and Spanish-speaking) to learn how to facilitate a one-year leadership collaborative.

Form a congregational learning community around developing women’s gifts or fostering healthy male-female ministry partnerships. In a learning community, teams from several churches learn about a specific ministry area together. This facilitated process lasts one year.

Join one of our women-focused 2019 global experiences: In January we travel to Bahrain and India. In November we journey to the Holy Land. Details will be available on our website (www.rca.org/women) soon.

Participate in She Is Called! Share your story of calling, like our She is Called Facebook page, and get your She Is Called shirt.

Apply at www.rca.org/women for a Beth E. Marcus scholarship, available to RCA seminarians and candidates for ordained ministry.

Feel called to support this ministry? Please give at www.rca.org/givewomen.

Visit www.rca.org/women to learn more and find upcoming events in your region.

This is an exciting, hope-filled time for both women and men in the RCA. God’s Spirit is on the move, opening gracious, transformative pathways of opportunity, connectedness, and healing—pathways that equip the church to fully include women and their gifts—and ushering in a vision of God’s reign as sisters and brothers serve together to strengthen the body of Christ for mission in the world.

Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

(1 Thessalonians 5:11)
What is Women’s Transformation and Leadership?

• A ministry initiative to help the RCA pursue the full inclusion of the gifts and influence of women in the life of the church and beyond.

• An integral part of Transformed & Transforming, the RCA’s 15-year ministry plan.

• A hub for opportunities that encourage, equip, and empower all women in their callings and connect them more deeply with God, each other, the church, and the community.

• A place for congregations to begin or continue a journey of recognizing, nurturing, and utilizing the gifts that women bring and designing ways to equip women for ministry.

• A catalyst for change, opening the RCA as a whole and women and men as individuals to the Spirit’s movement in women’s lives and ministries.

What are we doing?

Women’s Transformation and Leadership offers women opportunities to connect, communicate, and collaborate with each other, the broader church, and God’s mission in the world. Here are some of the ways we’re doing that:

• Ensuring all women have barrier-free access to RCA resources and opportunities.

• Nurturing established and emerging female leaders through multi-language leadership collaboratives.

• Celebrating and equipping women through “Honoring our Stories” connection events and retreats.

• Developing learning communities for churches to empower women to lead in ministry.

• Celebrating the rich history of women through things like women’s Sankofa trips and the “RCA Women: A Legacy of Leadership” booklet.

• Developing the “Building God’s Church Together” process that focuses on “learning and unlearning” around women’s gifts and calling to church leadership, and helps congregations create healthy environments where ministry partnerships between men and women can thrive.

• Leading an annual global experience for women that includes a process to help discover meaningful ways to connect their learning with their local congregation.

• Providing tuition assistance to RCA women seminarians through the Beth E. Marcus Scholarship Fund.

• Connecting women through Facebook and a quarterly e-newsletter.

• Collecting web resources (available at www.rca.org/women) for women to fulfill their callings and for churches to raise women up as leaders.

• Collaborating with the RCA seminaries, the Commission for Women, and other Transformed & Transforming initiatives to empower women in ministry.

• Speaking together as the church to end harassment, abuse, and sexual violence against women and girls through the We Are Speaking statement, webinar conversations, and other resources being developed.

• Celebrating how God is calling women across the RCA through the #sheiscalled campaign.