

## Resources and Support

Women's Ministry provides support for women, churches and ministries through:

- ▶ Resources
- ▶ Training and learning
- ▶ Consultations
- ▶ Networking clusters
- ▶ CRC Women's Facebook page
- ▶ CRC Clergy Women's Facebook page

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## Connecting, Collaborating, Capacity Building



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The Christian Reformed Church's first official study of the role of women in the Church is found in a 1973 report. Before addressing the issue of ordination, the study committee's report listed Biblical principles—the first of which was this: "Christ's redemption and restoration results in a oneness of the sexes and does not allow for any discrimination in the congregations (Galatians 3:28)." While it took many years for the CRC to reach a conclusion that there are two different perspectives and convictions on the issue of women in ecclesiastical office, and that both perspectives honor Scripture as the infallible Word of God, the basic principle for all of us is found in this verse in Galatians. We participate together as the body of Christ and the Holy Spirit provides gifting for those who emerge as leaders in a wide variety of ministries. Romans 12:6-8 provides a reminder of the different gifts given to each of us; seven are listed with this instruction concerning leadership: If it is to lead, do it diligently. May the care and conscientiousness our leaders provide be used mightily by the Spirit; whether we lead or are led. Thanks be to God for equipping women and men with these gifts.

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## Our Vision and Goals

Leadership Development: Women's Ministry affirms and supports women in all levels of leadership. We help Christian Reformed churches and ministries create a culture in which, together, men and women thrive in pursuit of God's mission in the world.

- ▶ We invest in the future of women, ordained and non-ordained, to connect and explore new opportunities and resources to grow as leaders.
- ▶ We come alongside Christian Reformed churches and ministries to create a discernment process for integrating women in new and existing leadership roles and ministry contexts.
- ▶ We partner with formal and informal groups as well as denominationally-related institutions to strengthen our capacity to develop leaders for today's challenges.
- ▶ We envision men and women fulfilling their callings and using their gifts as they carry out God's mission in the world.

*You will be like a well-watered garden,  
like a spring whose waters never fail.*

— Isaiah 58:11