

# The Value of Ministry to Women

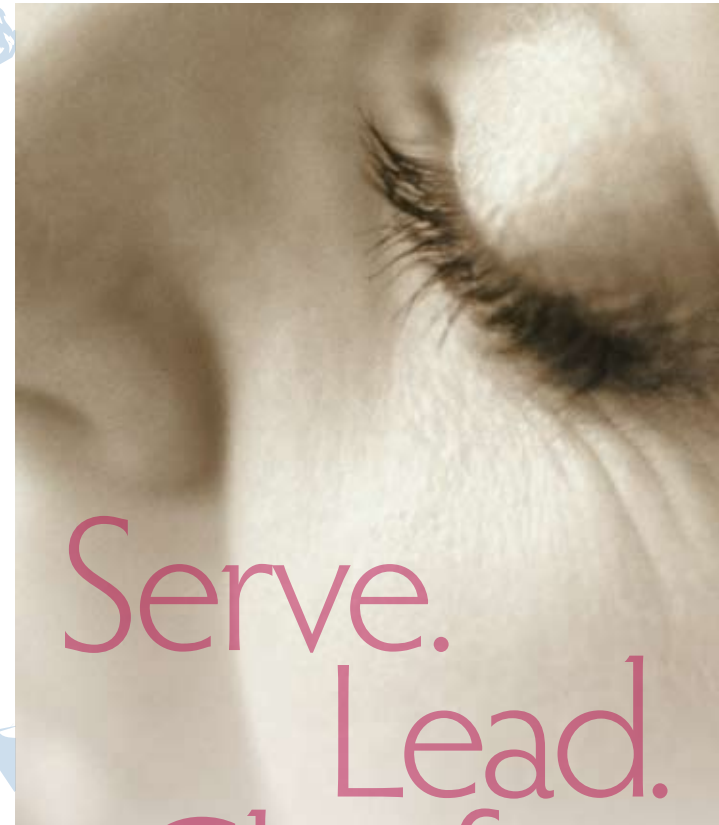
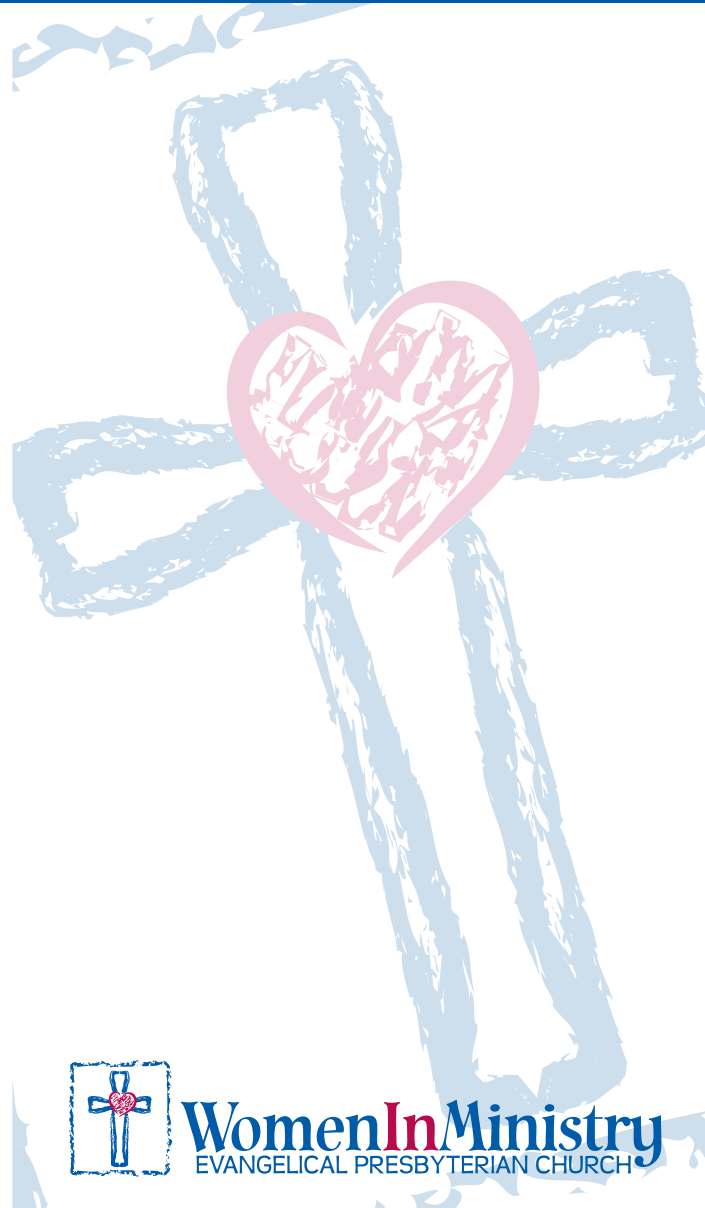
Women are uniquely able to relate to and meet the needs of other women. Ministry to women is an effective means of reaching out with the love of Christ to non-believers and believers alike, encouraging both church growth and discipleship.

Women of the 21st century face a much different world than those of previous generations. Educational opportunities, societal changes and far-reaching world events present new challenges to the Church to connect with women where they are.

Never to be done "on it's own", ministry to women must be an integral part of God's work among the whole body of Christ.

**Our task is to relate in relevant ways to women in a changing world with the Good News of an unchanging God.**

The Evangelical Presbyterian Church recognizes the giftedness and worth of women. It acknowledges and encourages the utilization of their gifts in partnership with the whole body of Christ for the building of God's Kingdom.



Serve.  
Lead.  
Glorify.



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# At Our Core, We Believe:

As members of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, we affirm The Essentials which sets forth the beliefs upon which we must be in agreement. With this as the foundation, EPC Women in Ministry affirms that:

**1. Women are created as image-bearers of God, redeemed by the atoning death of Jesus Christ and gifted by the Holy Spirit.**

– Genesis 1.27; Galatians 4. 26-28; Acts 2. 17-18

**2. The Word of God is the foundation of all life and ministry.**

– Timothy 3. 16 – 17

**3. Holy living is expressed in purity, integrity and virtue.**

– 2 Corinthians 7.1; Titus 2. 11-14

**4. God' Kingdom is extended and the Gospel is proclaimed through His Bride, the Church, into the community and world.**

– Acts 1. 8; Matthew 28.19-20

In Essentials, Unity; In Non-Essentials, Liberty;  
In All Things, Charity.



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EPC Women in Ministry serves local churches by developing women as servant leaders for the equipping of God's church and the enlarging of His kingdom. Such leaders are developed by:

**Encouraging** women in ministry who are eager to serve joyfully and with passion wherever God has called and placed them. **The Well** leadership newsletter serves to link EPC Women in Ministry with such leaders.

**Resourcing** women by developing and maintaining a website to provide training articles, speaker's bureau, ideas exchange, ministry links to support them in their place of service. The development of a **Leadership Training Core Curriculum** will allow leaders to not only grow in their understanding of ministry, but will be a resource for them as they train and equip additional leaders. (Available in 2008)

**Equipping** women in ministry through leadership training events to develop ministry skill and promote connectional relationships with other women serving as leaders

**Mobilizing** women to fully participate in God's work in the world. Faith Focus mission projects that unite EPC Women and extend their involvement in God's mission in the world serve to remind women that their place of mission is also close at hand.

A bi-annual national conference, "**Charis**", open to every woman in the EPC provides a setting to experience biblical teaching, worship and prayer in ways that encourage, resource, equip and mobilize them in their place of ministry.

## Leadership for EPC Women in Ministry

National leadership is given by the Director with the support of the EPC Permanent Committee on Women in Ministry. The Committee is composed of women from various Presbyteries elected by the General Assembly for three-year terms.

Presbytery leadership is given by the Chairman and Committee of the Presbytery Women in Ministry. Each presbytery determines its own Committee structure that will most effectively serve to promote the common goals and priorities of EPC Women in Ministry.

## How is EPC Women in Ministry Funded?

The operating budget for EPC Women in Ministry is supplied by the benevolence giving of our churches. The \$1 Per Woman Asking is a General Assembly approved benevolence which requests every church to contribute \$1 for every woman in its congregation toward the programs, ministries and initiatives developed to serve leaders in their local congregations.

