

COSROW – RUTH GYNTHYER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Commission on the Status and Role of Women (COSROW) was established by the 1976 General Conference due to efforts of the Women’s Division. Its purpose is to encourage the full and equitable participation of women in the life of the church. (As one woman observed, “I’d like to be able to do more for my church than bake cookies and teach children’s Sunday School.)

The AL.-W. FL Conference COSROW has instituted several initiatives to encourage women’s leadership and to recognize their contributions. In 1992, COSROW established the Alice Lee Award, named for one of the actively dedicated women of our Conference, which recognizes women who have been barrier-breakers and bridge builders toward women’s participation in church and community. This award is presented at Annual Conference. Also, at Annual Conference COSROW sponsors a breakfast at which a scholarship is presented to a woman who is a student in a Methodist seminary. COSROW also monitors Annual Conference proceedings and nominations reports for inclusiveness.

Early on, COSROW began annual Events at Blue Lake which feature women leaders addressing issues of interest to women. The Event is held annually on the first weekend in March and covers issues that provide information of interest to women who are interested in increasing the involvement of women in the full life or the Church.

In 2009, the women gathered at the Event voted to begin a **laity scholarship** to encourage women who **had not been to a COSROW Event**. This scholarship was named in honor of Ruth Gynther, a former chair of COSROW.

Applications for this scholarship are now being sought. If you or someone you know would like to be considered to have the cost of her attendance at the annual Event at Blue Lake Assembly covered by this scholarship, please submit the following form to Lynn Hamric, 553 Antioch Road, Centreville, AL 35042. Deadline for application is February 20.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Church/District: _____

Age: 15-30 () 31- 40 () 41 – 50 () 51 – 60 () 61 – 70 () Over 70 ()

1. What would you like to learn from this Event?

2. How do you think you can advance women in the church by working with COSROW?

Please continue on the back or use additional paper as needed.