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*The
Marie Kerkeles Phillips
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**Established in 1999 to honor
Marie Kerkeles Phillips for
her advocacy work.**

**A scholarship is offered
annually to a woman at Africa
University studying for
ordained ministry or work in
any field serving society.**

"If the first woman God ever made was strong enough to turn the world upside down all alone, these women together ought to be able to turn it back, and get it right side up again! And now they is asking to do it, the men better let them"
---Sojourner Truth

Marie Kerkeles Phillips was a woman who worked to get the world right side up again! She is described as a person of discernment, intelligence, dignity and empathy by the many people who knew her. While serving as chairperson of the former South Indiana Conference COSROW from 1984-1988, Marie provided enthusiastic leadership in the areas of inclusive language and women's rights. Others remember her laughter and love that made her a role model and good friend.

Marie was born in Nashville, Tennessee to a father who was a Greek Orthodox and a mother who was a Southern Baptist. She attended a Presbyterian church as a teen, sang in an Episcopal choir and married a United Methodist minister. Her love for her family (husband Sam, son Robert and daughter Amy) as well as her love of life was obvious to all who knew her. Marie is remembered for her optimistic and energetic spirit in spite of a painful disease which eventually took her life in December 1998.

COSROW, The Indiana Conference UMC and the Phillips family are pleased to honor her life and memory with this scholarship. It is our prayer that the recipient will feel Marie's warmth and caring through this effort.

Information about the Scholarship

The scholarship is offered annually to a woman attending Africa University who is preparing for ordained minister or work in any field serving society. Preference will be given to women from Liberia or Sierra Leone to encourage a greater number of students from those countries. Africa University has a goal of specifically encouraging students from African countries outside of Zimbabwe and a goal of equal numbers of men and women in the student body.

The family of Marie Phillips will provide assistance for a candidate who wishes to attend school in the San Francisco Bay area and then return to Africa to work.

The amount to provide one scholarship for one year at Africa University is \$5400.00 for the 2012-2013 academic year. COSROW will fund one scholarship per year.

Gifts to the Marie Kerkeles Phillips Scholarship Fund will help it grow and provide for additional scholarships to be awarded in future years. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.



Let us know how we can be of help to you.

Please send me more information about the Commission on Status and Role of Women Marie Kerkeles Phillips Scholarship.

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