

# IMOGENE MOSS CIRCLE

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN SHARING THEIR JOURNEY

Target Group: Women who wish to share their journey through life with other women on similar pathways.

### Who are you?

Just starting out, first job, first apartment, just leaving the nest and beginning your independent journey. When you realize someone has to shop for groceries and pay the light bill and that someone is you.

Building a family with someone your love or looking for that person to build a family with, struggling with the balance of work/home/friends. First house, first kid. When you realize you're not a child anymore but you don't necessarily feel grown up. When you ask yourself, "Wait, am \*I\* the one in charge here?"

Got the family, got the house, got the job. . .trying to find a place for yourself in all of that. Oh, no, am I really turning into my mother? Where did the last 20 years go?

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Imogene Moss had a vision for women on this journey. The vision was to give women a group to journey together through the phases of adulthood. Share the journey, learn from one another, and find your voice and strength as a part of the church. Pretty progressive concept - especially for the 1960s.

Of course, Imogene Moss traveled this pathway herself. A graduate of Columbia College, she taught English in Blacksburg, South Carolina. She served as the music director at RUMC for 40 years and would have continued if her cataracts hadn't stopped her. She taught Sunday School and was active in UMW and the Virginia Wingard Circle and raised three children and grandchildren along the way. She embodied a life of service to the Lord using the gifts He has given and passed that ideal on to future generations.

Her message lives on in the women who were in the first Imogene Moss Circle. Started in the late 1960s the women of the original circle grew and learned from each other. Those women are leaders of our church - successful, strong, and empowered. Those women inspire us today with their commitment to service and constant love and faith in the church family. It is that purpose that we bring to women today by beginning a new chapter of the Imogene Moss Circle.

The new Imogene Moss Circle will continue in 2010 with a new group to take on this vision. We will share our strengths, our stories, our interests, our faith, and our journey. We will discuss making our own way, making our own path, and making our own rules. We will discover our abilities, take joy in our diversity and complexity, empower each other through challenges and trials, and all with our sights on the future and an eye to the past.

Women who are interested in participating should contact Vilma Cobb or Pat Hynds. These ladies will help guide the group as it gets started.

**Let's get together and journey together!**