

The SCHC and the Wider World

Companions are involved individually, with their chapters, and at Adelynrood in issues of peace and justice.

Although the Society does not take a corporate stance on such issues, individual Companions work to eradicate poverty, to bring justice to immigrants, to abolish the death penalty, and to bring attention to environmental concerns.

The SCHC (together with Virginia Theological Seminary) sponsored the 2014 Anglican Women at Prayer conference, designed to invite all women of the worldwide Anglican Communion into shared prayer and dialogue. In 2017 we continue that effort as we sponsor (with the Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas) *Sharing Sacred Ground*, a conference focusing on the spirituality of Latina and Native American women. We look forward to learning from and sharing with our Latina and Native American sisters in Christ.

May we listen silently without judgment or response so that we may learn to feel from another's place.

Let us all be builders of peace.

(SCHC Manual)



For more information about SCHC programs, please see www.Adelynrood.org

For information about renting space for your group at Adelynrood, our retreat and conference center, contact SCHCGeneralManager@Adelynrood.org



THE AIMS OF THE SOCIETY

To bind together by thanksgiving, common intercession, and simple rule those who desire to follow more closely in the steps of our Lord's most holy life.

To foster the spirit of thankfulness and Christian joy;

To encourage constant prayer for others;

To pray for justice and peace, for the unity of God's people, and the mission of God in the world;

To inspire and maintain an earnest effort for simplicity of life and for the patient, joyous bearing of the cross;

To deepen obedience to our Lord
In all aspects of life.

For More Information

If you are interested in exploring your vocation to the SCHC, please contact Discerners@Adelynrood.org



Adelynrood

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THE SOCIETY OF THE COMPANIONS OF THE HOLY CROSS

Welcome!



SCHC VOCATION STATEMENT

We are a community of women, Christ's disciples, called by God to a life of prayer, transformation, and reconciliation within ourselves, within our Companionship, within our faith communities, and within the whole creation.



About the Society

The Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross is a diverse group of women, both laywomen and clergy, called to live their lives under a rule of intercessory prayer, thanksgiving, and simplicity of life.

In 1884, the two founders, Emily Morgan and Adelyn Howard, envisioned a group of women united in prayer and companionship.

Today the SCHC is comprised of almost 830 women from the Episcopal Church and the wider Anglican Communion who pray and work with intentional concern for the unity of all God's people, God's mission in the world, social justice, and peace and reconciliation.

The life of the Society revolves around 34 chapters, mainly in the U.S., but stretching as far as India, and around the Society's retreat and conference center, Adelynrood.

Chapters

A significant part of a Companion's life is spent in her local chapter where Companions support each other in their vocations of prayer and service, outreach, and spiritual growth.

The meeting format varies for each chapter, but all chapters pray together, provide programs (such as book studies and retreat days), conduct SCHC business, and nurture those in the chapter in sharing their spiritual lives and in living out their ministries in the world.

A woman who expresses an interest in becoming a Companion is first invited to attend a chapter meeting as an Inquirer. If her interest continues, she starts her journey of discernment toward becoming a Companion. During this time she is supported by two Sponsors and is mentored by the entire chapter.

Adelynrood

Every summer the SCHC offers a variety of programs and retreats on religious, educational, and social justice topics at Adelynrood, our retreat and conference center. These are set in the context of our Holy Routine of worship, and all are welcome.

Adelynrood has rooms available for those who want to be on private retreat and to enjoy the gardens, labyrinth, libraries, and delicious, healthful food.

Hospitality is also offered to the homeless, to caregivers, and to other groups as part of our social justice ministry.

Religious and educational groups rent conference space for hosting their own retreats and meetings.

All of these activities are supported by Companion volunteers who come from throughout the Society to live and work in community.