

A Focus on Every Life at Women's Leadership Conference



Overview

The South Carolina Baptist Convention recently hosted a Women's Leadership Conference aimed at strengthening and encouraging women in ministry.

Melanie Ratcliffe, Relational Evangelism Director at SCBaptist, explained that the conference was for women involved in ministry in any capacity, including women's ministry leaders, pastors' wives, and other church staff positions.

"This conference is one of my favorite that we do here at the Convention because it's an opportunity for women in ministry leadership to be poured into," Ratcliffe said. "They pour out in so many ways, and this is an opportunity for us to encourage them, challenge them, and give them tools to share the Gospel."

Conference Highlights

The event featured sessions led by speakers including Michelle Myers and Somer Phoebus, authors of *She Works His Way*, focusing on enhancing leadership skills within church contexts. The conference also held a Young Leaders Lunch, where over 80 women aged 35 and under posed questions about ministry and leadership in a Q&A setting to Myers and Phoebus.

Another distinctive feature of the conference was the formation of cohort groups, where attendees were divided by region to foster networking and relationship-building. These smaller groups provided opportunities for discussions on professional development and personal growth in leadership.

According to Ratcliffe, one focus of the weekend was emphasizing the importance of leaders being filled by the Holy Spirit so that they can pour out of that abundance to the people they lead.

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