

# Women's Newsletter

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## Global Focus Weekend

May 14-15, 2022



3 different event registrations & volunteer opportunities

- Service project – serve with your family!
- COS Picnic with Afghan community
- Lunch & Learn Workshop after services – Topics: Sharing your Faith with Muslims, Understanding Muslim Culture & Refugee Resettlement

And special speaker on Sunday morning, Robert Antonucci

I think many of us have vivid pictures etched into our memory of Afghans desperately scrambling to leave their country when the Taliban reclaimed power last August. Since, more than 74,000 Afghans have been resettled (or are waiting to be resettled) here in the U.S., with over 2000 in the state of Pennsylvania.

Our first Global Focus Weekend will be centering on the people of Afghanistan. These two days offer opportunities for COS to serve those who have been resettled in our surrounding communities, and to learn more about the Afghan culture. I hope you'll step into one of the three ways to get involved. If you haven't registered for any of the special events, don't wait... register today! For more information and to register, go to [coswayne.org/gofocus](https://coswayne.org/gofocus)



Our second Worth It program finished on Thursday, May 5th. We're pleased that six women graduated from the course. On the final day of class, we celebrated the women with a ceremony, cards and gifts, cupcakes and many COS congregants who cheered them on. A big shout out to all our COS volunteers who supported the program this past year. You created an accepting environment that made each woman feel she was truly special. I'm thankful for the opportunity we have to partner with Worthwhile Wear and hope to continue hosting Worth It in the future.





## *Going local!*

God is moving unreached people groups to places where they can hear the gospel. This summer, Debra G and I are working together to provide a local mission experience with a specific focus on the diaspora who live in our area. We are offering two separate overnight events for men, women, and families with emphasis on the Muslim (June 24-25) and Hindu (July 22-23) communities. A few highlights of these “trips” will include visiting places of worship, mapping, prayer walks and eating at local ethnic restaurants. More information will be available during the Global Focus Weekend and on the COS global outreach webpage.

*thank you, leaders!*

I'd like to extend a big thank you to all our marvelous women leaders who have faithfully served throughout the 2021-2022 season across numerous COS ministries. Through another season of challenges, you persevered and stayed the course. As we wrap up the ministry year and look ahead to the summer, I pray God will replenish you through His Spirit and give you a well-deserved season of rest. God's abundant blessings!