



Carolyn Rivers

Carolyn Rivers is Founder and Director of The Sophia Institute.

The Sophia Institute is a center for learning convening innovative programs, led by nationally and internationally renowned thought leaders, that foster the rise of the Feminine, in partnership with the Masculine, cultivating wisdom, mindfulness, and well-being for a more just, sustainable and flourishing world for all people.

The Sophia Institute draws participants from all 50 states and 14 other countries to join the core community in Charleston, South Carolina and offers retreats, lectures, forums, and special events. The Sophia Institute's core work for personal transformation and initiatives for social transformation—*Social Justice Racial Equity Collaborative* and *Higher Ground: Rising to Meet our Environmental Crisis* focus on fostering a more equalitarian world where *power with*, rather than *power over*, becomes a way of living and being that honors our interdependence and fosters care and protection for all people and for the Earth.

Rivers has a B.A. from Winthrop College and an M.Ed. from Clemson University. A graduate of Leadership SC, she served on the Board of Leadership SC, the Board of the Center for Women in Charleston, the Vestry of St. Stephens Church and is on the Board of The Sophia Institute.

A life-long educator, she has taught in SC schools, including the College of Charleston, worked in educational publishing with McDougal Littell, a Chicago based company, for fifteen years, and is on faculty at the Sophia Institute. Prior to founding The Sophia Institute, she studied with many of the leading transpersonal teachers in America. As a visionary leader, she is taking a stand for educating women as change agents in creating a more conscious and compassionate world.