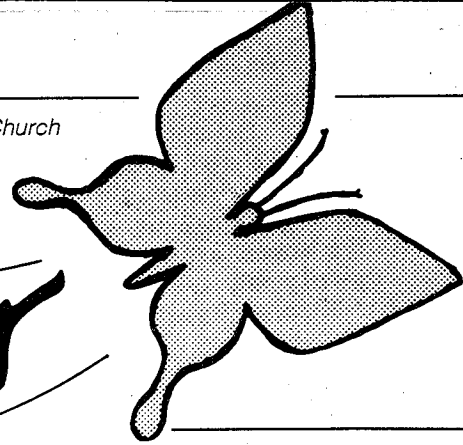


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September GCSRW Meeting at Mt. Sequoyah

Panel calls for legislation, cultural change

"Domestic violence is a holocaust against women in our society," said Lydia Walker, Family Service Coordinator for the Project for Victims of Family Violence, Inc., Fayetteville, AR, as she spoke before the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women at their September meeting at Mt. Sequoyah in Fayetteville, AR.

Walker participated as a panelist in the Commission's listening event addressing critical women's issues. Appearing along with Walker were Frances Hines, director of Project Self-Determination, and Sammi McCarthy, who provides services for women in the Hispanic community of Northwest Arkansas.

According to Walker, our country's laws continue to regard women and children as chattel. In the case of child custody, judgments are not actually made in the best interests of children, but suggest that parental rights are more important.

Walker emphasized that as long as men can rape and beat women and children without going to jail, they will continue to do so. Only when we have adequate shelters for women and children and protective laws, only then will we have an opportunity to effectively rehabilitate men and bring an end to domestic violence.

Lydia Walker, Family Service Coordinator for the Project for Victims of Family Violence, emphasizes the need for women's shelters and protective laws at September Commission meeting. With Walker on the panel are Frances Hines (center), director of Project Self-Determination, and Sammi McCarthy, who provides services for women in the Hispanic community of Northwest Arkansas.



Concluding her remarks, Walker emphasized, "When someone knows a little bit about domestic violence, their question is 'Why does she stay in the relationship?' When someone knows a lot about domestic violence, their question is 'How does she get out?'"

In her presentation, panelist Dr. Frances Hines, director of Project for Self-Determination, Fayetteville, AR, outlined a hypothetical, but typical case study of a teen mom who goes on welfare. Over the course of 50 years the cost of that one conception yields

12 people on welfare at a cost of \$4.8 million, not including education and other extras. Whereas, according to Hines, the cost of getting one woman off of welfare is \$4,500.

Thus, Hines explained, the purpose of the Project for Self-Determination is to develop a model for welfare reform and a curriculum to go with it and to disseminate appropriate information to enable the model to be adopted. From their research, Hines reports that this project is the only one of its kind in the U.S.

Discussing her work with the Hispanic community in North Arkansas, Sammi McCarthy echoed the theme of systemic abuse of women and children. Through her experience, McCarthy has witnessed the ways in which social services can be completely inaccessible to her clients because of language barriers and racism. Even when immigrants are legal residents, they suffer from losing crucial services. In some cases, this withholding of services contributes to women continuing in physically abusive relationships because the women can find no way out. ■

Halsey presents preliminary report at meeting on 1992 family crises survey

"From 1982 to 1992, the reported incidence of incest among United Methodists has increased from 1 in 14 to 1 in 7," according to Peggy Halsey, executive secretary, Ministries with Women and Families, National Program Division of the General Board of Global Ministries, speaking to the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women in Fayetteville, AR, Sept. 23 to 26.

"When we see such increases, it is hard for those of us working to combat such problems to feel that much progress has been made," Halsey commented. Halsey made these observations as she presented a preliminary report to the Commission on the 1992 survey on family crises. The survey appeared in *Response* magazine, selected conference

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Pilot session held to train advocates for work with survivors of clergy abuse

The United Methodist Church's Ministries with Women and Families, a national program division of the General Board of Global Ministries, sponsored a pilot training course to prepare volunteers to serve as advocates for survivors of clergy sexual harassment and abuse. Meeting in Techny, IL, Sept. 10-12, representatives from seven annual conferences in the North Central Jurisdiction received the training.

Peggy Halsey, executive secretary of Ministries with Women and Families, welcomed the group and introduced the leaders: Marie Fortune, executive director, the Center for the Prevention of Sexual and Domestic Violence, explained the concept of clergy sexual harassment and abuse. Washington, D.C. attorney Deborah House discussed the role

of an advocate and related legal concerns. Cindy Stores, clergywoman from New Jersey who had already served as an advocate, led the group through the process of tracking a complaint within the structure outlined by

what happened to you." By serving as an active listener, an advocate can help achieve a balance of power between survivor and perpetrator as the survivor seeks to achieve some resolution to the situation.

'Don't break your silence until you are ready to be abandoned by everybody.' —Survivor

The Book of Discipline. Three women survivors also shared their stories of clergy misconduct.

As Anita Wood, participant and member of the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women (GCSRW), pointed out, "An advocate represents the church for a survivor in a way that says 'We, the church, care about

One survivor emphasized, "Don't break your silence until you are ready to be abandoned by everybody." Wood believes that this statement captures the main reason why advocacy training is so necessary.

"I came away with a commitment to follow through with advocating for a survivor," comments Wood. Meeting several survivors, hearing their stories, and knowing that they were not heard strengthened her resolve. These women had to turn outside the church for help and have not felt able to return to the church.

Emphasizes Wood, "I want the possibility for that healing to take place within the church. We need to offer the hope of some sort of resolution so that people can live within a community of faith."

GCSRW has scheduled a national training event for advocates to be held Oct. 5-9, 1994; details will be announced later. ■

GCSRW continues study continued from page 1

editions of the *United Methodist Reporter*, Schools of Christian Mission, and a random sample of local churches. The 1992 survey was a revised and updated version of a 1982 survey distributed at Regional Schools of Christian Mission:

Among items on the survey were questions about rape, incest, sexual harassment, suicide, death of loved one, job loss, and other crises. Respondents indicated their personal experience, that of a close friend or family member, and, for clergy, counselee experience.

One hopeful trend in the 1992 survey, Halsey noted, is that people seem much

more reflective now about the role of the church in supporting persons in crisis. ■

Peggy Halsey, executive secretary, Ministries with Women and Families, National Program Division of the General Board of Global Ministries, discusses with the Commission the preliminary results of the 1992 survey of family crises.



Laura Okumu, liaison to the Commission from United Methodist Communications, left, and Myrtle Hatcher, Commission member, renew their friendship during a break in the Commission's September meeting.

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Status Report

Judicial Council rules on clergy misconduct

Ruling in a Minnesota case, the Judicial Council responded to questions relating to a clergy member who resigned after a complaint was filed against him. Among the findings: Mediators must be trained, neutral outside parties, and no grievances are excluded from mediation.

A change in a statute of limitations may not take effect retroactively, nor may church laws defining chargeable offenses be made retroactive. The analysis continues, "A person may not be charged with an offense which was not a violation at the time it was alleged to have been committed. However, this is not to say that child abuse or sexual abuse may not have been chargeable under a previous Discipline as immorality, crime, unministerial conduct, or other imprudent and unchristian conduct."

The joint review committee, which holds an initial hearing on a complaint, must comply with provisions for "fair process" set forth in paragraph 2622.

"Fair process" procedures were also brought into play as the court ruled that a grievance filed against an Iowa pastor must be dismissed because it violates a disciplinary provision that forbids subjecting someone to an administrative or judicial process twice for the same offense.

Again dealing with "fair process," the council ruled in a West Michigan case that two provisions of a grievance procedure in the 1992 *Discipline* are unconstitutional. The council struck down provisions that "no verbatim record shall be made" and "no legal counsel shall be present" when complaints are referred to joint review committees for hearing and resolution.

—*Newscope*, Nov. 5

(Note: As reported in *Newscope*, Nov. 19, 1993, the Council of Bishops took action to request reconsideration of three rulings of the Judicial Council: #691 related to statute of limitations, #694 related to same gender covenant services, and #698 related to Joint Review Committee.)

Judicial Council asks bodies to define terms

The Judicial Council said General Conference and annual conferences must define "status" and "self-avowed practicing homosexual." That admonition came in a nine-page ruling on the ministerial standing of Jeanne Knepper of Portland, OR, a deacon

now on leave of absence who is believed to be a self-avowed practicing homosexual. The council said it is not its task to "legislate the meaning of words passed by the General Conference."

The nine-member body overruled a decision by Bishop William W. Dew (Portland) that the *Discipline* prevented his granting Knepper an appointment. The council said if Knepper's leave of absence is continued, "it is without penalty, prejudice, or counting toward the eight-year limitation until such time as the General Conference acts" and "should the bishop decide to appoint [her], it is without penalty or prejudice."

The council said it has no evidence "that the Oregon-Idaho Conference has ever defined 'self-avowed practicing homosexual' [or] been provided any evidence that the minister involved is a self-avowed practicing homosexual." The council said the board's belief that Knepper is such a person "does not fulfill the obligation. . . that care must be taken to follow due process. We are not provided any evidence as to why the [board] so believes."

—*Newscope*, Nov. 5

MFSA supports protection of women's clinics

The Methodist Federation for Social Action (MFSA) is joining other religious and civic groups in an *amicus curiae* (friend of the court) brief supporting a U.S. Supreme Court case regarding the protection of clinics offering women's reproductive services, including abortion.

The federation's national board took the action during its Sept. 23-26 meeting in Madison, WI. MFSA, an unofficial organization, is the only United Methodist-related group involved in the brief, according to George McClain, executive director.

—*Methodists Make News*, Oct. 1, 1993

Elders credits UMC with her start

The new U.S. Surgeon General credits the UMC with giving her a start toward her new position. Joycelyn Elders told the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee that the UMC "helped me reach the first rung of the ladder that enabled me to be here today."

The former director of the Arkansas Department of Public Health told the committee that the church awarded her a scholarship to UMC-related Philander-Smith College in Little

Rock, AR. As a student there, she saw a doctor for the first time, she said.

She told UM News Service that being reared in the church has provided "my bearings—what I feel—how I approach life. I really believe that God knows best." She said that even when she does not understand what is happening, she trusts God to take control.

—*Newscope*, Sept. 17, 1993

UM clergywomen meet during Pope's Colorado visit

It was coincidence that a quadrennial gathering of UM clergywomen leaders was held Aug. 11-15 in Breckenridge, CO, as Pope John Paul II made his historic visit to nearby Denver. During the opening session, Bishop Mary Ann Swenson (Denver) told of plans to support those opposed to the Roman Catholic Church policy of denying ordination to women. Margaret H. Rush, superintendent of the Mile High-Pikes Peak (CO) District and coordinator of the gathering, said the event was scheduled before it was known that the pope would be in Colorado at the same time.

Swenson told 350 persons attending an ecumenical Communion service that the refusal of the Roman Catholic Church to ordain women is "a denial to us all." She said that the decisive blow to the ordination of women can be traced back to the fourth century, when Constantine made Christianity the official religion of the empire.

The conference advocating the ordination of women was organized by 10 Protestant clergywomen. Marianne Niesen, a former nun who is now an ordained UM elder, also participated. A Franciscan sister for 18 years, Niesen now serves the UM churches of Three Forks and Willow Creek, MT.

—*Newscope*, Aug. 27, 1993

Former nun ordained in Yellowstone AC

United Methodists in Three Forks and Willow Creek, MT, are learning to appreciate Roman Catholic traditions through their pastor of two years, a former Franciscan nun.

Marianne Niesen, who was ordained a UM clergywoman June 11, at the Yellowstone Annual conference, said she left the Franciscan order after 18 years so she could use her "gifts and become a minister." She does not impose any Catholic practices on her congregations, but said she enjoys stressing the commonalities of different religious traditions.

—*Methodists Make News*, June 25, 1993

Resources

Academic and Workplace Sexual Harassment: A Resource Manual, Michele A. Paludi and Richard B. Barickman (State University of New York Press, 1991). This book is a comprehensive resource manual for understanding and preventing sexual harassment in the academic community and in the workplace. Paper \$16.95.

WAVE, Women's Audio-Visuals in English: A Guide to Nonprint Resources in Women's Studies, Women's Studies Librarian, University of Wisconsin System. The list represents a selection of English-language films, video productions, filmstrips, slide shows, and audiocassettes produced from 1985 to 1990. Available from U of W, 430 Memorial Library, 728 State Street, Madison, WI 53706. (608) 263-5754.

Double Stitch: Black Women Write about Mothers and Daughters, edited by editors of *Sage* (Harper Collins, 1993). This anthology received the 1992 Letitia Woods Brown Memorial Anthology Prize from the Association of Black Women Historians. Now available in paperback \$12.00.

Get Smart! What You Should Know (But Won't Learn in Class) about Sexual Harassment and Sex Discrimination, Montana Katz and Veronica Vieland (The Feminist Press, City University of New York, 1993). This guide addresses the prevalence of sexual harassment, sex discrimination, and acquaintance rape on college campuses, using case studies and the most recent research on the subjects. \$12.95.

I Asked for Intimacy: Stories of Blessings, Betrayals, and Birthings, Renita J. Weems (LuraMedia, 1993). Sharing intimate experiences from her own life as well as stories of biblical women, Weems explores the significant relationships that mold us from birth and issues that complicate and compromise these relationships. Paper \$11.95.

She Offered Them Christ: The Legacy of Women Preachers in Early Methodism, Paul W. Chilcote (Abingdon Press, 1993). This book is a piece of United Methodist family history that serves as a link between today's women in The United Methodist Church and their predecessors in the early history of The Methodist Church. Paper \$14.95.

Spirituality and Social Responsibility, Rosemary Skinner Keller, ed. (Abingdon Press, 1993). This collection of essays and primary source documents tells the stories of pioneering

ministries of United Methodist women of racial and ethnic diversity, from the late eighteenth century through today. Paper \$18.95.

Transforming a Rape Culture, ed. Emilie Buchwald, Pamela R. Fletcher, and Martha Roth (Milkweed Editions, 1993). An anthology of essays, many by prominent writers, presents vision for a future without rape, strategies to get us there, and blueprints for action to end sexual violence. Hardcover \$23.95.

Where Silence Speaks: Feminism, Social Theory, and Religion, Victoria Lee Erickson (Augsburg Fortress, 1993). This book provides the first feminist reconstruction of Emile Durkheim's and Max Weber's sociology of religion. It suggests reorienting the discipline to create a feminist social theory of religion. Paper \$16.00. ■

Plan now to celebrate Women's History Month in March

Resources of all varieties are included in the catalogue available from National Women's History Project, 7738 Bell Road, Windsor, CA 95492. (707) 838-6000. FAX (707) 838-0478.

Ovations

To **60 Hispanic women of the Rio Grande Conference**, who were honored Oct. 23 in San Antonio at the annual meeting of the annual conference United Methodist Women. The celebration, in observance of the sixtieth anniversary of the annual conference unit of UMW, honored the 60 women in mission across the conference who are/were active in local, district, and conference UMW work.

To **Nancy Ammerman**, associate professor at Candler School of Theology, who was selected as one of ten experts to develop recommendations for the U.S. Attorney General's office and Department of the Treasury addressing "Waco-type situations."

To **Joycelyn Elders**, a United Methodist, who has been confirmed as U.S. surgeon general.

To **Leticia La Fontaine**, marketing director for the Public Media Division of United Methodist Communications, who was elected chairwoman of the steering committee of the North American Broadcast Section of the World Association for Christian Communication. She is the second United Methodist and first Hispanic to hold the post.

To **Elizabeth A. Johnson**, author of *She Who Is: The Mystery of God in Feminist Theological Discourse*, who has been awarded the 1993

Grawemeyer Award in Religion by the University of Louisville and Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary in recognition of ideas that can be applied on a practical level to improve society.

To **Sharee Kelly**, pastor of Rushville and Hay Springs (NB) United Methodist churches, who is winner of the 1993 Circuit Rider Awards, given by the United Methodist Publishing House for outstanding work in church growth and evangelism.

To **Ellen Kirby**, assistant general secretary of the Women's Division, Christian Social Relations Section of the General Board of Global Ministries, who has been named project coordinator for urban composting with the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. In the newly-created post, Kirby will work with community gardens, schools, and other institutions to promote composting as part of a massive New York City recycling mandate.

To **Mary Adelia McLeod** of Charleston, WV, who has been elected the first woman to head a diocese of the Episcopal Church.

To **Julie Michael**, a Tennessee college student, who has been elected president of South Asian Youth, and to **Promilla C. Das** of Illinois, who has been elected president of South Asian Women. Both organizations are subgroups of the Southern Asian National Caucus of United Methodism.

To **Carol A. Newsom** and **Sharon H. Ringe**, whose book *Woman's Bible Commentary* (Westminster/John Knox) has been named one of the Ten Top Books of the Year by the Academy of Parish Clergy.

To **Marta L. Sanfiel**, a Cuban-American who has served as pastor of UM churches in New Orleans and Kenner, LA, who has been named editor of special-language resources in the Department of Adult Publications at the UM Publishing House in Nashville, TN.

To **Gale Whitson-Schmidt**, treasurer and chief financial officer of the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits, who participated in a mid-July ceremony at the White House, as a result of the board's decision to invest \$100 million of the \$5.2 billion portfolio in low- and moderate-income housing. Last year Whitson-Schmidt was presented the Chicago Equity Fund's Brick and Mortar Award.

To **Barbara Dadd Shaffer**, home missionary and UM pastor's spouse of Sitka, AK, who was awarded the Order of St. Herman by the Alaska Diocese of the Orthodox Church of America for her work on behalf of the Russian Orthodox Church, an award rarely given to non-Orthodox. ■

Make a difference in The United Methodist Church

Offer your services to build coalitions, elect delegates to General Conference 1996

While we are repeatedly invited to take advantage of the multitude of opportunities to serve and to make a difference in the lives of our local churches, we may overlook the importance of serving beyond the local church. The United Methodist Church's connexional system affords many venues for such service: district, conference, jurisdictional, and general conference.

In this special supplement to *The Flyer*, we outline the process for laity to be elected as delegates to General Conference. Let us emphasize, however, that the election process is only one portion of a larger, more important process—calling forth leadership.

Serving through decision-making is a gift that is critical to the future of our denomination. It is through General Conference that clergy and lay delegates decide on policies and issues and expenditures that shape our denomination's ministry and activities for the future. At Jurisdictional Conference we elect bishops to replace those who are retiring. The Annual Conference, the basic governing body, votes on constitutional amendments, on delegates to General and Jurisdictional conferences, and conference financial matters. At each of these levels, the church needs dedicated servants.

When we assess the gifts and grace necessary for effective leadership at General Conference, we recognize that we must each consider more than our own desires for this service of decision-making. We must also consider all those among us who would serve the church well in this role. As those persons become apparent, we must work with others to call them forth and affirm their leadership.

To call forth leadership requires us to build coalitions. Again, our connexional system offers opportunities for gathering together, combining resources, and supporting one another. Groups such as United Methodist Women, racial/ethnic caucuses, and the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women seek and support coalition building. In a future issue, *The Flyer* will explore a model for building coalitions.

As we work to call forth leadership, we may want to consider raising the questions listed here.

In the beginning...the local church

The journey toward 1996 General and Jurisdictional conferences begins with being elected as a delegate during 1995 Annual Conference. Thus, a lay person must first become a lay member of Annual Conference.

Ask yourself and other potential leaders these questions as you consider your readiness for the journey:

- Have you served actively as a local church volunteer: Sunday School teacher, work area member or chairperson, administrative board member?
- Have you asked your pastor to recommend you to Nominations and Personnel as a lay member of Annual Conference?
- Are you well acquainted with members of the Administrative Board (Charge Conference), who elect lay members of Annual Conference?

- Have you offered your gifts to the district superintendent to serve as a member of a conference board or committee?

- Do you have a copy of *The Book of Discipline*? Find the paragraphs that describe the work of Annual, Jurisdictional, and General conferences.

On the second and subsequent days... beyond the local church

As a lay member of Annual Conference, you have an opportunity to become elected to Jurisdictional and General conferences. At 1995 Annual Conference, delegates are elected to 1996 Jurisdictional and General conferences.

The *Book of Discipline*, paragraphs 602 and 614, specifies the formulas for the number of delegates elected to General and Jurisdictional conferences:

#GC delegates = # in formula + 2 or more alternates (next in # of votes received)

#JC delegates = 2 x #GC delegates + 2 or more alternates (next in # of votes received)

Here are some basic questions about preparation for Jurisdictional and General conferences:

- Have you learned the process in your conference for the election of delegates to Jurisdictional and General conferences? Each conference has its own process.
- Have you discussed that process with the district lay leader and the district superintendent?
- Have you been/are you attending district and conference celebrations, schools, mission fairs, and similar gatherings?
- Have you volunteered to serve on district and conference committees?
- Are you prepared to make a thoughtful, prayerful commitment to the time for study and work that precedes these conferences? The time for attending these conferences?

And then...

With this sketch of basic steps for preparing to serve beyond the local church come many unanswered questions. Seeking the answers to those questions is itself part of the important process for discerning your own leadership potential and that of others.

For further information, talk with your pastor, district superintendent, lay leader, United Methodist Women president, and lay leadership beyond your local church. The General Commission on the Status and Role of Women welcomes inquiries, as well, at (708) 869-7330.

Watch the next issue of *The Flyer* for a model of coalition building across many groups. ■

Rally Against Rape set for January in Phoenix

Glenda Crawford, a rape victim and survivor, and Jennifer Martin, owner of an event production company, encourage rape victims, friends and families as well as citizens simply tired of the violence toward our women and children to gather for the National Rally Against Rape in Phoenix, on Saturday, Jan. 22, 1994.

Crawford explains that the Rally's goals are to increase public awareness of the magnitude of this violent act, to raise funds to publish a Victims' Handbook filled with both prevention and assistance information, as well as fund-raise for rape-related organizations.

Martin and Crawford are collecting victims' stories to publish a book. Stories may be told and expressed through a variety of media: writing, photography or art. Personal names will be omitted, if desired, so that all will feel comfortable sharing their experiences.

For more information on the rally or to submit a story, call Martin Carlson Events, Phoenix, (602) 990-1979.

Women in UM History Writing Award seeks entries

The General Commission on Archives and History invites completed, original manuscripts for Women in United Methodist History Writing Award 1994.

The purpose of the award is to encourage and reward excellence in research and writing in the history of women in The United Methodist Church or its antecedents.

One award in the amount of \$250 will be given each year at the discretion of the committee, with the possibility of publication in *Methodist History*.

For more information on manuscript submission, contact Susan M. Eltscher, assistant general secretary, General Commission on Archives and History, P.O. Box 127, 36 Madison Ave., Madison, NJ 07940. (201) 822-2787. FAX: (201) 408-3909.

Yellow Ribbon seeks co-editor

The United Methodist Women's Caucus is looking for a co-editor for its newsletter *The*

Yellow Ribbon. The newsletter is published daily at General Conference and once before and after General Conference.

Interested volunteers should have a commitment to women's issues, have an interest in and/or experience in writing and editing, and be available to attend 1996 General Conference. Computer capabilities would be helpful.

For more information, contact Sandra Lydick, 8905 Kincaid Dr., Ft. Worth, TX 76116. (817) 244-8024.

New journal issues call for papers

Theology and Sexuality, a journal sponsored by the Institute for the Study of Christianity and Sexuality, seeks contributions from anyone engaged in the formal or informal study of sexuality and theology.

Deadline for the first edition is March 1, 1994. For more information, contact the editors, ISCS, Oxford House, Derbyshire Street, London E2 6HG, UK. Telephone: 071-613 1095. ■

Jobs

Please contact prospective employer when possible to confirm that search is continuing.

Conference Council Director, Western New York. Position effective July 1, 1994. Need master's degree or equivalent and ten years of related experience. High level of skills in program visioning, financial management, and interpersonal skills. Contact William E. Burdick, Chair; ACCOM Personnel Committee; Western New York Conference, 7 Church Street, Akron, NY 14001-1217. (716) 542-2060.

General Secretariat, General Commission on Communication, Nashville. Apply by Jan. 31, 1994, to UMC Search Committee, c/o Mary Silva, P.O. Box 320, Nashville, TN 37202. (615) 742-5405. FAX (615) 742-5469.

Associate General Secretary, Division of Diaconal Ministry, General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, Nashville, TN. Apply by Jan. 10, 1994 to Search Committee, c/o Lisa Jarman, Assistant to the General Secretary, General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, P.O. Box 871, Nashville, TN 37202. (615) 340-7356. FAX: (615) 340-7048.

Christian Education Professor, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas. Ph.D., Ed.D. or equivalent preferred; M.Div. or equivalent, and United Methodist membership required. Demonstrated competency in teaching and scholarship required.

Date of appointment, rank, and salary negotiable. Apply by Jan. 1, 1994. Contact Professor Edward Poitras, Chair, Christian Education Search, Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, TX 75275-0133. (214) 768-2320. FAX: (214) 768-2117.

Reference librarian. Beginning Aug. 15, 1994. Theology degree from ATS accredited institution, understanding of theological research techniques. Preferred: MLS from ALA accredited institution, familiarity with computer technology in libraries, library work experience. Apply by March 15, 1994, to Cynthia Runyon, Chair of Search Committee, Pitts Theology Library, Emory University, Atlanta, GA 30322. (404) 727-4166.

Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta:

Assistant professor of preaching. Beginning fall 1994. Earned doctoral degree, experience in congregational ministry, commitment to multicultural perspective. Target date for applications: Jan. 15, 1994. Contact John Freeman, Assistant Professor of Theology, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA 30322. (404) 727-3006.

Bandy Chair in Preaching. Beginning fall 1994. Senior tenured position. Qualifications preferred: earned doctoral degree, demonstrated competence as preacher and teacher of preaching, program of publication reflecting scholarly perspective on the discipline. Target

date for applications: Jan. 1, 1994. Contact Professor John Freeman (see address above).

Evangelism tenure-track position. Expect earned doctoral degree. Rank dependent on qualifications and experience. Knowledge of Wesleyan theology and Methodist tradition desirable. Apply by Feb. 1, 1994, to Theodore Runyon, Chair of Search Committee (see address above). FAX: (404) 727-2915.

New Testament and Christian Origins tenure-track position. Beginning fall 1994. Ability and desire to engage theological discourse within an ecumenical and culturally pluralistic school are desirable. Teaching competence across the canonical NT literature is assumed. Research interest in addition to NT. Preference given to applications received by Dec. 1, 1993. Contact Professor Luke T. Johnson (see address above).

Director, Political Research Associates, Cambridge, MA. Commitment to mission of PRA; demonstrated ability to fundraise from foundations and individual donors; cooperative style management experience. Ph.D. in social sciences is desirable, but not required. Contact Search Committee, PRA, 678 Massachusetts Ave., Suite 702, Cambridge, MA 02139. (617) 661-9313. FAX: (617) 661-0059. ■

Options for Action

Cal-Pac sponsors 'comfort women' survivor legislation

California-Pacific Conference CSRW submitted a resolution at annual conference in support for survivors of Chungshindae, or comfort women and military sex slavery by Japan during World War II. The resolution called for the conference to become informed on the history of military comfort women and to support the work of the Korean Council and the work of the Coalition Against Military Sexual Slavery by Japan.

The group also distributed "Ask Before You Grab" bags and coordinating buttons, as a reminder with a smile on the importance of respecting personal space.

For more information, contact co-chairperson Lynn Jackson, 780 W. 9th, Claremont, CA 91711.

Central Illinois sponsors domestic violence workshop

Central Illinois Conference CSRW sponsored a workshop in October for women and men, laity and clergy, who want to learn more about the dynamics of domestic violence and how Christians can respond. Entitled "Pathways of Spiritual Growth: Domestic Violence: The Songs of Hurting, Hope & Healing," the leader was Jacquie Clingan, retired director of the Ministry on Church Response to Family Violence of the Illinois Council of Churches.

For more information, contact AC/CSRW co-chairs Ann Champion, P.O. Box 256, Mazon, IL 60444, (815) 448-2905, or Alice Taylor, 514 Embert Place, Peoria, IL 61603, (309) 685-2176.

Cocoa Beach UMC, Florida AC, portrays women in history

In their closing presentation at 1992 Florida Annual Conference, the Annual Conference Commission on the Status and Role of Women offered a portrayal of women in history: Susannah Wesley, Susan B. Anthony, Anna

Howard Shaw, Georgia Elma Harkness, Leontine T.C. Kelly, and Sally Kristine Ride.

The presentation was organized by CSRW chairperson Elizabeth Cox. For more information, contact Cox at 31 Westview Lane, Cocoa Beach, FL 32931, (407) 783-7434. ■

Calendar

Jan. 14-16

Singing Our Lives, Living Our Song. A gathering to sing for activist women of faith weaving together what we sing and what we live. Kirkridge, Bangor, PA 18013. (215) 588-1793.

Jan. 14-17

Women's Health: New Challenges for Pastoral Ministry. Led by Beverly Wildung Harrison. Auburn Theological Seminary, 3041 Broadway, New York, NY 10027. (800) 818-2911.

Jan. 25-May 18, 1994

New Women, New Earth Semester. An apprenticeship in alternative living open to women of all ages. College credit may be arranged. Limited scholarship assistance available. Grailville, 932 O'Bannonville Road, Loveland, OH 45140. (513) 683-2340.

Feb. 6-7

Teach a Woman, Teach a People: An Interfaith Dialogue. Stony Point, NY. Conference on how religious education has affected women in the religious traditions of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, and how women have affected change in religious education. Auburn Theological Seminary, 3041 Broadway, New York, NY 10027. (800) 818-2911.

March 17-18

The Good News According to Women: Shaking the Foundations, Reclaiming the Hope. Boston. 10th annual preaching event of Women and the Word. Led by Bishop Leontine T.C. Kelly, Miriam Therese Winter, and June Christine Goudey. Contact Anna Howard Shaw Center, Boston University School of Theology, 745 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA 02215. (617) 353-3075.

March 18-19

Women, Faith, & Violence. Greensboro, NC. Sponsored by the Resource Center for Women and Ministry in the South and the NC Council of Churches Committee for Equal Rights. RCWMS, Suite 608, 331 W. Main St., Durham, NC 27701.

March 20-23

Training Trainers Workshop: Clergy Misconduct Sexual Abuse in the Ministerial Relationship. Training presented by The Center for the Prevention of Sexual and Domestic Violence. Scarritt-Bennett Center, Nashville, TN. (615) 340-7472.

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New women cabinet members receive training

In August, nine newly-appointed women district superintendents and two new women conference council directors gathered at Lake Junaluska, NC, for training.

Sponsored by the Council of Bishops, the General Council on Ministries, and the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, the training event focused on roles, responsibilities, and skill development for new annual conference cabinet members. Stephanie Anna Hixon, member of the general secretariat of the GCSRW, and Craig Hoskins, general counsel, General Council on Finance and Administration, led the group in training on sexual harassment and sexual misconduct.

New district superintendents are Kay B. Dillard, Northern Illinois; Juanita J. Ferguson, Detroit; Lynn E. Grimes, Western Michigan;



Among the new women district superintendents and conference council directors who attended a training event at Lake Junaluska, NC, in August are, from left to right, Patricia Hinker, Bonda Deere Moyer, Benita Rollins, Juanita J. Ferguson, Joan Roberts, Lynn E. Grimes, Sandra Lee Murphy, and Kay B. Dillard. Those who attended the event, but are not pictured, are Ruth E. Huber-Rohlf, Janice Riggie Huie, and Bonnie Ogie-Kristianson.

Ruth E. Huber-Rohlf, Central Texas; Janice Riggie Huie, Southwest Texas; Bonda Deere Moyer, North Arkansas; Sandra Lee Murphy, Southern New Jersey; Joan Roberts, New

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New conference council directors are Patricia Hinker, Minnesota; and Bonnie Ogie-Kristianson, Northern Illinois. ■

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