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Events provide support to annual conference leaders...

JTEs offer 'experiential' learning lab for leaders

Weekends packed with workshops, worship, leaders, and challenges—the United Methodist Church calls them Jurisdictional Joint Training Events or JTEs. Members of the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women (GCSRW) joined other leaders from their jurisdictions to work with general agency staff to exchange success stories, offer support, and plan for future work on behalf of women in the UMC.

JTEs are held at the beginning of each quadrennium to train annual conference leaders in a variety of responsibilities. One area of responsibility is annual conference leaders in



Cecelia Long

status and role of women ministries or chairpersons of Annual Conference Commissions on the Status and Role of Women (ACSRWs). These events provide one of the few opportunities for annual conference chairpersons to connect with others across the jurisdiction.

These five quadrennial events held in November 2000 and January 2001 offered an important benefit. As Cecelia M. Long, member of the general secretariat of the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women (GCSRW), explains, "JTEs help fight the feeling of isolation experienced by some annual conference leaders, who find themselves in conferences that have become comfort-



Commission member Terry Muse, center, and other JTE participants hear annual conference leaders describe the status and role of women ministries in their contexts. Others are from left, Beth Brown, Memphis; Jo Solomon and Harriet Darst (hidden), Virginia; Cheryl Walker, SEJAC staff; Muse; and Doris Wyatt, North Georgia, and Ginny West Case, Holston.

able with predominantly male leadership. Participants hear similar struggles among the group and are

encouraged to keep up the work. They learn the value of small steps."

Annual conference leaders who participated in workshops led by the Commission reaffirmed the need for the Commission and its work.

"They reflected to us that women have not arrived at all those places they would like to be nor are women in the places where the church has made a commitment for women to be," pointed out

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Breaking Barriers: Leontine Kelly's story

"Just as *Roots* told the story of the early African American experience in the United States, *Breaking Barriers* illustrates the experience of African Americans within the church"—that description on the book cover captures the essence of an exciting new book by Angella Current.

Current has written *Breaking Barriers: An African American Family and the Methodist Story* to tell the story of her mother Leontine Turpeau Current Kelly, the first African American woman elected bishop in a mainline denomination.

While the book is an important contribution to Methodist history, it is perhaps equally important as a source of inspiration. *Breaking Barriers* demonstrates how Kelly broke through barriers of many kinds, holding fast to her faith in God and experiencing grace as new opportunities opened for her.

Current recalls receiving inspiration herself while writing the book. Deborah Franco, the author's administrative assistant, expressed her dismay when she learned that Kelly had sold Avon products following her divorce from

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Stephanie Anna Hixon, member of the general secretariat of GCSRW.

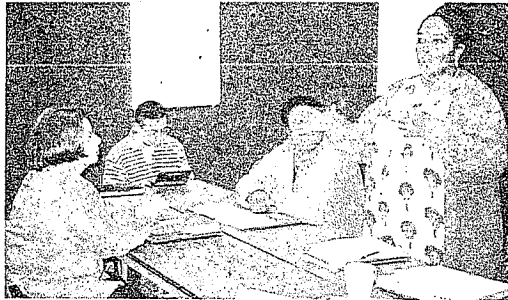
As Hixon emphasized, "The Commission does not exist as a general agency working with annual conferences and local churches for its own sake. The Commission exists and works as a result of the United Methodist Church's intentional effort to bring about full participation of women throughout the church."

The Commission's workshop provided tools for bringing about full participation of women: naming, assessing, and monitoring the status of women in various contexts, gathering information about positions of leadership, participation in decision-making processes, salary equity, and spiritual formation. Participants were invited into interactive exercises to foster stronger community links.

This series of JTEs brought to light the challenges arising from new operating structures within many annual conferences over the last quadrennium. While structures vary from conference to conference, the work of many annual conference ministries on the status and role of women is now done by one person, who holds several monitoring responsibilities, or by a

task force with multiple responsibilities, instead of by a team focusing on the issues of the status of women.

From these experiences participants raised new questions: How does one person voice women's concerns without the numbers of people previously available for support? How does



Deborah Timmons-Toney, North Alabama Commission on the Status and Role of Women, describes the status and role of women ministries in her area. Listening, from left, are Teena King, Tennessee; and Commission members Alex Palomaria and Angelin Jones Simmons.

one person or a task force with multiple responsibilities address the fullness of women's concerns, not only through monitoring but through advocacy and resources, as well? How does one encourage the work to occur in other forms and in other places? How does one communicate with a variety of persons so that all can make a difference?

JTEs provided an opportunity to recognize the fruits of GCSRW and ACCSRW efforts as catalysts for change in attitudes about clergy sexual harassment and misconduct. Eight years ago, GCSRW's goal was to help annual conferences address the issues of victim/survivors and churches af-

ected by cases of clergy sexual misconduct and harassment. Now most annual conferences have a policy and are in the process of forming teams to respond to the issues.

Leaders who participated in the Commission's workshop contributed their observations about the overall JTE event. Using the GCSRW self-monitoring form for racism and sexism, participants learned monitoring first hand. They observed the presence and absence of women leaders in worship and plenary sessions. As Hixon emphasized, "The intent of this monitoring is to help all participants in a group make a difference in the future. We strive to develop a healthy perspective on ourselves and others. While we take our mission seriously, we do not take ourselves too seriously."

Long described the weekend events as experiential learning labs. "Throughout these JTEs," she summarized, "we advocated learning to work as a network with other leaders. When the group is diverse, persons bring diverse gifts. The goal is to recognize all those gifts as needed and valued by the church." ●

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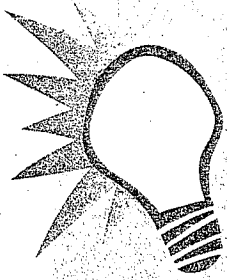
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Current's father. Franco exclaimed, "You mean the Bishop was an Avon Lady?" To which Current responded that she had learned from her mother the bishop that our lives are full of journeys down various paths. Current hopes that other women will be inspired by her mother's story, the story of "just an ordinary woman, whom God made extraordinary."

In the midst of this inspiring story is a significant historical contribution. As Current explains in the introduction, it opens the story of the "important role African American Methodists have played in the denomination's mission and ministry." Moreover, it describes the "societal dynamics and the role the Methodist Church played in the lives of African Americans from the period of Reconstruction through the Civil Rights Era."

Current is executive director of the Office of Loans and Scholarships, General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

Breaking Barriers, from Abingdon Press, is available from Cokesbury. ●



Ideas for action

As a result of reconfiguring the GCSRW staff, we have revitalized this forum for sharing ideas among Annual Conference Commissions on the Status and Role of Women (ACCSRWs) and related inclusiveness groups. We encourage annual conference and local church advocates for inclusiveness to contact Kim Coffing, assistant to the general secretariat for program and constituency services, at (800) 523-8390, or gcsr@qcf.org.

Indiana updates clergy spouse handbook

Now in its third revision and fourth printing, *What Do I Do If...* is a basic information handbook for clergy spouses prepared by this CSRW. The booklet is designed to answer central questions in situations of disability, divorce and death. For more information, contact South Indiana Conference office, (800) 919-8169.

Tennessee offers scholarships

This CSRW offers four scholarships each year to women and men in the conference who have a visible commitment to inclusiveness of all people. The scholarships are awarded on the basis of proposals for activities that support the goals of CSRW, including events that support transforming churches to follow Christ's example of inclusiveness.

For more information, contact Teena King, 3480 Gramar Dr., Cookeville, TN 38506.

Troy conducts exit interviews with clergywomen, begins salary study

This CSRW conducts exit interviews with clergywomen who are leaving the conference for any reason, including retirement, another position in another conference, an appointment beyond the local church, and health circumstances. Information from the interviews is shared with the cabinet, as a means for raising awareness of difficulties faced by clergywomen.

The conference CSRW has begun a study of salary equity across the conference. The group has also made a two-year commitment to sending *The Flyer* to every clergy member of the conference. Each year the group contributes an article on an issue of concern to women for publication in the conference newsletter.

For more information, contact Barbara Zittel, bzittel@mail.nysed.gov.

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Batey Project Dominican Republic empowers women

Ventra Asana, UM deacon, wants U.S. women to know that they can reach out to empower their sisters in the Dominican Republic through the Batey Project.

The mission of the project is to educate about the plight of women and children living in poverty on the sugarcane plantations and to encourage funding and service projects among concerned women. Through the Batey Project, women of the bateys receive financial resources to become self employed in micro-business enterprise. The women of these areas are known for their delicious bread and rolls. Their businesses can provide education and healthcare for their children.

Contact Ventra Asana, The Batey Project, 2215 Maple, Unit G1, Evanston, IL 60201. Phone: (847) 864-8562. E-mail: ventra1_asana@yahoo.com.

Women's Division invites Hoover Award applications

The Women's Division, General Board of Global Ministries, invites applications for the Theresa Hoover Award. It is made annually to honor Theresa Hoover for her years of service to the Woman's Division (1948-1990), the United Methodist Church, and the ecumenical world.

The fund is designated for women of all races and nationalities, ages 21-35. It is given to a young woman who has demonstrated concern for her neighbors and community; shown that concern in service in the community; and exhibited an awareness of the total nature of our responsibilities in the world today and in the future.

The grant is for informal study, exploration, learning, research or observation in a subject area of the recipient's choosing in harmony with the current interests of the Women's Division for travel to a country or region other than where the recipient resides.

The projected amount of the Award for 2001 will be \$5,000-\$6,000. Apply by Aug. 1, 2001 to Women's Division General Administration, Hoover Award, Room 1501, 475 Riverside Dr., New York, NY 10115. ●

Mark your calendar...

Jan. 7-11, 2001

Creating A Woman's Sabbath: Come away . . . and Rest Awhile, San Diego, CA.

This sixth international United Methodist Clergywomen's Consultation is sponsored by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry's (GBHEM) Division of Ordained Ministry.

Information and registration forms will be available soon. Contact Marion Jackson, Section of Elders and Local Pastors, GBHEM, P.O. Box 340007, Nashville, TN 37203 0007. (615) 340-7409. E-mail: mjackson@gbhem.org.

Status Report

Church law prohibits lesbian appointment says Bishop

Bishop Elias Galvan has stated that he cannot appoint a lesbian clergywoman to a church in the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference. In an April 18 letter to clergy and lay members of the conference, he said that under Paragraph 304.3 of *The 2000 Book of Discipline*, "I find I cannot appoint her."

Karen Dammann, an elder in good standing in the conference, has requested a church appointment effective July 1. "She has also announced that she is 'living in a partnered, covenanted, homosexual relationship,'" the bishop noted. That "raises a conflict between her right to an appointment and the [denomination's] prohibition against homosexuals being appointed to serve," he said. Dammann's request will be handled through the regular church process, in which the conference board of ordained ministry and the clergy session of the annual conference determine eligibility for appointment.

However, responsibility for appointing clergy rests with the bishop's office. Dammann, who had led a Seattle area church in 1999 before she announced her sexual orientation, is living in Massachusetts with her partner and their son, according to a letter that the pastor wrote to conference clergy. In a press release, Dammann has stated that she only wants to serve in the church without having to hide her sexuality or "live a lie."

—UMNews, April 27, 2001

Shortage of seminary-trained clergy: GBHEM

The United Methodist Church is experiencing a nationwide shortage of seminary-trained clergy. Recent research by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry in Nashville shows a significant drop in the number of ordained elders in full connection and in probationary members who are preparing to become an elder in full connection, said Robert F. Kohler, Section of Ordained Elders and Local Pastors for the Ordained Ministry Division.

However, the decline isn't leaving

churches with empty pulpits—yet—because there has been a corresponding increase in ministers termed "local pastors."

The number of seminary-trained candidates ordained as elders dropped from 820 in 1990 to 621 in 2000, while the number of local pastors increased from 1,413 in 1990 to 2,096 in 2000.

In United Methodist language, "probationary members" are new seminary graduates who have been ordained but are in a three-year probationary period that is the final phase of their preparation for ministry. If they pass probation, they are accepted as "full members of an annual conference," and become "elders."

The current clergy shortage, Kohler specified, refers to the number of seminary-trained pastors who are available to be appointed to local churches.

The shortage was precipitated by the inordinately large numbers of clergy who retired in the 1990s, he said.

—*The United Methodist Reporter*, April 13, 2001 (excerpted)

Episcopalians to celebrate women's ordination

The 25th anniversary of the decision to ordain women to the priesthood and episcopate of the Episcopal Church will be celebrated across the nation on Sept. 16, 2001. Diocesan or regional celebrations on Saturday, Sept. 15 will acknowledge women and men who assisted in making the change, women ordained in the Episcopal Church, and "those who still must forgo the ordained ministry of women in Episcopal dioceses and in other denominations where women are not yet allowed to serve in ordained capacities," according to a press release from the Executive Council Committee on the Status of Women.

Materials for education and worship will be available by July 15 through the office of Women's Ministries at the Episcopal Church Center: (800) 334-7626, ext. 5354.

Chairing the celebration committee is Barbara Schlachter; among the first women ordained after the legisla-

tion went into effect Jan. 1, 1977. Schlachter also was the first president of the Episcopal Women's Caucus, founded in 1972 to work for the ordination of women to all orders of the Church. She is rector of Trinity Church, Troy, OH, and can be reached at trinitychurch@wesnet.com.

For further information, contact Sally M. Bucklee, chair, Executive Council Committee on the Status of Women, (301) 725-6369 or s.bucklee@att.net.

—*Episcopal News Service*, March 29, 2001

Church of England to consider women bishops

The Church of England has appointed a bishop to head a working group to examine the contentious issue of allowing women to serve as bishops. The church has been ordaining women to the priesthood since 1994 but has not followed the example of Episcopal/Anglican churches in other parts of the world in opening the way to women in the episcopate. Women now serve as bishops in the United States, Canada and New Zealand.

"Some people have said that, because the Church of England now ordains women to the priesthood, it is only natural that they should also be appointed bishops," said Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali of Rochester, who will chair the working group. "My view is that we are now at the start of a process, rather than reaching the end of one."

Half of the 10 members on the panel are women. The panel will make an interim report to the church's governing General Synod in 2002.

—*Episcopal News Service*, March 23, 2001

Youth leads campaign against violent video games

A youth's campaign to prevent other children from being exposed to violent video games led to legislative action at the UM General Conference 2000 and in two state lawmaking bodies.

Danielle Shimotakahara, a 13-year-old member of North Bend UMC in North Bend, OR, initiated a "Cool-No-Violence Peace Project" that requires arcades to limit children's access to very violent video games.

Adapting the parental Advisory System's (PAS) color-coding, Shimotakahara recommends that games with PAS's yellow stickers be prohibited for youngsters under 13, and games with PAS's red stickers be prohibited for youngsters under 17. In many arcades, the rating stickers are not on the machines, she says.

Shimotakahara launched her campaign at the 1999 Oregon-Idaho Conference, where she presented an action request. The conference passed two resolutions on the subject, including one that was passed by General Conference 2000 and is included in *The 2000 Book of Resolutions* as Resolution 178. On March 5, the Indiana state legislature passed an anti-violence video game bill that is similar to one working its way through the Oregon legislature. At an appearance before the Oregon Senate Committee on Business, Labor and Economic Development, Shimotakahara argued in favor of a state senate bill that would require arcades with video games to ensure that children younger than 18 do not play games depicting people being shot, or blood, gore, mutilation, or the dismemberment of human bodies.

—*Newscope*, March 16, 2001

ELCA marks 30 years ordaining women

In 2000, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) celebrated the 30th anniversary of ordaining Lutheran women in the U.S. The 5.2-million-member church marked the year with local and regional events throughout that country and the Caribbean region.

At the end of 1999, 2,358 pastors, or 13.4 percent of the church's 17,611 retired and active clergy, were women. Among active clergy 18.7 percent were women. In the Metropolitan Chicago Synod, 96 women accounted for 26.8 percent of the active clergy—the highest number and highest percentage among ELCA synods.

"Forty-nine percent of the students preparing for ordained ministry in eight seminaries are women," said Joseph M. Wagner, executive director of the church's Division for Ministry last spring. "The vitality, spirit, faith

and energy of our ordained women have substantially strengthened the gospel witness and outreach of the church. We thank God for the great gift which the ordination of women has brought to us in the ELCA, and thank these women—who are always pioneers—for their strong leadership," he added.

In some places women are still not accepted as church leaders, said Joanne Chadwick, executive director of the ELCA Commission for Women. Celebrating the 30th anniversary may "help congregations be welcoming and hospitable to women," she said. Ordained ministry is only one leadership role women play in the church, she stressed.

Eleven clergywomen serve in appointments outside the U.S. in countries around the world. Three of the 65 synodical bishops are women.

—*The Woman's Pulpit*, Jan.-March 2001

Australia Lutherans reject ordination of women

Following the narrow defeat of a resolution to ordain women, the Lutheran Church of Australia (LCA) has asked its 100,000 members to reflect on the issues related to ordaining women. The vote, which defeated the proposition to ordain women, was taken at the church's national convention in south Australia's Barossa Valley, near Adelaide, last July 25.

The question of whether women may be ordained has been studied within the LCA for more than a decade. Up to the present time only men have been ordained. A two-thirds majority of the LCA's theological commission recommended that there is no theological barrier to the ordination of women. The Australian church is an associate member of the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) since 1994.

More than two-thirds of the 131 LWF member churches in the world currently ordain women. The first recorded ordination of a Lutheran woman pastor took place in the Netherlands in 1929.

—*The Woman's Pulpit*, Jan.-March 2001

Female-led congregation ends membership in SBC

Memorial Baptist Church in Savannah, GA, has ended its 41-year-old relationship to the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC), stating that the SBC no longer represents the kind of Baptist church Memorial is. The break came on Sept. 24, 2000, following the adoption of the 2000 Baptist Faith and Message by the SBC.

Memorial came under fire in 1999 when it voted to call the Rev. Carolyn S. Hale as its senior pastor. Memorial's membership in the Savannah Baptist Association was taken away from them in Oct. 1999. Association leadership cited its by-laws in charging the church with "practices contrary to the association" in recommending that Memorial be removed from the association. While practices are not outlined in the by-laws, it was determined by the vote of the association in annual session that calling a woman pastor was a "practice contrary to the association."

Memorial was prepared for the action, having dealt with the possibility of losing its association membership while it was in the process of calling Hale to be its senior pastor.

—*Folio*: Newsletter for Baptist Women in Ministry, Winter 2001

Worth repeating...

"My pastor told me that games are supposed to prepare kids for real-life situations. So what does a game that rips bodies to pieces and explodes body parts and splatters blood on the screen teach kids to prepare for in real life?"
—Danielle Shimotakahara, a 13-year-old UM who started a national advocacy project to limit children's access to violent video games

Copy deadlines

To ensure inclusion of job listings, calendar items, and other items to be published in *The Flyer*, please submit written details by the following dates:

Aug. 1, 2001.....Fall 2001
Nov. 1, 2001.....Winter 2002

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Ovations

To **Karen S. Adcock**, vice president and practice manager of Gibson Fisher Management Counsels LLC in Columbus, OH, who has been named associate general secretary of the General Council on Ministries.

To **Mariynn Alexander**, who has been named executive director of the Reconciling Ministries Network, a national grassroots group of United Methodists working for the full inclusion of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people in the life of the church.

To **Rebecca S. Chopp**, Emory University Provost and the Charles Howard Candler Professor of Systematic Theology at Emory's Candler School of Theology, who has been named dean of Yale University Divinity School in New Haven, CN, the first woman to hold that position. Chopp has also become president of the American Academy of Religion, a professional association of more than 9,000 teachers and research scholars who teach in some 2,000 colleges, universities, seminaries and schools in North America and abroad, as well as independent scholars.

To **Aalthia Collins**, chief executive officer of Academic and Educational Resources in Alexandria, VA, and former vice president for academic affairs at United States International University in San Diego, who will become president of Bennett College in Greensboro, NC, July 1. Bennett is one of 11 historically black colleges related to the United Methodist Church.

To **Kassie Freeman**, the dean of the division of education at United Methodist-related Dillard University in New Orleans, who has become the first African American from a historically black college to be elected president of the Comparative and International Education Society.

To **Erin Marie Hawkins**, an employee of U.S. Rep. Juanita Millender-McDonald (D-CA), who was elected associate general secretary of the General Commission on Religion and Race and will be responsible for the black concerns committee and the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

To **Betty Ann Henderson**, deputy director for the Philadelphia Housing Authority, who has been named executive director of Black Methodists for Church Renewal, which aims to empower black Methodists for effective witness and service; involve them in the struggle for economic justice; and expose racism at all levels in the church, its agencies and related institutions.

To **Elaine Jenkins**, former staff executive of General Commission on Religion and Race, who has joined the Africa University

Development Office in Nashville, TN, as director of planned giving.

To **Frances Jett**, formerly program director for Restorative Justice, General Board of Church and Society, who has been named to the new position of Assistant General Secretary for Administrative Coordination and Management.

To **Carrol Whitley Key** of Trenton, MO, who has received the Woodrow B. Seals Laity Award, presented by the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, for her commitment to children and youth through church, community and school activities, for her political activism, and for courage in standing up for the environment and the oppressed.

To **Ariel Marcy**, a sixth-grader active at Middlesex (VT) United Methodist Church, who was named the winner of the Souper Bowl of Caring art contest for the 11- to 18-year-old age group. The contest is part of the national campaign to promote the Souper Bowl of Caring, which raises money for the needy on Super Bowl Sunday.

To **Joretta L. Marshall**, associate dean for academic affairs at United Methodist-related Iliff School of Theology in Denver, who will become academic dean of Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis. A United Methodist, she will be the first academic dean at Eden from a tradition other than the United Church of Christ. She also is the first female called by the board as permanent academic dean. In addition to being dean, she also will serve as professor of pastoral theology and care at Eden.

To **Dorothy Moore**, member of Hopkins UMC in Columbia, MD, who has been named queen mother of the Bretuo clan in Asiakwa, Ghana, for her years of work to help the clan obtain basic life necessities.

To **Susan M. Morrison**, bishop of Troy and Wyoming (NY) Conferences, who is the new president of the Collegium of the New York State Community of Churches.

To **Sheron Covington Patterson**, pastor of St. Paul United Methodist Church in Dallas, TX, who received the Profiles in Leadership Award at Southern Methodist University's 36th Annual Women's Symposium on Feb. 27 for her work in improving opportunities for women and girls through community service.

To **Victoria A. Rebeck**, a staff member at the United Methodist Publishing House in Nashville where she edits *Newscope* and *Leader* magazine, who has been named steward of communications for the Minnesota Annual Conference.

To **Dianne Reistroffer**, executive director of the Wesley Foundation and pastor of University United Methodist Church in Madison, WI, who has been installed as the new dean of Louisville (KY) Presbyterian Theological Seminary and vice president for academic affairs. She becomes the first woman to hold the dean's post at the nearly 150-year-old school.

To **Catherine Salisbury**, an 84-year-old United Methodist pastor, who will receive a doctor of ministry degree from Colgate Rochester Divinity School for research on a new spiritual vision of aging. She plans to use her research findings to assist United Methodists in helping senior citizens fully participate in church life.

To **Jean Miller Schmidt**, a faculty member at Iliff School of Theology in Denver and a United Methodist, who has been named the inaugural Gerald L. Schlessman Professor of Methodist Studies at Iliff.

To **Alice M. Smith**, editor of the *Wesleyan Christian Advocate* in Georgia, who has been named the Distinguished Communicator of the Year 2000 by her peers in the United Methodist Association of Communicators.

To **Cheryl Stevenson**, who has been elected permanent coordinator of the churchwide Strengthening the Black Church for the 21st Century initiative.

To **Francine Taylor-Thirus**, pastor of St. Andrew UMC in Carol Stream, IL, who has been named director for racial ethnic congregational revitalization at the General Board of Discipleship.

To **Michele H. Thorne**, who has joined the legal department of the General Council on Finance and Administration in Evanston, IL, as associate general counsel.

To **Caroline Whitson**, provost and vice president of academic affairs at the University of the Ozarks, Clarksville, AR, who has been named president of United Methodist-related Columbia (SC) College. Columbia College, founded in 1854, is a liberal arts women's college with a coeducational evening college and graduate school. It has 1,400 students.

To **Anita D. Wood**, minister of program and outreach at Westwood United Methodist Church, Cincinnati, OH, who has been named director of professional development for the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry's section of deacons and diaconal ministries, effective May 1. ●

Calendar

July 19-22

Responding with Intervention and Healing, Colorado Springs, CO. This training for UMC annual conference response teams for clergy or ministerial misconduct of a sexual nature is sponsored by the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women and the Rocky Mountain Annual Conference. Participation by invitation only. Contact GCSRW office, (847) 869-7330. E-mail: gcsrww@gcfa.org.

July 25-29

Tending Our Gardens, Tacoma, Washington. Eighth National Convocation of Reconciling Communities, sponsored by the Reconciling Ministries Network. Contact RMN, 3801 N. Keeler Ave., Chicago, IL 60641. Phone: (773) 736-5526. Fax: (773) 736-5475. E-mail: revival@rcp.org. Web site: www.rcp.org.

Sept. 15

The Shape of Your Days: Uncovering Your True Relationship with Time, Durham, NC. This workshop is led by Julia Scatliff O'Grady and sponsored by the Resource Center for Women and Ministry in the South. Begin your fall by paying attention to how you spend your time, what you value, and what you want most in your life. Contact RCWMS, 1202 Watts St., Durham, NC 27701. (919) 683-1236. E-mail: stokesnet@aol.com.

Sept. 18-19

In Our Best Interest, Duluth, MN. A two-day training for battered women advocates, women's group facilitators, and community activists on the Duluth curriculum "In Our Best Interest: A Process for Personal and Social Change." Contact Domestic Abuse Intervention Project, 202 East Superior St., Duluth, MN 55802 (218)722-2781. Website: www.duluthmodel.org.

Sept. 20-22

Creating a Process of Change for Men Who Batter, Duluth, MN. A three-day training for men's nonviolence class facilitators on the Duluth curriculum Power and Control: Tactics of Men Who Batter. A track for Native American service providers is offered. Contact Domestic Abuse Intervention Project, 202 East Superior St., Duluth, MN 55802. (218) 722-2781. Web site: www.duluth-model.org.

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Sept. 21-22

Strengthening the Connection: A Mother and Daughter Retreat, Lutheridge Conference Center, Arden, NC. Leaders are Mary Ann Watjen and Carolyn Mathis, retreat leaders and therapists in private practice. This retreat for mothers and their young daughters will use play, creativity, discussions, and imaginative exercises to enhance the relationship and to empower. Contact Holy Ground, PO Box 8512, Asheville, NC 28814. (828) 236-0222. E-mail: HolyGrnd@aol.com.

Oct. 10-12

Power Equity Group in Theory and Practice, Washington, DC. The purpose of this workshop is to provide experience and a theory that enables participants to function in groups in which creativity, equity, and diversity are valued and to increase participants' skills in working with a wide range of groups and group theory in a variety of organizational structures. Contact New Dynamics, 72 Shore Dr., Laconia, NH 03246. Phone: (800) 580-4651. Fax (603) 434-3062. E-mail: newdynam@aol.com. Web site: www.newdynamicsconsulting.com.

Oct. 30-31

In Our Best Interest, Duluth, MN.

See information for Sept. 18-19, above.

Nov. 1-3

Creating a Process of Change for Men Who Batter, Duluth, MN.

See information for Sept. 20-22, above.

Nov. 26-27

In Our Best Interest, Indianapolis, IN.

See information for Sept. 18-19, above.

Nov. 28-30

Creating a Process of Change for Men Who Batter, Duluth, MN.

See information for Sept. 20-22, above.

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Leading Ladies: Transformative Biblical Images for Women's Leadership, Jeannie Porter (Innisfree Press, Inc., 2000). Using the context of four female archetypes from the Bible who honor women's experiences and perspectives, the author presents transformative images that recognize women who lead in all walks of life. \$13.95.

Of Rolling Waters and Roaring Wind, Lynda Katsuno-Ishi and Enda J. Orteza, eds. (World Council of Churches Publications, 2000). This text contains creative expressions from the Ecumenical Decade: Churches in Solidarity with Women. \$16.50.

Ordinary Graces: Christian Teachings on the Interior Life, Lorraine Kisly, ed. (Bell Tower, 2000). This inspired collection of writings spans two thousand years and includes Christians of all backgrounds, traditions, and walks of life. \$22.00.

Stranger and Pilgrims: Female Preaching in America, 1740-1845, Catherine A. Brekus (University of North Carolina Press, 1998). The author examines the lives of more than a hundred female preachers and documents their calls to preach, theology and defense of female preaching. \$17.95.

A Woman's Book of Money & Spiritual Vision: Putting Your Financial Values into Spiritual Perspective, Rosemary Williams with Joanne Kabak (Innisfree Press, Inc., 2001). For women who want to look at their finances in new and freeing ways, this book offers essays, reflective worksheets, and journaling exercises designed to help understand the meaning of money in one's life. Whether one's funds are significant or minimal, this book helps bring financial life into alignment with core spiritual values. \$15.95.

Women's Ways of Worship: Gender Analysis and Liturgical History, Teresa Berger (Liturgical Press, 1999). This history of women at worship and of liturgical reform movements shows how important women's contributions have been for some time. \$24.

Journals

Journal of Religion & Abuse: Advocacy, Pastoral Care & Prevention (Vol. 2, No. 1, 2000). The theme of this issue is "Men's Work to End Violence Against Women." Available from Haworth Press. Phone: (800) 429-6784. Fax: (800) 895-0582. Web site: www.HaworthPress.com.

Trauma, Violence, and Abuse: A Review Journal (Sage Publications). This journal is devoted to organizing, synthesizing, and expanding knowledge on all forms of trauma, abuse, and violence. This peer-reviewed journal is dedicated to professionals and advanced students in clinical training who work with any form of trauma, abuse, and violence. Sage Publications, Inc., 2455 Teller Rd., Thousand Oaks, CA 91320. (805) 499-9774. Fax: (805) 375-1700. E-mail: order@sagepub.com. Web site: www.sagepub.com.