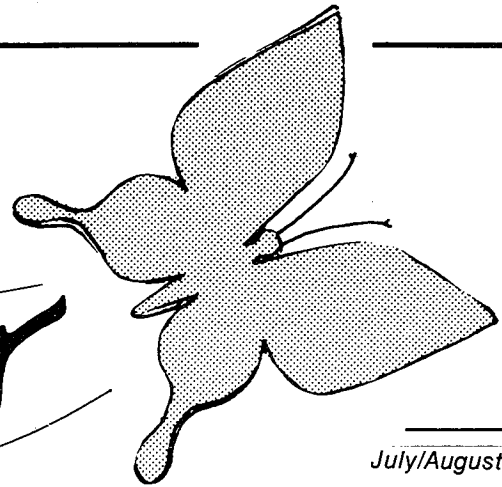


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WOMEN DELEGATES INCREASE

The Flyer welcomes to its readership newly elected women delegates to the 1984 General and Jurisdictional Conferences. We have added them to the mailing list for the next year as they prepare for their responsibilities.

An unprecedented number of women have been elected (see chart). When the 924 delegates from the U.S. annual conferences gather in May, 1984, 263 will be women, compared with 230 in 1980. Of the 263, 41 will be clergywomen, double the number at the 1980 session of the denomination's top law-making assembly.

More than a dozen of the annual conference delegations from this country will be chaired by women, at least three by clergywomen. Of these 73 conferences, all except five have at least one woman in the delegation. The five, Red Bird, Northern New York, Puerto Rico, New Mexico, and Rio Grande, all have four or fewer delegates. The largest delegations will be from Virginia and West Ohio conferences with 34 each.

Of the 924 delegates to General Conference, a bit more than half were not delegates in 1980, although some of them were alternates. The number of new delegates, somewhat higher than usual, is almost equally divided between clergy and laity and includes a large number of women.

The increase of women delegates is also evident in the Jurisdictional delegations, with 573 of the 1,938 elected delegates being women. Clergywomen elected to Jurisdictional increased from 40 in 1980 to 98 in 1984.

U.S. Delegates to General Conference

Year	Percentage of Women		Total Women		Total Delegates
	Women	Clergy	Lay	Women	
1972	13.4%	0	123	123	912
1976	21.0%	10	179	189	900
1980	25.2%	21	209	230	912
1984	28.4%	41	222	263	924

U.S. Conference Delegates Jurisdictional Conference

Year	Percentage of Women		Total Women		Total Delegates
	Women	Clergy	Lay	Women	
1972	13.3%	1	258	259	1950
1976	22.3%	25	405	430	1928
1980	26.4%	40	467	507	1920
1984	29.6%	98	475	573	1938

ACCSRWS CELEBRATE DECADE

With activities ranging from mime to medallions to song, half a dozen Annual Conference Commissions on the Status and Role of Women throughout the UMC took the occasion of Annual Conference to celebrate their first decade of struggle and accomplishment.

Legislation and resolutions supported by ACCSRWs and the election of an increased number of women delegates to general and jurisdictional conferences will help ensure that the gains made continue into the next decade. And even the setbacks served only to make ACCSRW members and supporters more determined to work toward an inclusive church.

At the **West Michigan** Annual Conference, the concerns of women and minorities pervaded the programs, legislation and election of delegates.

"Our whole conference was a wonderful celebration of our history and future," wrote West Michigan clergywoman and former CSRW member Sharon Rader, now a member of the conference staff.

The conference's year-long emphasis, "Women in the Church—a changing image," initiated by the ACCSRW, culminated in a musical "Her-story," a program of song, dance and reading revealing women of the past.

Leontine Kelly, head of the evangelism section of the Board of Discipleship, and often mentioned as a front-running episcopal candidate, electrified delegates with her preaching and presence. "Never again will someone here ask, 'But can she preach?'" recounted Rader.

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"From Kensington to Billingsgate, one hears their restless cry. From every corner of the land, 'Womankind, arise!'"

With the stirring words from the song, "Sister Suffragette," and the music and magic of a special "Herstory" program ringing in their ears, West Michigan delegates elected ten women to its 22-member delegation. The first elected lay and clergy delegates to General Conference are both women. (Photo from *Michigan Christian Advocate*)

CELEBRATE DECADE

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Each session began with hymns from the UM hymnal, written by women, with an account of their background.

The General Conference (GC) slate elected at the West Michigan Annual Conference again exemplified the conference's commitment to an inclusive delegation. Ten of the 22 delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences are women. In the GC delegation are four women, two clergy and two lay; one is a Native American. Women (Rader, clergy, and Joan Kelsey, lay) were first elected; Kelsey leads the delegation.

"While I know there are many of my white male brothers who struggle with the new places in which they find themselves as women and ethnic people take their rightful places, it still seemed to me there was little ambivalence on the part of this conference when it came to electing women," Rader said. "It was accepted, matter of fact almost. I trust we won't forget how and because of whom we got to this place."

At the **California-Nevada** Annual Conference, the CSRW celebrated ten years of ministry in the conference with four vignettes, using mime and voice. The vignettes, written and originated by CSRW members Fran Eldredge, Dianne Grimard, and Denice Leslie and former chair Mary Gaddis, provided information, provoked thought, and drew laughter.

One sketch focused on the ways and whys of consensus decision-making. "Did you know the Commission on the Status and Role of Women makes decisions by consensus?" said one voice. "What does consensus mean?" asked another. "You mean they don't vote? How do they know which side wins?"

"We really struggled with a mime for "Expanding our Biblical Images of God," reports Eldredge, "and finally did it without a mime. Denice was reading from the floor and I from the stage. After I read, 'In Exodus 3:14 God says: 'Mary and Dianne stood on either side of me, broke out of the silence of mime and all of us read the three quotes. Four female voices were reading, but what the audience saw were three women speaking three statements from God—a nice trinitarian effect. We didn't plan it for that, but that's what we got!'"

The "Women in the local church" vignette was met with delighted laughter, Eldredge said, and the piece on "Ordination" was moving and powerful.

A full-page informational supplement in the *Circuit West United Methodist Reporter* gave visibility to the 10th anniversary celebration of the **Pacific and Southwest** CSRW. Articles gave advance notice of CSRW activities and events at Annual Conference (an afternoon birthday celebration, signing of a giant birthday card) and of historic events during the past ten years (election of first chairperson Faith Conklin and successor chairpersons Sharon Rhodes-Wickett, Becky Haase, Ruth Truman and Ann Greenberg; hiring of staff, addition of district representatives to the Commission).

Ann Greenberg, current chairperson, presented past CSRW chairpersons with medallions and celebrated the appointment of Conklin as the first woman district superintendent in that conference. At one point in the Annual Conference proceedings, to enable the delegates to better envision some of the fruits of the past ten years, more than 60 women clergy and diaconal ministers joined Conklin, the first woman ordained elder (in 1973), on the conference stage.

A devotional booklet for each day of the conference, prepared by Conklin for the Committee on Christian Spirituality of the Board of Discipleship, featured reflections by women of the conference. It was presented "with gratitude and thanksgiving in celebration of the vision of women in ministry and recognizes especially the tenth year anniversaries of United Methodist Women and the Commission on the Status and Role of Women," Conklin wrote in the introduction.

Thirty-one Pacific and Southwest clergywomen, just prior to the balloting for the general and jurisdictional conferences, handed out a prepared statement urging delegates to elect an inclusive delegation. They asked that delegates be committed to

- theological openness
- development of leadership styles which affirm mutuality and partnership



Thelma Stevens, veteran UMC women's activist, exhorted supporters at the Central Illinois Annual Conference CSRW dinner to elect a balanced slate of delegates. "Why cannot this conference decide to elect five women among the nine lay delegates to the 1984 General Conference? Four years from now, you can reverse the number and elect five men."

The 200 in attendance and others must have taken her words to heart; because that is exactly what the lay members did: five women were elected. (Photo by Bettie Story)

- a creative approach to institutional and connectional concerns
- a concern for the status and role of women
- a commitment to social justice concerns
- a view of Christian life which includes the willingness to examine issues.

Subsequently, the Pacific and Southwest Conference elected as lay delegates to General Conference six women and five men (four are racial ethnic minority persons). Of the 11 in the General Conference clergy delegation, one (Conklin) is a woman and four are racial ethnic minority persons. Nine women are among the 12 lay jurisdictional delegates (four are racial ethnic minority); one clergywoman is among the 12 jurisdictional clergy delegates (two are racial ethnic minority).

The **Northern Illinois** CSRW used the occasion of its annual clergywoman's luncheon just prior to the start of Annual Conference to celebrate its first decade. All former CSRW members, lay and clergy, were invited to hear accounts of the Commission's life and accomplishments. In between accounts, ten candles were lighted, and participants sang verses of Dorie Ellisey's song, "The Ones Who've Gone Before Us."

A resolution sponsored by the ACCSRW supporting inclusive language and images of God was approved by the Northern Illinois Annual Conference.

Concern about God language was expressed by at least ten other Annual Conferences. Most were responding to a report by the Task Force on Language Guidelines, authorized by the 1980 General Conference. Information about the guidelines was released in a United Methodist News Service story prior to completion of the task force's work; the final report will be made at the fall 1983 General Council on Ministries meeting and then will be forwarded to the 1984 General Conference.

The 16-page report, "Words that help and heal," deals with the use of inclusive language about people and God and is an addition to language guidelines adopted by the 1980 General Conference. The most controversial suggestion made by the 10-member group is that use of "Lord" and "King" as synonyms for God be reduced in contemporary materials.

Kansas West, North Indiana and **Yellowstone** defeated petitions opposing this task force suggestion. **Central Illinois** is asking General Conference to direct curriculum and other resource writers to use inclusive language that is also faithful to modern scholarship. **Detroit, Central New York** and **Minnesota** are encouraging use of inclusive language in their areas.

Tennessee asked its constituency to study the task force report and write directly to General Conference. **South Georgia** urged General Conference to study the report carefully to ensure that traditional language and images are not discarded. **North**

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SURVEY REVEALS SATISFACTION, RESERVOIR OF NEED

- *The GCSRW has been very effective in addressing its mandate.*
- *Leadership development of lay women and increased understanding of male/female dynamics are top priorities.*
- *Conditions for women in the UMC have improved in the past four years and the GCSRW has played a critical role.*

These are several of the major conclusions drawn from the results of a Spring 1983 survey conducted by the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women. One thousand constituents were surveyed, including members of Annual Conference CSRWs, general secretaries, seminary presidents, bishops and members of the GCSRW, General Council on Finance and Administration and General Council on Ministries.

Overall, results reveal a high degree of satisfaction with the GCSRW's performance plus a reservoir of need and expectation.

In a section measuring perceptions of GCSRW's effectiveness in addressing areas of its disciplinary mandate, the GCSRW received highest marks for "Fostering an awareness of issues, problems and concerns related to the status of women."

One male respondent wrote: "The Commission has raised my personal concern for women and the need to continue to press for equal rights of women in all areas of life."

Nearly 2/3 also rated the GCSRW very effective in these areas:

- Advocating with and on behalf of women individually and collectively in the UMC.
- Initiating creative methods to redress inequities in the UMC.
- Ensuring inclusiveness in programming and administrative functioning of the UMC.
- Maintaining linkages with Annual Conference GSRWs.

When asked whether the GCSRW was meeting their needs, 80 percent of the respondents replied "yes". Of those who said the Commission was meeting their needs, they mentioned most often

- general support, information and resourcing
- training events
- the *Flyer*, newsletter of the GCSRW
- providing an awareness of issues and concerns

Characteristic of the positive responses was this one: "The General Commission has planted and nurtured the seeds of being a catalyst, monitor and advocate within me and has given me tools to journey onward."

Included among the unmet needs were those which had not been communicated to the GCSRW and specific issue areas (single women, women in seminary, Hispanic women). One respondent, speaking of her unmet needs, wrote: "My need is for the whole UMC to change—obviously not accomplished! There's always more to do. GCSRW does an excellent job with limited budget and staff."

In another section, respondents prioritized seven areas addressed by the GCSRW. Two areas emerged as the constituents' top priorities:

- training and leadership development of lay women
- increased understanding of male/female dynamics.

Both of these were goals of the GCSRW for the current quadrennium. "In view of these responses, these issues need to continue to be given high priority in the next quadrennium," said General Secretariat member Nancy Grissom Self. Part of the function of the survey was to aid the GCSRW in establishing goals, budget, and direction of the 1985-88 quadrennium.

Clustered as middle priorities for the respondents were

- affirmative action/employment in boards and agencies
- racial ethnic minority women's concerns in the UMC
- support for and issues affecting clergywomen

Some 140 respondents also listed additional concerns and areas the GCSRW should be addressing, including women in the workplace, clergy spouses, and men's understanding of women's issues.

The section asking respondents to rank their knowledge, use and helpfulness of services offered by the GCSRW indicated most constituents were familiar with and satisfied with the quality of services offered. Among the best known services were

- monitoring and research
- advocacy to address sexism in the UMC

Results from this section indicated the GCSRW needs to make its work in the areas of Asian and Native American women more visible; these were areas of least familiarity to constituents.

In terms of services used, those most often identified included

- training workshops
- inclusive language resources
- linkages with ACCSRWs.

In measuring perceptions of the GCSRW's part in nine changes in the status and role of women in the UMC during the past four years, the GCSRW was seen as most involved in the election of a women bishop and in increased awareness and use of inclusive language.

"The survey results are both gratifying and challenging," said Self. "It is heartening to know that those whom we seek to serve find the work of the Commission useful. They certainly are on target with the two most critical areas: lay women and male/female dynamics."

Self said two of the ways the General Commission has proposed to address training of lay women and better understanding of male/female dynamics are

1. legislation to establish a local church work area on the status and role of women (to be considered at the May, 1984, General Conference) and

2. the addition of four staff with regional assignments to work with annual conferences and local churches.

"It remains to be seen whether the General Conference will vote sufficient budget to make these possible," Self said. "The full participation of women and equality of women and men in mission and ministry won't happen fully until it is evidenced in the local church."

The GCSRW survey was designed and conducted by Jennifer Wallace, a Ph.D. candidate at Northwestern University, as part of the GCSRW's self-evaluation process for the 1981-84 quadrennium.

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Georgia called for inclusive language in reference to persons, but biblical language in reference to God.

In Minnesota 10th anniversary activities were curtailed somewhat by the short, three-day Annual Conference session, but members made their presence felt through 10th anniversary buttons and distribution of a leaflet summarizing and celebrating events of the annual and general CSRWs over the past decade.

In Wisconsin the CSRW found an effective way for women delegates to gain visibility and a chance to speak to the issues on the Annual Conference floor. The CSRW issued black tenth anniversary stickers to each woman delegate to affix to the orange placard waved to get permission to speak during Annual Conference sessions.

"It worked," said Wisconsin CSRW chairperson Linda Christman. "The bishop (Marjorie Matthews) wrote and thanked me. It was a consciousness-raiser and made it easier for her to spot women who wanted to speak."

The CSRW created a brochure for Annual Conference and for United Methodist Women's Schools of Christian Mission, with the CSRW purpose, goals, creedal statement and accomplishments. Also included was a registry of women willing to serve on conference boards and agencies as well as resources for use in local churches.

On three evenings the CSRW showed the film "Killing Us Softly," which exposes the sexist and dangerous images of women in advertising. Each day the conference newspaper carried the "CSRW Corner," which included activity information, puzzles and a contest to rewrite several hymns in inclusive language. A luncheon for women in professional ministry and those interested gave women considering seminary an opportunity to make contacts and gather information.

Speaking to delegates at the Central Illinois Annual Conference, UMC social activist Thelma Stevens put forth a challenge to face the crises of our times and to work for peace, justice and unity.

"You and I must send forth the word through the political power structures," Stevens said. "The Church ought to be a vital part of the political power structures of this nation and work in an honest, open, determined, courageous way to change the signs of the times and make justice and peace possible in the world."

The CSRW presented Stevens with a plaque celebrating her life and witness. It read in part: "Through her lifelong contributions to our church and humankind in the areas of peace, social justice and women's issues, she provides a model for us all."

The New York Annual Conference achieved a national first in electing a racial ethnic minority clergywoman, Dilca Lebron, the conference's Hispanic coordinator, as one of the nine General Conference clergy delegates. Among those ordained as deacons were two other racial ethnic minority clergywomen, one Hispanic and one Korean.

Even as Annual Conferences were electing increasing numbers of General Conference delegates and celebrating ten years in the work of improving the status and role of women, in at least one conference the work that remains to be done in achieving an inclusive church was brutally evident.

Clergywomen in the Virginia conference, determined to elect Leontine Kelly as General Conference delegate, held firm through four days of balloting. Despite Kelly's national visibility and reputation, neither she nor any other Virginia clergywomen were elected as General Conference delegates. Seventeen clergymen will represent that Annual Conference at the 1984 General Conference.

Even though Kelly was not elected to General Conference, she maintained a significant base of support throughout the balloting. She was fourth on the first ballot with more than 200 votes and never fell below 173 votes on any subsequent ballot.

Kelly and two other clergywomen, Diedra Kriewald and Cheryl Davidson, will be Virginia Annual Conference delegates at the

Southeastern Jurisdictional conference, where bishops will be elected. Kelly continues to have a strong base of support across the church as an episcopal candidate.



Conference staff member Sharon Rader portrayed suffragist Emmeline Pankhurst in the West Michigan Commission's special "Herstory" program. (Photo from Michigan Christian Advocate)



Leontine Kelly, West Michigan conference preacher, addressed the CSRW 10th anniversary breakfast. (Photo from Michigan Christian Advocate)

WORLD ASSEMBLY FINDS 33% WOMEN DELEGATES

The rising status of women was seen as delegates to the sixth assembly of the World Council of Churches gathered in Vancouver, Canada July 24 to August 10.

At the Council's first assembly in Amsterdam in 1948, 22 of the 350 delegates were women. In Vancouver, nearly 300 of the 903 delegates were women, a jump from 6 per cent to 33 per cent in the 35 years.

The assembly brought together delegates from 304 member denominations and 100 countries on six continents around the theme, "Jesus Christ—the Life of the World." During the first two weeks delegates refined the issues in small, multi-cultural groups. In the final week delegates were asked to register "the sense of the meeting" on a variety of issues including justice for women.

(A report of the assembly will appear in the next *Flyer*.)

Both past & present GCSRW presidents Barbara Thompson and Carolyn Oehler were delegates to the Vancouver Assembly.

SEEKS METHODIST WOMEN STORIES

Deborah Drash-Carroll, a Louisiana clergywoman, is seeking biographical/autobiographical information about women Methodist leaders (circuit riders, preachers, educators, missionaries, authors, journalists, administrators) for a research project she hopes to complete in time for the Bicentennial Celebration of the church in May, 1984.

She is trying to locate unpublished material about well-known leaders such as Anna Howard Shaw, Mary McLeod Bethune, Georgia Harkness and others, as well as information, stories or old photographs about not so well-known women leaders. Contact her at Broadmoor UMC, 3715 Youree Drive, Shreveport, LA 71105.

INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE RESOURCES

The long-awaited and highly controversial "Inclusive Language Lectionary" from the National Council of Churches will be published in time for use beginning with Advent 1983, the NCC's Division of Education and Ministry has announced.

Offered for "voluntary, experimental use in worship, group study and individual use," the NCC stated its hope that "this version will spur people to greater sensitivity to language which speaks to and for all persons."

An ecumenical 12-member committee has been working since October, 1981, to produce the 3-volume lectionary. The first volume, with readings determined by the Consultation on Church Union, is for use in Cycle A, Advent of 1983 through Pentecost, 1984. Cycle B will be ready in 1984, Cycle C in 1985, both based on selections from the North American Committee on Calendar and Lectionary.

***The Inclusive Language Lectionary: Readings for Year A. Published by Westminster Press. 6" x 9" paperbound, \$7.95 (tentative price).**

The 10-member UMC committee appointed by the General Council on Ministries (GCOM) to look at images of and language about God has completed its work and will present a final report to the GCOM at its November meeting. (Copies of the report will not be available until after that meeting.)

The committee is suggesting the document, entitled "Words that hurt and words that heal: Language about God and people," be used in pastors' schools, curriculum, study groups, seminaries, youth groups and boards and agencies. Additionally, it is recommending that the task force, created by the General Conference in 1980, be continued in the next quadrennium to receive feedback and monitor progress on the study.

As part of its work the task force updated and revised already adopted "Guidelines for Eliminating Racism, Ageism, and Sexism from United Methodist Resource Materials;" a section on "Handicappism" was added. The GCOM approved the guidelines at its April, 1983, meeting and recommended them for immediate use.

***Guidelines for Eliminating Racism, Ageism and Sexism from United Methodist Resource Materials. Available from conference offices and seminaries for free.**

The West Michigan Commission on the Status and Role of Women has just issued "Because We Are ALL God's Children," a "gender-inclusive worship handbook" for use with Lectionary Year A and other special days celebrated by United Methodists. Included for each Sunday or special day is an opening act of worship, an act of reconciliation and a response to the word; non-verbal as well as verbal acts of worship are included.

***Because We Are ALL God's Children. Available from the CSRW Worship Resource Project, UM Conference Center, 11 Fuller, S.E., PO Box 6247, Grand Rapids, MI 490506 for \$3.**

Some of the church's powerful hymn tunes, badly tarnished by exclusive male-identified language, have been given new life in a collection, "Fresh Words to Familiar Tunes," published by United Presbyterian Women. Author Jane Parker Huber has taken some of the most familiar and least inclusive tunes and words (e.g. "Dear Lord and Father of mankind," "O brother man," "Rise up, O Men of God" and written entirely new words for them. Gender-inclusive images of God and humans as well as pacifist ones have replaced male/military concepts in these 32 hymns.

***Fresh Words to Familiar Tunes: Hymns by Jane Parker Huber. Published by United Presbyterian Women, Room 1151, 475 Riverside Dr., New York, NY 10115 for \$1.**

ON THE CALENDAR

Aug. 5-14 **NATIONAL FEMINIST CAMP—3RD ANNUAL.** Camping, hiking, swimming, canoeing and more in a feminist setting. Iris Glen Camp, Anapolis, MD. Call (301) 588-6533, or write Community Living for Women, PO Box 265, Edgewater, MD, 21307. Cost: \$20 per day. Reduced rate for some who want to work.

Aug. 11-14 **THE SPIRITUALITY OF POLITICS: A WOMAN'S CONCERN.** The 1983 National Assembly of Women Religious Assembly, focusing on how faith affects politics. With Anne Carr, Rosemary Ruether, Marjorie Tuite, Marta Benavides. In Chicago. Write NARW Office, 1307 S. Wabash, Chicago, IL 60605. Call 312-663-1980.

Aug. 24-26 **SONIA JOHNSON INVITES WOMEN TO GATHER IN WASHINGTON, DC.** To envision the post-patriarchal world, to develop structures and practice processes that empower women. The gathering will culminate in a demonstration of resistance on Women's Equality Day, Aug. 26 and in participation in the Martin Luther King memorial March on Aug. 27. For information write: Sonia Johnson, Women Gathering, Rt. 2, Box 233, Sterling, VA 22170 or call (703) 430-2650.

Aug. 26 **63RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE FINAL RATIFICATION OF THE SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT.**

Aug. 27 **MARCH ON WASHINGTON.** Mobilization of groups and individuals around issues of jobs, peace and freedom, commemorating the 20th anniversary of the historic 1963 March on Washington led by Martin Luther King, Jr. Write Twentieth Anniversary Mobilization, PO Box 26020, Le Detroit Park Station, Washington, DC 20001.

The General Board of Church and Society and the General Commission on Religion and Race have endorsed the march. The boards have pledged themselves to be a part of the "New Coalition of Conscience" that is being formed for jobs, peace and freedom; they are calling upon all United Methodists to join in the effort. "If the church does not help the nation to keep its conscience, who will?" the boards asked in a recent statement. Contributions, clearly marked for the 20th anniversary mobilization, should be sent to Dr. Ewing Wayland, General Secretary of the General Council on Finance and Administration, 1200 Davis St., Evanston, IL 60201.

Sept. 11-12 **PLANNING MEETING FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE WOMEN DELEGATE ORIENTATION.** Joint GCSRW-Women's Division committee meets in Baltimore, MD.

Sept. 21-25 **GENERAL COMMISSION ON THE STATUS AND ROLE OF WOMEN MEETING.** Final meeting of the quadrennium. Techny Towers, Techny, IL.

Oct. 21-23 **MEN'S LIVES: JOURNEYS AND TRANSITIONS.** James Nelson and Robert Paines lead an exploration for men of manhood and brotherhood. Presentations on work, friendship, sexuality, spirituality; biblical meditation, journaling, imaging also included. At Kirkridge, an ecumenical retreat and study center. Write Kirkridge, R.D. #3, Bangor, PA 18013.

Nov. 11-13 **WOMAN CHURCH SPEAKS.** National gathering of 3,000 to 4,000 Catholic women sharing stories, insights, struggles and skills. Women gathering as ecclesia, as sisters to reconcile, to witness to the spirit of bonding and faithfulness. Major talks, workshops. At the O'Hare/Kennedy Holiday Inn, Rosemont, IL. Contact Maureen Reiff, From Generation to Generation, 1307 S. Wabash Ave., Rm 224, Chicago, IL 60605.

OVATIONS

To **MARJORIE SUCHOCKI**, who has been named Dean of Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C., the first woman appointed as an academic dean in a seminary of The United Methodist Church or its predecessor denominations. **MARY ALICE DOUTY EDWARDS**, a retired member of the Wesley faculty, is acting dean until Suchocki begins service January 1, 1984. Suchocki comes to Wesley from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary where she has been Associate Professor of Theology and Director of the Doctor of Ministry Program.

To **CHARLENE KAMMERER**, who has been appointed acting dean of the chapel at Duke University by the president. She is the first woman minister ever named as dean of a chapel. She will serve as preacher and pastor, administrator of the Duke chapel, and director of religious life programming, and is a member of the central administration. She said she hopes, in directing the staff of 25, to model a new style of authority and shared leadership, working towards a consensus model. She chairs the finance committee of the GCSRW.

To **MARY ANN SWENSON**, who has been appointed superintendent of the Puget Sound District, the first woman D.S. in the Pacific Northwest Conference. She served at Orchards UMC from 1974 to the present. She received a D. Min. from the School of Theology at Claremont (CA.). A member of the Annual Conference Commission on the Status and Role of Women in 1974 and 1975, she currently serves on the General Board of Discipleship. She was elected as a delegate to both 1980 and 1984 General Conferences.

To **SUE HASSINGER**, who has been named Superintendent for the Allentown District, Eastern PA Conference. She received her M. Div. from Lancaster Theological Seminary, her elders orders in 1968 and from 1970 served in local churches. A delegate to the 1980 General Conference, she is a member of the Board of Global Ministries. Hassinger also chaired her conference Council on Ministries' division on discipleship.

To **DIANE O. PINNEY**, who has been named Controller for the General Council on Finance and Administration. Until recently she was employed as a senior budget analyst for the Continental Telephone Company of the Northwest, Bellevue, WA. As GCFA controller, she monitors the financial activities of general agencies and oversees the internal budget of GCFA.

To **HELEN R. NEINAST**, who joins the section on campus ministry of the Division of Higher Education, Board of Higher Education and Ministry. Prior to co-pastoring a New Mexico church with her husband, Neinast directed the campus ministry at Western New Mexico University from 1978-80.

To **MARGARET RUSH**, co-founder and first chairperson of the Rocky Mountain CSRW (1974), who has been named Program Coordinator for that conference. For the past four years she served as pastor at Lyons (CO) UMC, having received an M. Div. from San Francisco Divinity School and her elders orders in 1978. She received an M.R.E. from Duke Divinity School in 1963. Rush serves on the Television Task Force and the GCFA Committee on Personnel Policies and Practices, representing the General Commission on United Methodist Communications.

To **SARAH F. MARTIN, II**, of St. Louis, Mo., who has been named associate director of the Missouri East Conference Council on Ministries. She's been on the council staff for more than a year.

To **MILCA PLAUD**, who has been named editor of Spanish-language materials, Mission Resources, for the Board of Global Ministries.

To **FANNIE FERGUSON ROLLINS**, who received top academic honors among 140 graduates at Virginia Wesleyan College. Rollins, 61, the wife of a United Methodist minister, returned to college four years ago, majoring in history.

To **DEBRA JOY HOSTETLER** of Eureka, IL, who received the third annual Stoodly-West Fellowship for Graduate Study. The winner of the award, given by United Methodist Communications to a student entering the field of Christian journalism, is a Mennonite studying journalism at Indiana University.

To **JEAN LOVE**, who is one of two 1983 winners of the John Harrison Ness Memorial Awards for historical essays, a competition sponsored by the Commission on Archives and History. She attends Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, KY.

To **SYDNEY BUSTER**, new office assistant with the GCSRW. Previously, as a training administrator for Brunswick Corporation, she administered the tuition reimbursement program for 20,000 employees. She has also worked as a criminal justice researcher for Barton-Aschman.

HARKNESS WINNERS

Fifty-three women seminary students from 25 seminaries and from 33 annual conferences will receive the eighth annual Georgia Harkness Scholarship Awards.

Granted by the United Methodist Division of Ordained Ministry (Board of Higher Education and Ministry), the scholarships honor the well-known United Methodist teacher and theologian who died in 1974. The scholarships are limited primarily to United Methodist women, 35 years and older, who are preparing for a second career in ordained ministry.

At the time of her death, Harkness was regarded as United Methodism's foremost woman theologian, noted particularly for her teaching, writing (she was working on her 37th at the time of her death) and social activism.

She was ordained a deacon in the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1926 and local elder in the 1930's "I believed very firmly that women ought to have a place in the ministry," she said in an interview in 1974.

UMC TO CATHOLIC

One of the United Methodist Church's pioneering clergywomen and a founding member of the Detroit Annual Conference's Commission on the Status and Role of Women, has laid aside her clerical robes and joined the Roman Catholic Church. There she hopes to work as a lay pastoral minister and help that church move toward the ordination of women as priests.

Ordained to the ministry in 1973, Jonah said in an interview with the Detroit Free Press, "It is important for the future of women in the priesthood of the Catholic Church that women who are ordained (in any denomination) become Catholic." Jonah insists that her ordination is "indelible and does not rub off;" she will be considered a lay person by Catholic officialdom.

Jonah was an outspoken leader and social activist in the conference. Addressing the clergy at the June annual conference, she said she loved them and was not leaving at all in bitterness. The conference's several hundred clergy gave her a standing ovation after her farewell remarks. "That was sign of their respect and affection for a real leader," said Bishop Edsel Ammons, head of the 280,000 UMC in Michigan. "Caroline has given splendid leadership," he said. "She's brave; she's insightful and consistent in her witness to those things that are important to her. I hope she finds in the Roman Catholic Church what she seeks."

SELECTED RESOURCES

OUR NIG: or, Sketches from the Life of a Free Black. Exciting discovery of this novel adds 33 years to the history of Afro-American writers and establishes Harriet E. Wilson as author of the first novel published by a black in the U.S.

Controversial themes within the novel—racism in the North, a black man posing as a fugitive slave and interracial marriage—contributed to its loss to oblivion until recently. The autobiographical fiction describes the experiences of a black indentured servant in a northern white household about 1850. Second edition published 1983 by Vintage Books; \$4.95 pb.

AIN'T I A WOMAN: black women and feminism. An important work for *all* feminists pointing out the inseparability of the struggles to end racism and sexism. Author Bell Hooks focuses on the impact of sexism on the Black woman during slavery, the devaluation of Black womanhood, Black male sexism, racism within the recent feminist movement, and the Black woman's involvement with feminism. Written from a Black woman's perspective but set in a wider liberation context. Published 1981 by South End Press, Box 68, Astor Station, Boston, MA 02123. \$7 pb.

e/sa forum HUMAN SEXUALITY: GOD'S GOOD GIFT. UM Board of Church and Society publication, November 1982, has articles on "Sexuality, Love and Wholeness," traditional church views on sexuality, ministry in human sexuality, teenage pregnancy, and the United Methodist "Study Document on Human Sexuality." Thorough examination of issues and attitudes concerning human sexuality. Available (single copy) for 60 cents from e/sa, Discipleship Resources, PO Box 189 (1908 Grand Ave), Nashville, TN 37202. Order No. CSE2087.

e/sa forum: ABORTION: THE DEBATE CONTINUES. March, 1983, UM Board of Church and Society publication looks at values underlying a pro-choice position, a Christian physician's perspective, the anti-abortion movement, the complexities in making a decision about abortion and a pastor's involvement in abortion counseling pre-1973. Available (single copy) for 60 cents from e/sa, PO Box 189 (1908 Grand Ave), Nashville TN 37202. Order No. CS-E2091.

HELAINÉ VICTORIA PRESS, INC. Postcard specialists who focus on the history and achievements of women; activities include printing, publication, distribution and archiving of educational cards. Tenth anniversary resource catalog now available, with photographs of the postcards, posters, notecards and book plates. Postcards of Native American women, the West, the suffrage era, African women, women in the American labor movement, quilts, and famous women. Write the press at 4080 Dynasty Lane, Martinsville, IN 46151.

NATIVE AMERICAN PRESS: in Wisconsin and the nation. Proceedings of a conference in April 1982 on the Native American press sponsored by the State Historical Society of Wisconsin and Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison Library School. Includes talk on women in Native American journalism and talks with two Native American women newspaper editors. Available for \$6.50 from the Publications Committee, Library School of the University of Wisconsin, 600 N. Park St., Madison, WI, 53706 (include 4th class postage at 1.5 lbs.).

CITIZEN 13660. Artist Mine Okubo, with careful attention to details, illustrates with drawings and text her life after Executive Order 9066 forced mass evacuation of all Japanese Americans from the West Coast. Through her work Okubo shows how shock, humiliation and sadness turned to camaraderie and endurance as those interned built homes and community out of stables and barracks in a converted race track. Originally published in 1946; recently reprinted by Arno Press, a New York Times Company, in 1978. \$14.

THOUSAND PIECES OF GOLD. Biographical novel by Ruthanne Lum McCunn about Lalu Nathoy (later known as Polly Bemis), a Chinese American pioneer woman. Snatched from her family by bandits at an early age, Nathoy was shipped to the U.S. as a slave and auctioned off to a Chinese saloon keeper in an Idaho mining camp. There, having gained her freedom through a poker game, she took to running her own boarding house and homesteading 20 acres on the River of No Return. An important contribution to the literature by and about racial ethnic minority women as well as an intriguing account of an unforgettable character. Published 1981 by Design Enterprises of San Francisco, PO Box 14695, San Francisco, CA 94414. Hb \$10.95. Also available in paperback.

HYMNS FROM THE FOUR WINDS. Collection of Asian American Hymns published as a supplemental worship resource by Abingdon Press, 1983. From Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Korean and Taiwanese traditions, 61% of the texts are newly written or translated. Although many congregations will find the hymns unfamiliar, the collection represents a unique opportunity to experience and appreciate the Asian Christian culture. Hymns generally use sex-inclusive language. Available for \$6.95 from Cokesbury.

FILMS

NOT A LOVE STORY: A FILM ABOUT PORNOGRAPHY. Landmark documentary produced by the National Film Board of Canada chronicles two women—Bonnie Sherr Klein, filmmaker, and Linda Lee Tracey, a Montreal stripper—exploring the pervasive culture (annual sales well in excess of five billion dollars in North America) of pornography. Explicit scenes from circulating pornography, interviews with feminist critics and those who earn their living in the porn trade, designed to enable viewers to realize the impact of pornography on society. Highly recommended for discussion use with church groups. Rental: \$80, (16mm or ¾" videocassette), from the National Film Board of Canada, 16th floor, 1251 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10020-1173.

JEANNETTE RANKIN: THE WOMAN WHO VOTED NO. A 29-minute documentary profiling the life of the first woman elected to Congress (from Montana in 1916) and the only Representative to vote against American entry into both world wars. Uses original newsreels and photographs to tell Rankin's courageous story: her 1941 vote, the only vote opposing the Declaration of War against Japan, effectively ended her political career. She was also active in the suffrage movement. Available for rental on ¾" cassette, ½" Beta and ½" VHS for \$30, from The Fine Tuning Co., PO Box 1134, Bozeman, MT 59715

COMMISSION TALENT SCOUT

DIRECTOR, NCCC COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN LITERATURE FOR WOMEN & CHILDREN/DIRECTOR, PRINT MEDIA, INTER-MEDIA, DIVISION OF OVERSEAS MINISTRIES. Executive officer of the committee, responsible for production and distribution of Christian literature for women and children in overseas countries. Also assists churches in Asia, Africa, Latin America and other areas in developing their own programs/print resources. Requires college degree with graduate degree or specialization in Christian education, elementary education or work experience in publishing house. Apply by September 20 to Personnel Office, NCCC, 475 Riverside Dr., New York, NY 10115.

ASSOCIATE GENERAL SECRETARY FOR ISSUE DEVELOPMENT AND ADVOCACY, GENERAL BOARD OF CHURCH AND SOCIETY, UMC. Needs administrative/managerial skills; sensitivity to, identification with and advocacy for emerging social, political and economic issues; understanding of mission and social witness. Bachelor's degree required; graduate degree with some theology preferred. Staff and fiscal oversight. Apply Deborah J. Walker, Chairperson, Search Committee, GBCS, 100 Maryland Ave., NE #300, Washington, DC 20002. July 15 deadline.

PROFESSOR OF CHRISTIAN THOUGHT, ROCKY MOUNTAIN COLLEGE. Contact R. Dean Boswell, Jr., 1511 Poly Dr., Billings, MT 59102.

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC RELATIONS, GATEWAY UM YOUTH CENTER. Contact Howard L. Weisz, Jr., 6350 Main St., Williamsville, NY 14221.

MINISTER OF EDUCATION FOR CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP, RIVERSIDE CHURCH. Minister responsible for planning, follow through and nurture of groups, classes, conferences and informal educational activities for 2,975 member interdenominational, interracial and international church in New York City. Supervise five full-time, five part-time employees and relate to 150 volunteer leaders. Member of collegium of four ordained ministers. Minimum salary: \$35,000. Deadline: Sept. 1. Apply Robert Rue Parsonage, Chair, Search Committee, The Riverside Church, 490 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10027.

PROJECT DIRECTOR, PEACE WITH JUSTICE PROGRAM, GENERAL BOARD OF CHURCH AND SOCIETY, UMC. One year position: research and develop training and action/reflection resources in the areas of a faithful, disarmed, just and secure world. Produce bi-monthly newsletter, work with UM colleges and universities, relate to regional and local coordinators. Travel 30 to 40 per cent of the time. Deadline: **June 27.** Salary: \$22,000-\$27,000. Apply Harold W. Stephens, Personnel Manager, GBCS, UMC, 100 Maryland, Ave., NE, Washington, DC 20002.

EXECUTIVE POSITION VACANCIES, GENERAL BOARD OF GLOBAL MINISTRIES. 475 Riverside Dr., New York, NY 10115. Send letters of application and resume to Raymond Jones, Personnel Director, for referral.
Field Representative/Town and Country Ministries, National Div.
Research Associate, National Div.
Deputy General Secretary, World Div.
Assistant Treasurer, Women's Div.
General Ledger Supervisor, Gen. Treasury
Assistant General Secretary, Section of Mission Resources, Mission Education and Cultivation
Program Secretary, Short-Term Volunteers in Mission, Mission Personnel Resources
Field Secretary, Short-Term Volunteers in Mission, Mission Personnel Resources
Computer Programmer, Data Processing Records Manager, Comptroller's Off.

NATIONAL COORDINATOR, RELIGIOUS NETWORK FOR EQUALITY FOR WOMEN (RNEW), Administrator needed to direct development and implementation of RNEW goals, to raise funds, travel and consult. Salary: \$16,000 to \$20,000. Deadline: July 15. Apply RNEW Search Committee, 475 Riverside Drive, Room 830-A, New York, NY 10115.

DIVISION OF DIACONAL MINISTRY, UMC. Positions in local churches in education and music listed in bulletin published monthly by the Board of Higher Education and Ministry, UMC, PO Box 871, Nashville, TN 37202. Write direct to be added to mailing list if actively seeking related employment.



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