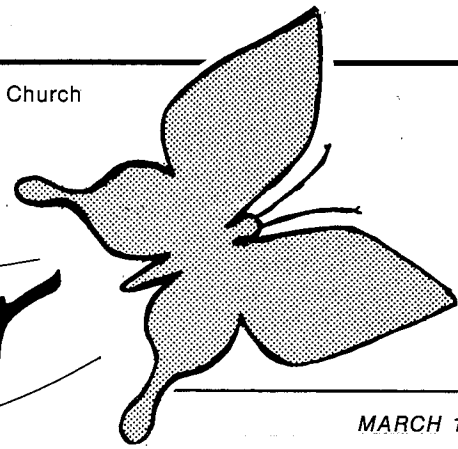


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COMMISSION IDENTIFIES "SURVIVAL ISSUES" AT MADISON; MEETING WITH BISHOPS, PAPER ON GOD LANGUAGE FOLLOW

"We must identify survival issues."

This was the challenge to members by Carolyn Oehler, presiding over her first full Commission meeting, February 22-25, at the Yahara Retreat Center in Madison, Wisconsin. In her opening remarks, President Oehler called on Commission members to identify "theological issues, issues of race, power issues and, of course, sexism."

And identify the issues they did—meeting in task forces, administrative committees and plenary sessions for three-and-a-half days of intensive work which resulted in decisions to:

1) Support the recommendations of the Task Force on Developing Guidelines for the Elimination of Racist, Sexist and Ageist Language from United Methodist publications;

2) Petition the 1980 General Conference to study God language;

3) Commission a paper on inclusive language about God for circulation to General Conference delegates;

4) Sponsor a seminar—led by Carol Pierce—on communication between Women and Men from July 17-20 at Kirkridge (Bangor, Pa) and send three Commission members to the event;

5) Send to General Conference petitions for legislation regarding membership and responsibilities of CSRW and of Annual Conference Commissions;

6) Call for CSRW representation on the Family Life Committee of the Board of Discipleship in the 1981-84 quadrennium and following;

7) Assign two non-ethnic members of the Commission to the Third World Women's Concerns Task Force for the balance of the quadrennium and refer to the steering committee, which will meet in June, the task of making recommendations for furthering racial inclusiveness within the Commission;

8) Urge GCOM to approve a supplemental grant of \$20,000 for the Women's History Project, as requested by Archives and History, in order to assure completion of the project;

9) Ask the denomination's Bicentennial Celebration Committee to allocate no less than 40 percent of its program budget to giving high visibility to women and ethnic minority persons as it develops its plans for 1984;

10) Meet with the Council of Bishops on April 18 in Boston.

In addition to making plans for supporting, petitioning, sponsoring, sending to, calling for, assigning, urging, asking and meeting with, Commission members heard a preliminary report from Rev. Linda Nyholm Christman of Minneapolis, research consultant for CSRW, on the number of female members of annual conferences. Her statistics, an

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FROM THE COMMISSION ALBUM...



AT THE TOP: *Captured at the CSRW Meeting*—Tom Graves, CSRW clergy member—SC Jurisdiction—who will receive an honorary doctorate from Southwestern College this spring; Sharon Ringe, asst. prof., at METHESCO Seminary; and Wes Palmer new CSRW member.

BELOW: *Snapped at Regional Training Events*—Amelia Flores (UMW), Lydia Saenz (CSRW), Adele Quintaneilla (UMW President) from the Rio Grande Conference; Center—Kathy Munson-Young, pastor of St. Ignatius UMC (Montana)—Yellowstone Conference; and Joan McClure Hamm (FLYER Editor) with George McClain (SQB Editor), Nashville/Denver workshop leaders.



♀ OPTIONS FOR ACTION

(From the minutes of the Annual Conference Commissions)

- ♀ **MINNESOTA**—At the request of CSRW, the Conference staff has completed an updated survey of female representation in local church leadership positions, as of December, 1978. Thirty-three positions or committees are listed by district with percentage of women participating, progressing from least involvement to most. As might be expected, leadership positions (trustees, lay leader, etc.) are where women have the least involvement; traditional "service" areas (education, missions, health/welfare, children's ministries) are where men are under-represented.
- ♀ **NEW YORK**—Language and Liturgy Task Force is preparing a bibliography of non-sexist worship materials. Five districts are preparing celebrations on the gifts and grace of women.
- ♀ **NORTH ALABAMA**—The annual report of the chairperson reflects on 1978's three-pronged goal/emphasis: 1) development of a training course, 2) recruiting leaders, 3) training recruited leaders. The chairperson also notes that the use of yellow envelopes has stimulated better COSROW-Conference communication.
- ♀ **NORTH INDIANA**—focus on clergywomen: 1) Six clergywomen, all active in the ministry, spoke at a recent meeting. They highlighted the need for churches to be prepared for appointments of women to their staffs. 2) CSRW will hold a Clergywomen Retreat in May. 3) A booklet on clergywomen is to be ready for annual conference in 1979 if possible; surely by 1980.
- ♀ **PENINSULA**—produced a packet of resources for Sunday worship devoted to the status and role of women in the local church. These were included in each delegate's packet at the 1978 annual conference. Included in the packet: calls to worship, prayers of confession, scripture readings (with language changes), litanies and sermon ideas.
- ♀ **SOUTHERN ILLINOIS**—The Rev. Leontine Kelly was the annual conference preacher—the first time a woman had filled this position. "She was wonderful. All agreed." CSRW developed a talent bank of women recommended to preach on Women-in-the-Pulpit Sunday and of women recommended to serve on a district or conference committee. Talent blanks were copied and sent to the nominating committees of the district & conference UMW's, to the chairperson of the nominating committee of the conference, and to the president of the conference UMW.
- ♀ **SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY**—CSRW Chairperson discussed with the District Superintendent the needs of clergy ex-wives for support. Emergency funds are available to help with housing and other necessities during a transition period.—CSRW will synchronize plans for Woman's Day 1980 with Northern New Jersey.
- ♀ **SOUTH INDIANA**—Asked the Conference COM to appoint a study committee. Among issues to be undertaken: 1) projection of when clergy would become 50% women, 2) how a more realistic assessment of talents of both men and women would aid church's ministry, and 3) the effect on clergy representation when proportion of women and men clergy is not balanced.
- ♀ **WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA**—has published a brochure entitled "*Awaken Possibility in W. Pa.*" It is yellow with a green polka-dot butterfly on the cover. It contains a theological statement, and an important local history of CSRW. The section "What Can This Commission Mean to Me" reads:

"To help my local church to become a more inclusive community.

To open up policy making structures at every level, for the full participation of women.

To enable women to utilize their fullest potential by acknowledging their varied needs and patterns of living (single, divorced, widowed, career, young mothers).

To sensitize the church to make the resources of Ethnic Minority women (Black, Hispanic, Asian and Native American) available, and readily utilized at all levels of church life."

WOMEN AND MEN IN DIALOGUE, a CSRW-sponsored seminar on improving female/male communication and interaction, will be held from July 17-20 at Kirkridge in Bangor, Pennsylvania. Registration and accommodations: \$150. Write CSRW, 1200 Davis St., Evanston, IL 60201.

READ ENROUTE TO A REGIONAL TRAINING EVENT: an article in the November 1978 TWA Ambassador by Patricia Skalka "Farewell to the Three F's" (food, fashion & flowers), telling about changes that planners of "wives' programs" are having to make in response to shifting societal and business values. What changes does the church need to make to be more relevant to the lives of clergy spouses is an important question that could be undertaken in a COSROW-convened session at Annual Conference. After all, is there any institution that gets more mileage out of spouses?

REGIONAL TRAINING EVENTS PARTICIPANTS "PLAY FOR KEEPS"

by Winston H. Taylor

WASHINGTON (UMC)—They may have been simulating the procedures, but they obviously were playing for keeps, in preparing for women's participation in the 1980 General Conference of United Methodists.

"They" were some 350 women, and a few men, who shared in three regional training events, here and in Nashville, Tenn. and Denver, during January and February. Sponsoring agencies were the Women's Division, Board of Global Ministries and CSRW. The purpose was to help women "gain skills and information, be a part of the decision-making process, and do it all from a biblical and theological basis."

After getting such a background, women at each event spent a large share of the time play-acting a General Conference session and one of its committee meetings for development of legislation. Using one legislative topic from the 1976 session, some participants took the actual pages from the record of that year's conference and acted out the debate, with all its wordage, confusion, questions, points of order, and paper rustling.

According to Ms. Thompson, who is a former chairperson of COSROW, there is an attitude among many "within the United Methodist Church and in the nation that the care and feeding of 'me' is more important than care for other people." She said that some of the serious issues are growing because "the church and the nation have failed to act adequately regarding racism, classism, and sexism."

Pointing to the unused energy "waiting to be converted into kinetic energy" which the women represent, Barbara Thompson of Silver Spring, Md., stressed in Washington that the basic question for directing that energy is "whether the goals fit into God's purpose and will provide justice for people." She held that any other direction would be "dangerous."

At the Nashville session, the Rev. Joan Martin said "women have been representational scapegoats of evil" ever since the Adam and Eve story in the Bible. She said misrepresentation of the story has been used throughout history to justify the domination of women by men.

Ms. Martin, who has responsibility for "justice for women" concerns on the National Council of Churches staff, called feminist theology a "departure point (which) allows us to get in touch with the oppression of other persons..."

Concerning strategies for women's participation in decision-making, Peggy Billings of the Women's Division staff stressed the importance of being "aware of the perception people hold and the realities of problems and possibilities in our world today." Leadership, she declared "is to sense where positive impulses are and to move ahead."

For their own consciousness-raising, four from each annual conference shared in discussion of issues including new lifestyles for clergy couples/families, homosexuality, racism and sexism, quotas, inclusive language and implications of the "right wing." They also had workshops on skills involved in motivation in the local church, "learning the code" of the connectional system, and assertiveness training. □

"LET THE CHURCH BE THE CHURCH" IS CHALLENGE OF NEW COALITION

"Let the Church be the Church!"

This is the organizing call of a new group that has emerged in the United Methodist Church: the Coalition for the Whole Gospel. 47 persons from around the country who gathered in Madison, Wisconsin for the organizing meeting on February 25-26 named John Collins of New Rochelle, NY to convene a 16-member steering committee which was charged with the tasks of establishing a communications network, raising funds, broadening the base of the coalition and preparing legislation for General Conference.

The issues that the coalition is calling the Church to address include: 1) the persistence of inequities among races, sexes and classes, nationally and internationally; 2) increasing divisions among persons and peoples; and 3) increased collective insecurity, manifested in "isolated individualism, narrow national interest and reliance on militarism."

A copy of the coalition statement, calling on other groups to work collectively to present a wide range of concerns "about our denominational mission for evangelization to the 1980 General Conference" and to resist any attempt to weaken connectionalism ("the covenant which binds us together and gives us strength") is available from 65 Rockland Place, New Rochelle, NY 10801. A self-addressed, stamped envelope is requested. □



Mary Hurmence, Employed Women's Task Force chairperson, and Euba Winton, Third World Women's Task Force chairperson, converse at February CSRW meeting in Madison. Victor Ortiz from Puerto Rico is in the background.

GLADYS COCKE, CSRW MEMBER, DIES

Gladys W. Cocke, a member of the general Commission on the Status and Role of Women, died on January 1 in her home at Fredericksburg, Virginia. She was 76.

Ms. Cocke, a former high school principal and coach of athletic teams, including boys' teams, was elected to the Fredericksburg City Council in 1948 and served two terms. She was the first woman to be elected to a city council in the state of Virginia. Her many community activities also included serving on the school board and the bi-racial commission and organizing the Fredericksburg Youth Council.

She was active in UMW and held a number of leadership positions in the church. At the time of her death, she was chairperson of the administrative board of her church, Fredericksburg United Methodist.

In the opening worship at its February meeting, the Commission lifted up remembrances of Gladys Cocke in celebration of her life and service. □

COMMISSION TALENT SCOUT

TO APPLICANTS AND EMPLOYERS: To inquire about openings, applicants should write directly to the employer listed, not to the Commission. Employers submitting listings are asked to send information—including application deadline and salary range—to The Executive Secretariat, CSRW—1200 Davis St., Evanston, IL 60201.

1. ASSOCIATE SECRETARY FOR CULTIVATION, BOARD OF GLOBAL MINISTRIES, U.M. CHURCH: Salary Range: \$15,000 to \$22,000. Located in New York City. Write to Joe W. Walker, Room 1316, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10027.

2. JR. PROGRAMMER, DATA PROCESSING, GENERAL COUNCIL ON FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION: Business degree or equivalent required. Write to DeWayne S. Woodring, 1200 Davis St., Evanston, IL 60201.

3. PUBLISHING PROJECTS COORDINATOR, U.M. PUBLISHING HOUSE: College degree preferred. Write or call Sheila Searson, 201 Eighth Ave. South, Nashville, TN 37202; 615-749-6294.

4. UNIVERSITY CHAPLAIN, TUFTS UNIVERSITY: Qualifications: M. Div. degree or equivalent, approximately ten years' experience in church ministry, chaplaincy, or related fields. Write to Professor Howard Hunter, Chaplain Search Committee, Tufts University, Medford, MA 02155. Deadline: February 1, 1979

5. UNIVERSITY CHAPLAIN, EMORY UNIVERSITY: Applicants should be ministers in the U.M. Church, have an earned doctorate, and have had some experience in teaching or other aspects of University life. Write to: Dr. Judson C. Ward, Jr., Executive Vice-President, Emory University, Atlanta, GA 30322. Deadline: March 15, 1979.

6. FACULTY POSITION IN HEALTH/WELFARE/GERONTOLOGY: ST. PAUL'S: Requirements include training in theology (M. Div. minimum) and doctoral level training in health/welfare/gerontology. Write to E. Dale Dunlap, Dean, St. Paul School of Theology, Truman Road at Van Brunt Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64127.

7. PRESIDENT, SIMPSON COLLEGE: Write to LuJean Cole, Staff Assistant, Search Committee, Simpson College, Iowa 50125.

8. ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY FOR FINANCE & ASSISTANT TREASURER OF THE NCC: Salary range: \$20,650-\$25,580. CPA desirable. Write to Ellsworth G. Stanton, III., Department of Personnel, National Council of Churches, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10027. Deadline: March 30, 1979.

9. BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION & MINISTRY, UMC, DIVISION OF ORDAINED MINISTRY, has three openings, all of which require an ordained United Methodist. Salary range for all positions is \$18,000-\$22,000. Write IMMEDIATELY to Douglas E. Fitch, BHEM, PO Box 871, Nashville TN 37202.

- A. DIRECTOR FOR EVALUATION & CONTINUING EDUCATION
- B. DIRECTOR FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE LIASON & ORGANIZATION
- C. DIRECTOR FOR IDENTIFICATION & ENLISTMENT

THE CENTER FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN MINISTRY will hold four Professional Development Leaders Workshops in 1979. Two will be held in St. Louis, MO (Jan. 29-Feb. 2 and March 5-9). Two will be held in Lancaster, PA (July 30-August 3 and Nov. 26-30). Tuition for each workshop is \$225, including material. Three continuing education units are awarded. Write to the Center for Professional Development in Ministry, 555 West James St., Lancaster, PA 17603.

THE UNITED METHODIST HOMES OF NEW JERSEY IS SEEKING CANDIDATES FOR ITS MINORITY ADMINISTRATIVE INTERNSHIP TRAINING (MAIT) PROGRAM. This program offers black men and women the opportunity to become licensed nursing home administrators with eventual employment in a church-related retirement agency. Applicants must be willing to locate near Ocean Grove, NJ during 15-month training period; minimum stipend of \$13,500. If interested, make immediate contact with Raymond Gough—the United Methodist Homes of NJ, 71 Clark Avenue, Ocean Grove, NJ 07756. (201) 774-1085.

FLYER EDITOR RESIGNS

Joan McClure Hamm has resigned as editor of *THE FLYER*, effective with this issue, in order to assume an executive position with WPEN-AM Radio Station in Philadelphia. She will relocate in mid-April.

In addition to being the first *FLYER* editor, Ms. McClure was, from 1971-1974, the first editor of *THE YELLOW RIBBON*, former publication of the United Methodist Women's Caucus, of which she was an organizer. Her other organizing activities include the Evanston Women's Liberation Center and the Cornelia Wheadon Task Force, both begun in 1972 and still in operation; the task force is involved in projects to combat the sex-role stereotyping of children and sexism in the schools.

She was also an organizer of the teachers' union at the Central YMCA College of Chicago, where she has been a member of the faculty since 1970; her sabbatical year in 1976 included a women's study trip to the Soviet Union.

Ms. McClure, who worked in broadcasting prior to her teaching career, is a member of Wheadon United Methodist Church in Evanston, Illinois and of the Methodist Federation for Social Action. She has a daughter, Jill, age 16, and a son, Ted, age 12.

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SELECTED RESOURCES

Listings for this issue prepared by Martha Farley. As a regular feature, the Biblical/Theological Task Force of the Commission contributes selected resource listings from the annotated bibliography being developed by the task force. If you know of resources that should be shared with our readers, send the information to Nelia J. Kimbrough, 429 Adams Avenue, Evansville, IN 47713.

CHURCH OCCUPATIONS AND CAREER PLANNING. Describes opportunities with the United Methodist denomination. Lists a variety of resources including films, film strips, and books. Published by the Office of Career Planning and Personnel Services, UM Board of Higher Education and Ministry, Box 871, Nashville, TN 37202. Price: 75c each; 10 copies for \$6; 100 copies for \$40.00, postage paid.

COALITION ON WOMEN AND RELIGION. Send for a brochure listing all their publications. 4759 15th Ave. NE, Seattle, WA 98105.

FIRST BI-LINGUAL CURRICULUM MATERIAL FOR CHILDREN (3rd/4th grade), *El Camino a Dios* (The Path to God). Spanish/English Study Kit: cassette, song sheets, games, leader's guide. Not only exposes Spanish-speaking children to English, but also English-speaking children to Spanish. Published by United Methodist Publishing House; available through Cokesbury.

ASIAN AMERICAN NEWS. Published monthly by the National Federation of Asian American United Methodists, 330 Ellis Street, San Francisco, CA 94102.

PENDANTS from CHURCH WOMEN UNITED OF KOREA. Reproductions of those worn by wives of prisoners of the March 1st Group. The design is a circle with one large Greek cross and 12 crosses around it. The other side shows a fish symbol with cross, reminding us of the sufferings of Roman Empire Christians. In silver and light purple, with silver chain one-half inch wide. Send \$10 to The North American Coalition on Human Rights in Korea, Room 1538, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10027.

PROGRAM IDEAS AND TRAINING DESIGNS FOR PACIFIC & ASIAN AMERICAN CHURCH SCHOOLS. Edited by Afrie S. Joye. Order from Discipleship Resources, PO Box 840, Nashville, TN or call customer services: (615) 327-2700, ext. 217 or 218. \$1.75.

THE COMMUNITY OF WOMEN & MEN IN THE CHURCH: A STUDY PROGRAM. This booklet, published by Friendship Press, is a guide to a World Council of Churches Study. Order from Commission on the Status and Role of Women, UMC, 1200 Davis Street, Evanston, IL 60201. Single copy: \$2.00 plus 50c postage. Bulk rates available on request.

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD. Pamphlet/order blank describing suggested programs/action and listing resources. Available in orders of 20 or more at 5c per pamphlet from US Committee for UNICEF-IYC, 331 East 38th St., NY, NY 10016.

CALENDAR OF PRAYER. Helps you participate daily in a worldwide circle of prayer for the global ministries of the UM church. Order from Service Center, Bd. of Global Ministries, UMC, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati, OH 45237. Postage will be paid on all orders sent with remittance. \$2.50.

WOMEN OF FAITH. Carole Etzler, producer. Cassette tape vignettes of 48 women. Four tapes, 60 minutes each. Write for pamphlet describing the tapes, or order from John Knox Press, Atlanta, GA 30308. \$5.95 each.

ONE IN THE LORD. 16 mm, 35-minute, sound, color motion picture. Looks at ethnic minority churches at worship in a variety of styles, at cultural and religious heritage, at churches' meetings needs of people, and at new horizons for ministry. Asian, Black, Hispanic, Native American groups all figure prominently in the film. Produced by UM Communications in cooperation with Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Ethnic Minority Local Church Missional Priority. Inquire of your annual conference resource center (film library) or order for \$15 rental from UM Film Service, 1525 McGavock St., Nashville, TN 37203.

COMMISSION IDENTIFIES...

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update of studies done in 1970 and 1975, show an increase in the number of women in all categories of United Methodist professional ministry—ordained, local and diaconal. Women now represent more than three percent of the total professional ministry, according to the new study, which, when completed, will go to the 1980 General Conference as part of the CSRW report.

The Commission also accepted the resignation of Joan McClure Hamm as editor of *THE FLYER* and decided on the basis of budget considerations and a survey of Annual Conference chairpersons to reduce the number of *FLYER* issues to six per year (January-March-May-July-September-November); applauded the report of the finance committee showing a deficit of only \$800 for 1978; and

welcomed Wes Palmer, new young adult male basic member to the Commission from the Northeast Jurisdiction.

Program emphasis for the February meeting was under the direction of the Biblical/Theological Perspectives Task Force. The Rev. Sharon Ringe, assistant professor of New Testament at METHESCO Seminary in Ohio, served as resource person. The program emphasis for the next meeting of the Commission (September 26-30) will be clergy families, with the task force on the Full Participation of Lay Women in charge of the planning.

And there was partying, too. A Saturday night celebration of the Commission's sixth anniversary year gave special attention to Nancy Grissom Self, member of the Executive-Secretariat who has been with the Commission since its beginning. □

OVATIONS

To participants at the January Clergywomen's Consultation in Dallas whose contributions (totaling \$951) covered medical costs for the REV. SAROJINI SAMRAJ, Central Conference clergywoman from India. Rev. Samraj was a victim of Dallas' ice storm and her fall resulted in a broken elbow and hospitalization.

To the REV. DEANNA BLEYLE, new D.S. in the Rocky Mountain Conference. Rev. Bleyle, who will assume her post in June, will be the Rocky Mountain Conference's first woman district superintendent and only the third woman D.S. in the United Methodist Church. The other two are the Rev. Marjorie Matthews in the West Michigan conference and the Rev. Barbara Troxell, California-Nevada.

To WES PALMER, new member of the Commission on the Status and Role of Women. A member of Brunswick United Methodist Church in Maine, he is a biology major at Tufts University. He has been active in the U.M. youth program and was a representative to the NYMO Convocation in Norman, OK.

To BESSIE G. RUPP, president of UMW at Asbury Methodist Home in Gaithersburg, MD, who recently celebrated her 90th birthday. . . To AILEEN TIEDE, recently honored for her 60-year career as organist at Hinckley, IL United Methodist Church. She's served under 23 pastors and played for approximately 3,000 Sunday services plus innumerable weddings and 500 funerals!

To ALTHEA FRASIER (Charleston, SC) and GAIL McCLARY (Newark, NJ), senior mass communications majors at Clark College in Atlanta, GA, who recently served an internship with NOW, the national newspaper of the Black Methodists for Church Renewal.

And to the REV. C. ELAINE SMITH, pastor of UMC in Buda, Texas—first clergywoman to be recognized in the annual "Minister of the Year" award program in Texas. Ms. Smith, a member of Southwest Texas A/C, did not win top honors but was recognized for "outstanding minority and civic leadership in Buda." Where is Buda, Texas? "Just a ranch away from Austin," she said, "in a region recently designated as one of the six fastest growing areas in the U.S." □

ON THE CALENDAR

Spring 1979

WOMEN DOING THEOLOGY— A CHRISTIAN RESPONSE TO FEMINIST. RACIAL. CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC PERSPECTIVES—Sponsored by Church Women United. Minneapolis, April 4-6; Boise, May 30-June 1; Memphis, June 5-7. \$60 includes all expenses except travel. For more information contact Gail D. Hinand, CWU, Room 812, 475 Riverside Drive, NYC 10027.

GRAILVILLE—Spring weekends include The Mother in Ourselves, Personal Change: A Workshop for Women and Men, Yoga with Lillias. Write for brochure—Grailville, Loveland, Ohio 45140.

March 23-24 **A WORKSHOP ON MINISTRIES IN DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL ABUSE**—Women Counseling Team, Union Theological Seminary, 3041 Broadway, NYC 10027. Registration: \$10 clergy, \$5 lay.

April 5-6 **THE CHALLENGE OF MARY DALY**—Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Theme: Can a woman be a feminist and a Christian? Contact Dr. Marjorie Suchocki, 616 N. Highland Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15206. (412) 362-5610.

April 28-May 4 **WOMEN IN MINISTRY: AGENTS FOR SOCIAL CHANGE** (Bolton, Ontario). Cost \$115, assistance available. Write Women in Ministry, 40 St. Clair Ave. East, Room 201, Toronto, Ontario M4T 1M9. (First in 1979 series—**WOMEN UNITED IN THEOLOGIZING AND ACTION**. Write for brochure: WUTA, 1350 Harvard Blvd., Dayton, OH 45406)

May 17-19 **WOMEN IN CRISIS** (First annual conference). To address the needs of disadvantaged women caught up in the additional problems of alcohol, drugs, crime or mental health disability. Write 444 Park Avenue South, NYC 10016.

May 30-June 3 **6th NATIONAL WOMEN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL**—University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana. Send for brochure: P.O. Box 2721 Station A, Champaign, IL 61820.

July 23-July 26 **ASSEMBLY, INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN MINISTERS**. (Milwaukee, WI) Theme—"Herstory" (celebrating 60 years) Registrar: Rev. Connie Bradshaw—Box 52, Westfield, WI 53964.

May 30-June 3 **NATIONAL WOMEN'S STUDIES ASSOCIATION** (First National Conference)—U. of Kansas. Write Bill Chestnut, Div. of Continuing Education, Lawrence, KS 66045.

July 30-August 3 **THE CHILD IN THE FAITH COMMUNITY** (Conference on Ministries with Children)—Sponsored by the Board of Discipleship, U.M. Church. Registration fee: \$50. Send for information: P.O. Box 840, Nashville, TN 37202.

August 12-18 **WOMEN IN MINISTRY WEEK** (Grailville)—Sponsored by the National Council of Churches Commission on Women in Ministry, open to any woman—lay or ordained—involved in professional ministry. Cost for the week, \$120. Deadline June 1. (Early registration advisable.) Limited funds for financial assistance. Write Women in Ministry Week, c/o Carol B. Adams, 21 Giles, Hamden, CT 06517. □



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