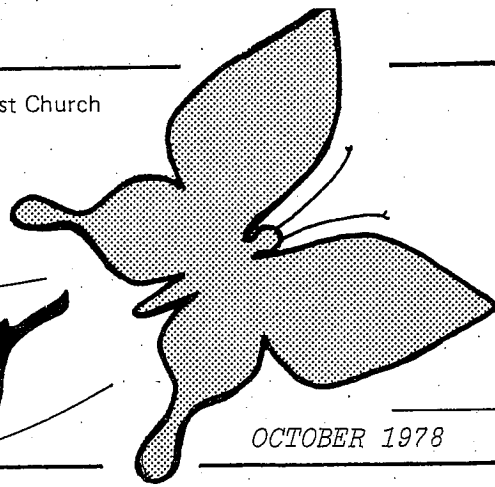


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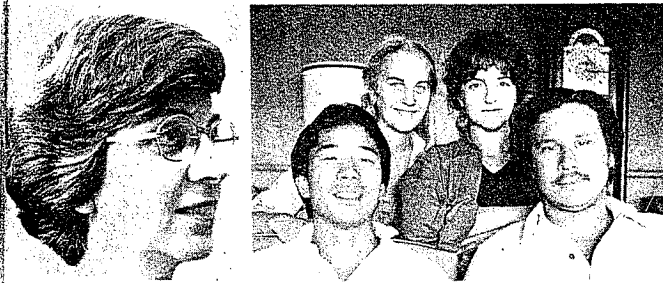
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## CSRW Elects Oehler President at Annual Meeting, Acts on 1979 Budget, Renominates Secretariat

(Erlanger, KY) Carolyn Oehler of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference is the new president of the Commission on the Status and Role of Women in the United Methodist Church. She was elected at the Commission's Annual Meeting in September and immediately began her term of office, along with the newly elected task force and committee chairpersons. (See story inside)

In other important actions, the Commission:

- affirmed the nomination of its present three-person executive-secretariat for annual election by the GCOM in November and adopted for the entire staff a comprehensive Affirmative Action plan;
- approved a 1979 budget of \$205,710, with action on an anticipated \$10,000 deficit postponed until the February meeting;



AT LEFT: Carolyn Oehler, New CSRW President;  
PICTURED AT RIGHT - NEW CSRW MEMBERS - Front:  
John Okamoto, Victor Ortiz; Back: Mary Dingman,  
Nelia Kimbrough. Not pictured: Mable Haught,  
Walter Kimbrough.

- called for a consultation with the Council of Bishops to discuss issues and concerns of women in the United Methodist Church;
- accepted a non-sexist credal statement, written by Barbara Troxell in response to the Self-Evaluation process; and
- out of committment to shared leadership, rotated all six task force and two administrative committee chairpersons.

Among the important cutbacks made by task forces and committees in their original budget requests were decisions to reduce the number of FLYER issues to nine a year and to postpone the production of a slide show on Third World Women until other agency funding might be secured. Seed money to begin planning possible national workshops for Hispanic and Native American women was approved.

## CSRW Supports 1/3, 1/3, 1/3

The membership policy for designated representation of 1/3 laymen, 1/3 laywomen and 1/3 clergy, adopted by the 1972 General Conference and expanded by the 1976 General Conference has been challenged, and its constitutionality will be at issue before the Judicial Council meeting in Denver, October 25-27.

Taking a strong stand in support of the policy because it has provided for significant participation of women, minor-

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The Commission also took favorable action on the proposal from the Life Components Task Force to call on all boards and agencies to develop guidelines for healthy food planning and simple living at national meetings. One of the program themes of the CSRW meeting was Life Style Assessment in relationship to the missional priority of World Hunger, a priority that was brought more vividly into the consciousness of those attending by the simple

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## ♀ OPTIONS FOR ACTION (FROM THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE COMMISSIONS)

- ♀ EAST OHIO -- COLLEGE OF PREACHERS WORKSHOP, four one-hour sessions to be led by CAREN BEACH and JOAN SKELLEY-WATTS. They will explore changing roles, look at local churches and how affected, use two exercises from the Inclusiveness Workbook and distribute a workbook to each one attending in the workshop, entitled *PEOPLE CALLED TO SERVICE!* Consultation of Ethnic Minority Women in Ministry was attended by BASANTI JACOBS in Washington in April; she was the only East Indian there.
- ♀ FLORIDA -- Plans have been made for disseminating information received from the *REGIONAL TRAINING EVENTS* to be sponsored by Women's Division and COSROW in early 1979. Plans include: a pre-conference meeting for women given by the women who attend the training events, one or one-and-a-half hours before opening session of Annual Conference; time to be requested from the Conference Program Committee. A committee was formed and will work with Conference United Methodist Women and possibly cooperate with the Division on Lay Activities to set aside time for men and women to work on issues in groups.
- ♀ KANSAS -- Progress on the Clergy Family Study was reported. Currently, work is going forward on the questionnaire. Proposed programs for 1979: training events, district workshop, clergy family needs, resource packets, Women's Recognition Sunday.
- ♀ KENTUCKY -- At an overnight meeting of the Commission on October 13 and 14, there will be Television Awareness Training\*\*...Nan Self of the General Commission will be at the meeting.

*(NOTE: The Commission staff are available to meet with Annual Conference Commissions on request. Those already scheduled for fall, in addition to Kentucky, are: North Arkansas/Little Rock, September 29; Wisconsin, October 6-7; Western PA, October 20-21 and North Dakota October 27-28.)*

- ♀ NORTHERN NEW JERSEY -- Recent minutes reported that the liturgy book and the new newsletter would be ready for Annual Conference. Also coming (in a future *FLYER*): "A WORKING GUIDELINE CONCERNING NAMES AND PRONOUNS IN GOD LANGUAGE" by LINDA VANCE.
- ♀ SOUTH INDIANA -- Plans are to write the Division of Diaconal Ministries, the Division of Career Planning and Counseling, the Division of Ordained Ministry and the Cabinet (regarding PPR training) to ask what processes they have for encouraging and supporting women in career choices for church occupations.
- ♀ WEST MICHIGAN -- Survey in progress to compare attitudes of laity in local churches with attitudes of Commission members.

*ANOTHER OPTION FOR CHURCHES IN THE AREA OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS: "YOUR DAUGHTERS SHALL PROPHECY," A MUSICAL DRAMA PRESENTED BY WOMEN PREPARING FOR MINISTRY AT GARRETT-EVANGELICAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY. THE PLAYERS, IN COSTUMES, INFORM ALL ABOUT SPECIFIC FOREMOTHERS IN THE FAITH SINCE THE LATE 1700'S, AND AFTERWARDS PREACH OR LEAD WORSHIP OR SPEAK ABOUT WOMEN IN MINISTRY. AN EXCELLENT FUNDRAISER - PERHAPS TO SEND CLERGYWOMEN TO THE CONSULTATION IN DALLAS OR OTHERS TO REGIONAL TRAINING EVENTS. For information about rates, contact Linda Foster Momsen at (312) 328-0177.*

\*\*T-A-T (Television Awareness Training) is a non-sectarian, non-profit cooperative project designed by the United Methodist Church, the American Lutheran Church, the Church of the Brethren and Media Action Research Center - MARC - Room 1370, 475 Riverside Drive, NY 10027. Write for information on training program & fall workshops:

*This publication is on file with the Women's Collection, Special Collections Department, Northwestern University - Evanston, IL 60201.*

## SELECTED RESOURCES

BEYOND ANDROCENTRISM - New Essays on Women and Religion, edited by Rita Gross. Missoula, MT: Scholars Press, 1977.

### "BIBLIOGRAPHY OF WRITINGS ON LA MUJER"

Compiled by Cristina Portillo, Graciela Rios, Martha Rodriguez. (1976) Fully illustrated, includes index. Chicano Studies Library - 3408 Dwinelle Hall, U. of Calif., Berkeley CA 94720. Institutions \$3.00, students \$1.00.

"CHANGING THE SUBJECT: THE PROMISE OF FEMINIST THEOLOGY" - Richard L. LaShure. An Occasional Paper, highly recommended as a provocative statement on the importance of fully developed potential for both women and men. In part, a response to an earlier Occasional Paper by Rosemary Radford Ruether: "Christology and Feminism: Can A Male Savior Help Women?" (*Richard LaShure serves as Los Angeles District Representative on CSRW, Pacific & Southwest A/C.*) Order from BHEM - BOX 871, Nashville, TN 37202.

LIBERTY, EQUALITY, SISTERHOOD: On the Emancipation of Women in Church and Society - Elisabeth Moltmann-Wendel, translated by Ruth C. Gritsch. Fortress Press, Philadelphia. (\$3.50)

INCLUSIVE SCRIPTURE READING - George Swanson, 555 Palisade Ave., Jersey City, N.J. 07307. (4¢ per copy.)

*NOTE: Be sure to read the article on the upcoming Consultation of United Methodist Clergywomen in the October INTERPRETER. The article is by Sharon Zimmerman Rader and Susan Ruach.*

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church boards and agencies, the Commission has forwarded to the Judicial Council a paper which outlines the reasons and precedents for establishment of designated representation by the General Conference.

"The following historical sequence," states the Commission, "offers evidence that the church is in fact slowly moving in the direction of greater faithfulness to its stated values of equality and dignity for *all* its members... Noteworthy in this narrative of the evolution toward fuller participation of women, minorities and youth is the continuing role and authority of the General Conference.

MIND SONG - A collection by Donna Swanson, whose work appeared in *IMAGES*. The Upper Room - 1908 Grand Ave., Nashville, TN 37203. (\$2.95 ea., \$2.50, 10 or more.)

RAINDROPS AND RAINBOWS - An Anthology of Non-Sexist Liturgy, Poems, and their Celebrations. Commission on the Status and Role of Women - the Nebraska UM Church. (1977) Douglas, NE 68344. (\$1.50)

WHO REMEMBERS MAMA (Film) 16mm, sound. Originally aired on Public Television, it focuses on the middle-aged woman in the aftermath of divorce. Women in Communications, 5215 Homer St., Dallas, TX 75206. \$550 purchase, \$75 rental.

WOMEN IN THE PULPIT: Vol. II - A collection of sermons, meditation literature and prayers by Women of the Church, UPCUSA. Jeanne E. Clark, 4951 Cherokee Ave., Alexandria, VA 22312. (\$3.00 + 50¢ mailing)

FROM THE COALITION ON WOMEN AND RELIGION - 4759 15th Ave., N.E. Seattle, WA 98105:

THE WOMAN'S BIBLE - Elizabeth Cady Stanton and the Revising Committee. Commentaries on passages of the scripture about women and some from which women were notably absent. (\$7.45 ea., 6 copies \$33)

STUDY GUIDE TO THE WOMAN'S BIBLE - illustrated. (\$3.75 ea., 6 copies \$16.50)

The paper gives excerpts of 200 years from church history and points out that because the broader church has been resistant to change, specific mandates and guidelines for implementing legislation intended to promote equity have *always* been necessary. Furthermore, the General Conference has been the legitimate source of the authority for enacting changes in Church policies and practices.

The present formula, says the Commission in calling for a favorable ruling from the Judicial Council, has - though in effect a short time - "brought renewed hope for full citizenship in the church for all people called United Methodist. ■

THE FLYER, named after the Commission's butterfly symbol, is published 9X a year as a communications link with the Annual Conference Commissions. Deadline for items to be included in the November issue is October 15. *JCAN McCLURE HAMM, Editor.*

## CSRW Leadership Profile

New CSRW President, *CAROLYN HENNINGER OEHLER*, a member of the program staff of the Northern Illinois Conference, will be sharing the leadership role with the task force and administrative committee chairpersons who were also elected at the Commission's Annual Meeting in September.

The 1978-79 Steering Committee will include these new task force chairpersons: Biblical and Theological Perspectives: *BARBARA TROXELL* (N. Cal/Nevada AC); Communications and Research: *PAUL SANTILLAN* (Rio Grande AC); Full Participation of Lay Women: *EVELYN STRONG* (Detroit AC); Life Components: *GERALDINE HEILMAN* (Central PA A/C); Third World Women's Concerns: *EUBA WINTON* (No. Arkansas AC); and Women Employed by the Church: *MARY HURMENCE* (Minnesota AC).

Completing the Steering Committee are *BEVERLY ANDERSON*, Secretary (Pacific & Southwest AC); and administrative committee chairpersons: *GEORGE WALTERS*, Finance (Pacific & Southwest AC); *VELMA YEMOTO*, Nominations (N. Cal/Nevada AC); *SHARON HOWELL*, Personnel (Kansas East AC); and *MELVIN WHEATLEY* (Bishop, Denver Area). The latter two are newly-elected.

Outgoing steering committee members include David Bayle, Tom Bickerton, Elaine Blinn, Gladys Church, Lynne Josselyn, Lydia Saenz and Rose Thomason.

Carolyn Oehler, whose term is until 1980, brings to her new assignment a long list of credentials in church and community service. She has held leadership positions at the local, district and jurisdictional level and has been a delegate to General and Jurisdictional Conferences. She has also been on the Commission since 1976, just completing a term as Communications/Research Task Force chairperson, and is co-editor of *NORTHERN ILLINOIS/UNITED METHODIST REPORTER* and a member of Faith United Methodist Church in Elgin, IL. ■

## MORE OCCASIONS...

THERE IS A NATIONAL CAUCUS OF ASIAN WOMEN IN THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH! The Caucus organized in San Francisco in May 1978. More news in future FLYERS. For now, to join or to obtain additional information, write to *VELMA YEMOTO*, 65 Cleary Court, No. 5 - San Francisco, CA 94109.

NOTE ON THE SECOND NATIONAL CONSULTATION OF CLERGYWOMEN: Clergywomen who do not receive their registration forms for this event by November 1 should contact the Rev. Esther Edwards at Box 871 - Nashville, TN 37202. For more details on the consultation to be held in Dallas January 2-5, see the July-August issue of THE FLYER.

## 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 by the 15th of the month preceding publication.

1. **EXECUTIVE SECRETARY FOR UMCOR CULTIVATION** - Education and Cultivation Division, Board of Global Ministries: Position is located in New York and will be open in December, 1978. Persons interested should contact Joe W. Walker - Rm. 1316 at 475 Riverside Drive, New York, N.Y. 10027.
2. **AGRIBUSINESS COORDINATOR, INTERFAITH CENTER ON CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY** (an agency related to the National Council of Churches): Coordinator of project has responsibility for resourcing membership, coordinating all aspects of shareholder campaigns on such issues as domestic nutrition, foreign wage and labor policies, land use/export cropping and for raising funds. Salary range \$12-15,000. Send resumes to Timothy H. Smith, ICCR, Rm. 1556 - 475 Riverside Drive, New York, N.Y. 10027.

*THE FOLLOWING OPENINGS ARE AT GENERAL COUNCIL OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION -1200 Davis St., Evanston, IL. 60201 -- Attention: DeWayne S. Woodring:*

3. **DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF RECORDS:** Supervises staff of 4-7 persons, is responsible for keeping accurate records of all pastors and United Methodist churches by jurisdiction, area, conference and district and for providing mailing lists to boards, agencies and other authorized church-related bodies. APPLY IMMEDIATELY.
4. **BOOKKEEPER/SECRETARY:** Bookkeeping training or experience desirable, operate business machines, good typing skills; billing-accounts receivable clerk. OPEN NOW.

## ♀ OCCASIONS . . .

### Report on Annual Meeting (Continued)

meals, including a bread and beverage lunch, served at the Marydale Center for Christian Renewal.

The second program emphasis was an informational session on homosexuality, planned in order to equip the Commission members to deal more knowledgeably with issues facing the 1980 General Conference. Recognizing that the wider issues related to human sexuality are misunderstood, CSRW approved the recommendation of its Life Components Task Force that communication around these issues, particularly as they affect women, begin immediately with the Family Life Committee of the Board of Discipleship and the Women's Concerns Committee of the Women's Division.

Also approved was the proposal of the Biblical/Theological Task Force that the focus of the February 1979 meeting be on Biblical interpretation and study.

Reaffirming its decision not to meet in states that have not yet ratified E.R.A., the Commission also urged its members to extend their individual efforts in support of the movement to extend the deadline for E.R.A. passage.

The Commission voted to commend the Women's Division and the Board of Church and Society for their actions in support of the boycott of J.P. Stevens products and further voted, out of "concern for the welfare of women and children throughout the world," to commend those Annual Conferences which have taken action supporting the boycott of Nestle products.

Six new members (see *OVATIONS*) were welcomed at the September 20-24 meeting, which was also attended by liaisons, press and program theme resource persons. All participated in a lively Saturday night farewell celebration for outgoing CSRW President, Barbara Thompson.

The Quadrennial Theme, COMMITTED TO CHRIST/ CALLED TO CHANGE was given special emphasis in the Staff Report to the Commission. It was also the motif of a banner especially designed for the meeting, and it served as the theme of the Sunday morning worship, led by Dee Jackson of Alpha and Omega Met-

## Asian American Convocation Invites At-Large Delegates from Jurisdictions

The National Convocation of Asian American Churches, to convene in San Francisco December 6-12, has set aside 15 at-large places for Asian Americans in non-Asian American churches. Each jurisdiction will handle reservations, with per diem and transportation expenses allowed for these delegates.

Jurisdictional caucus chairpersons, who should be contacted immediately by persons interested in being at-large delegates, are: North Central: Leo Constantino - 2121 N. Sheridan Rd., Evanston IL 60201; Northeastern: S. Michael Hahn - 71 Fremont St., Lexington, MA 02173; South Central: Wonmo Dong - 9828 Twin Creek Dr., Dallas TX 75228; Southeastern: Hongkee Karl 121 Davidson Rd., Nashville TN 37205; WESTERN: Lloyd Wake - 330 Ellis St., San Francisco CA 94102. ■



RESOURCE PERSONS GATHER AT CSRW MEETING IN ERLANGER, KY. Front: Della Hughes, Nashville; Carol Feeney, Nashville (Bd. of Discipleship). Back: Dee Jackson, NYC; Lynne Josselyn, CSRW. --Photo by C. Oehler

ropolitan Community Church of Brooklyn, NY. The Rev. Ms. Jackson led the assembly, prior to their departure from Erlanger, in the following prayer of confession:

*"Oh God, we confess that while we like to believe ourselves to be modern people who are with it, we are often afraid of change. We know that Christ calls us to be transformers of the world, and yet too often, in our insecurity, we are merely protectors of the status quo. Help us to understand that the process of salvation only takes place in our lives and in the world as we allow ourselves to be open to creative change. AMEN."* ■

(Ed. Note: The Credal Statement adopted by the Commission will appear in Nov. *FLYER*.)

## QUOTATIONS

To **REBECCA KAY BARGER**, pastor of Roland Ave.-Evergreen UMC in Baltimore; named to the 1978 volume of **OUTSTANDING YOUNG WOMEN OF AMERICA**... To **SARAH WEDDINGTON**, newly appointed special assistant to President Carter and the daughter of Catherine Ragle, SC Jurisdictional Secretary and H. Doyle Ragle, associate pastor of St. John's UMC in Lubbock, Tex. (Thanks to *NEWSCOPE* for these notes.) To *The Rev. Ramonita Velez*, CSRW Member, who has assumed responsibility for the Spanish congregation at First UMC in Newburgh, NY.

To new members of the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women: **MARY DINGMAN**, laywoman, Caucasian (Billings, MT); **MABEL HAUGHT**, laywoman, Native American (Palmdale, FL); **NELIA KIMBROUGH**, clergywoman, Caucasian (Evansville, IN); **WALTER KIMBROUGH**, clergyman, Black (Atlanta, GA); **JOHN OKAMOTO**, layman, Asian American (Seattle, WA); and **VICTOR ORTIZ**, layman, Hispanic (Puerto Rico, moving to Philadelphia).

## ON THE CALENDAR

As *THE FLYER* goes to press, an important conference convenes in Cherry Hill, New Jersey:

**October 2-4** **FIRST FRUITS OF A NEW CREATION**  
1978 Plenary Meeting, U.S. Conference, World Council of Churches. Marking 30 years of service, the World Council continues to express global concern for the role and status of women.

**October 10-13** **WOMEN AND MEN IN DIALOGUE**  
Kirkridge - Bangor, Pa. (Sponsored by CSRW)  
Improving female/male communication and interaction. Of special interest to persons in positions of responsibility in the church. Registration & accommodations, \$150. Register now by calling (312) 869-3770.

**October 20-22** **MANAGING LIFE SPACE** - A conference for professional women. Wentworth-By-The Sea (north of Boston). Featuring Jean Baker Miller, author of "Toward a New Psychology of Women;" Jacquelyn Mattfeld, President of Barnard College and May Sarton, poet and novelist. Tuition \$200, accommodations \$86. Phone Elizabeth Dodson Gray - (617) 235-5320.

**November 4** **FAMILY, COMMUNITY AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE** - Valley Forge, Pa.

A workshop sponsored by UM Task Force on Sexual Assault and Women Organized Against Rape. Register by October 28. (\$4, includes lunch) (215) 922-7400 or (717) 569-9673

**November 10-12** **SECOND CONFERENCE ON THE ORDINATION OF ROMAN CATHOLIC WOMEN** - Baltimore, MD. Speakers include Sheila Collins, Fran Ferder, Elizabeth Fiorenza. Tuition \$45 members, \$55 non-members. If accommodations needed, call by October 15. (301) 864-7805.

**November-December** **INTENTIONAL GROWTH CENTER**  
Lake Junaluska, N.C. Series of workshops, seminars designed for pastors, counselors, women in transition. Low cost. Write for brochure - Lake Junaluska, N.C. 28745.

**December 6-12** **NATIONAL CONVOCATION OF ASIAN-AMERICAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES** - San Francisco; **January 2-5** **SECOND NATIONAL CONSULTATION, UM CLERGYWOMEN** - Dallas; **SEE IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS IN THIS ISSUE.**

**January 10-13** **NATIONAL MEETING OF WOMEN FOR LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT** - Cincinnati, OH  
Sponsored by United Church of Christ, Church in Society Office and Advisory Commission on Women. Speakers: Letty Russell, Peggy Way, Ellen Goodman, others. Registration: \$25 until October 31, \$30 after. Hotel costs vary. Scholarship application deadline: November 1. Ginger Long, Registrar - 2719 Marshall Court, Madison, WI 53705.

**January 19-21** - Nashville; **February 2-4** - Denver; **February 16-18** - Washington, D.C. **UMW/CSRW REGIONAL TRAINING EVENTS** (See September *FLYER*)



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