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SECOND NATIONAL CLERGYWOMEN'S CONSULTATION SET FOR JANUARY 2-5

When the second national consultation of United Methodist clergywomen convenes in Dallas during the first week of 1979, two issues high on the agenda will be 1) providing avenues of communication and receptivity between clergywomen and traditional hierarchical structures, and 2) examining the appointability and upward mobility of clergywomen in the United Methodist system.

Addressing the gathering will be four keynoters: Dr. Beverly Wildung Harrison, associate professor of Christian ethics at Union Theological Seminary, speaking on Racism/Classism/Sexism; the Rev. Ms. Jeanne Audrey Powers, assistant general secretary of the Division of Ecumenical and Interreligious Concerns for the Board of Global Ministries, speaking on Power Relationships; the Rev. Ms. Doris Moreland Jones,

a director in the Division of Ordained Ministry (and staff assigned to the consultation), whose topic will be Pastoral Care; and Ms. Annette Hutchins-Felder, a staff member of Women's Division, who will address implications for the future.



Left to right: Ms. Hutchins-Felder, Rev. Powers, Rev. Jones, Dr. Harrison

An estimated 1,100 persons, including 1,000 women and 100 men, are expected at Perkins School of Theology for the January 2-5 event, to be co-sponsored by the Division of Ordained Ministry of the Board of Higher Education and Ministry and the Commission on the Status and Role of Women.

Speaking for the Commission, Trudie Preciphs, staff assigned to the consultation, expresses the hope that the consultation, which this year will serve over 700 women under appointment (as compared with fewer than 300 at the first consultation), "will be able to meet the diverse needs of these clergywomen in the areas of sharing, celebration and skill-building."

Some of the more than 50 workshops that are planned are Developing New and Crea-

BARBARA THOMPSON TO RESIGN AS COMMISSION PRESIDENT

Barbara Thompson, president of the general commission since 1972, has resigned effective with the election of a successor at the September, 1978 Annual Meeting. In a letter to CSRW members she indicated she would continue to chair the CSRW legislative committee in preparation for the 1980 General Conference.

Barbara was persuaded to reelection as president in 1976 in order to facilitate

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

♀ INSIDE OUT, a new anthology of women's poetry, prose and art, has just been published by the United Methodist Women and the Commission on Status and Role of Women of the TROY CONFERENCE. Compiled and edited by Eleanor Clarke, Chair of the CSRW, the book "grew out of a summer study of 'Women and the Bible' in which the lives of Biblical women offered strength and encouragement as models for women today." Approximately 400 offerings from women--ages 11-89 were submitted. For further information address Trow Conference Women, 157 Lake Avenue Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.

Ruth Harlow, former chairperson of Troy CSRW was elected conference Lay Leader. A resolution--co-sponsored by CSRW and Church and Society--calling for the extension of the ERA ratification deadline was passed.

♀ EVE'S ADVOCATE is a new official newsletter of the SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE CSRW, edited by Carol Watson (who attended the Bushel Basket Women in Media Workshop in Feb.). It is intended to "establish a network of communication for and among persons who are involved in the ministry of the church and who care about women's issues." The first issue includes an impressive report on the July 10-12 Pastors' School which will focus on "Men and Women in Ministry." Presentations on: "Changing Sex Roles", "Crisis Counseling Techniques", will be delivered by a husband-wife team, Jean Stapelton and Richard Bright, along with lectures on "Clergywomen", by Priscilla Proctor and on "Ministers' Wives", by Ruth Truman. Panels will respond.

♀ "Mrs. John Wesley Revisited", a play written by Norma Taylor Mitchell, chairperson of ALABAMA-WEST FLORIDA CONFERENCE, was presented to the Conference Ministers' Wives luncheon. Dr. Mitchell developed the drama from material she researched for a retreat last fall. Spanning several centuries five wives reflect the varieties of roles women married to ministers have played (and continue to play). As an introduction to the Conference CSRW report, selections from Images, Women in Transition were read accompanied by a clown troupe presentation. Recommendations for a 1978-79 Women in the Pulpit Sunday and substantial increases in women's representation on nominating committees were approved.

♀ Susan Clewell, chairperson of the OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE CSRW and her husband, David, were appointed as a clergy couple to a church for this conference year where she will be senior pastor and he will be the associate. Next conference the appointments will be reversed.

♀ Carole and John Cotton-Winn, LOUISIANA CONFERENCE, were appointed to Houma United Methodist Church believed to be the largest (1143 members) in the denomination to be served by a clergy couple.

♀ Marjorie Gray, a black clergywoman, and Robert Strickland, a white clergyman, have been appointed as co-pastors of Andrew Memorial Church (350 members) in a changing Memphis community. MEMPHIS CONFERENCE.

♀ A first in NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE history was set this year when two women were ordained elder. The first clergy couple under appointment in the conference were appointed to neighboring churches.

♀ This year in the NORTH INDIANA CONFERENCE 16 clergywomen are under appointment compared with only two just five years ago.

♀ The NORTH DAKOTA CONFERENCE reported that the 9 clergywomen represent 8% of the conference clergy roster.

*LEADERSHIP by S. Elizabeth Goodrich (from INSIDE OUT, Troy Conference anthology)
In regard/to leadership/I would not ask/how many are/dependent on you/ But rather/
where are those/who are/independent/because of you.*

SELECTED RESOURCES

- THE BLACK WOMAN IN AMERICAN SOCIETY - A Selected Annotated Bibliography. Lenwood G. Davis, 1975. G.K. Hall & Co. 70 Lincoln St., Boston, MA.
- CLASS, FAMILY FORGIVENESS - Sheila D. Collins. A socio-theological memoir in *CHRISTIANITY AND CRISIS*, Vol. 38, No. 5, April 17, 1978.
- COLECCION DE RECURSOS (in Spanish) - Biblical and historical essays, political strategies; poems. Edited by Dra. Iris G. Gonzalez. Council on Women & the Church (COWAC) - United Presbyterian Church in USA, Rm. 1149, 475 Riverside Dr., NY 10027. (\$5.00)
- COME A LONG WAY TO STAND HERE - A filmstrip/cassette program in which four women in Chicago's "Uptown" tell the story of their struggle for survival and human dignity. Commission on Faith and Order - National Council of Churches, 475 Riverside Dr., New York 10027. (\$30 rental, \$60 purchase)
- CONCERN - January 1978 issue. An exciting resource dealing with women in ministry. Reprints of one of the articles "Women Are Called to be Ministers of the Word" are available. *CONCERN* is published by United Presbyterian Women at 475 Riverside Dr., New York 10027.
- ETHNIC MINORITIES IN THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 1976. Discipleship Resources, P.O. Box 840, Nashville 37202. Informative study of Asian-Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans and Black Americans - their history in the UM Church and their present status, with programs and strategies to address the needs of each. The status and role of women within these ethnic minorities is not addressed.
- THE HISTORY AND MINISTERIAL RECORD OF THE WOMEN MINISTERS OF THE MINNESOTA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UM CHURCH, 1856-1977. By the Rev. Ms. Elsie Hartman - 340 S. 2nd St., LaCrescent, MN 55947 (\$1)
- FOUR WOMEN CONFRONT A NATION, Wilson T. Boots in *CHRISTIANITY AND CRISIS*, Vol. 38, No. 6. An account of a "miracle in Bolivia" around the turn of the year, when "four women and fourteen children set out to change the course of their country's history. And succeeded."
- FREE INDEED - A bi-monthly periodical. Included in the first issue (March/April 1978) are: "Created in God's Image," "Jesus and Women According to Luke," "Neighborhood Bible Study," and "Establishing Credit." P.O. Box 261, Kutztown, PA. 19530. Subscription-\$8.00
- IN BUT STILL OUT - Elizabeth Howell Verdesi. "Chronicle of power twice won and lost by women in one church denomination (Presbyterian) in this century." Westminster Press, Philadelphia. Available from Cokesbury. (\$3.95)
- INCLUSIVE HYMNS: A GUIDE TO OVER 700 LOCAL HYMNS. Rev. Marge Ragona and Jennie Bull, eds. 1978 revised edition. Mother Eagle Press: Landover, MD. 20785. \$1 softcover.
- TOWARD A NEW PSYCHOLOGY OF WOMEN - Jean Baker Miller, M.D., 1976. An excellent resource to inform us about how we got to be the way we are -- the effects of sex-role stereotyping. Beacon Press, Boston. (\$3.95)
- Who Really Starves? Women and World Hunger. Lisa Leghorn and Mary Roodkowsky, 1977. The facts about world hunger and "practical suggestions for responding to the issues raised." Friendship Press, New York. (\$1.25)

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, Commission on the Status and Role of Women - 1200 Davis St., Evanston IL 60201. Deadline: 15th of the month for inclusion in following month's issue.

1. PROGRAM ASST., DEPT. OF POPULATION - Board of Church and Society: Developing expertise in and following legislative and public policy issues relating to population field, including family planning, abortion, status of women, sterilization. College degree, familiarity with legislative process, experience in the church, ability to do field work and to travel. Salary range, \$10,000-\$13,500. Apply immediately to Jessma O. Blockwick, 100 Maryland Ave., N.E. Wash. 20002.

2. DIRECTOR, SECTION OF UM MEN, DIV. OF LAY LIFE -- Board of Discipleship: Accountable for program objectives related to men's work, supervises support staff of two. College degree or five years experience in managerial position of church or other agency. Apply immediately to Dr. David W. Self - P.O. Box 840, Nashville, TN 37202.

3. ASSOC. GEN. SECRETARY, DIACONAL MINISTRY Board of Higher Education & Ministry: Programming, budgeting & legislative responsibilities. Preferably a diaconal minister with administrative experience. Salary commensurate with preparation, up to \$25,000 including housing & benefits. Send resume and references to F. Thomas Trotter, P.O. Box 871, Nashville, TN 37202 by August 1.

4. WRITER/EDITOR FOR "CONNECTION" (RADIO) - United Methodist Communications: Knowledge of UM Church structure and policy, formal theological training or equivalent. Bachelor's degree. Starting salary: \$14,000-\$15,500. Apply by July 15 to: Bill Richards, 1525 McGavock St., Nashville, TN 37203.

5. DEAN OF THE COLLEGE - SCARRITT COLLEGE: Chief academic officer of the college, responsible for instructional programs, development & long range planning. Earned doctorate, faculty and administrative experience, knowledge of UM Church and higher education. Send resumes immediately to Dr. Ida Long Rogers - 1008 19th Ave. South, Nashville, TN 37203.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE ASST., ECUMENICAL WOMEN'S CENTER: Manage office, edit monthly newsletter, typing, bookkeeping. Commitment to women's issues, knowledge of Chicago area and church structures. Minority candidates sought. Salary: \$7,500-\$8,100 + benefits. Job to start July 5. Contact Judy Jahnke - 1653 W. School St., Chicago, IL 60657.

MISSIONARY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES WITH WORLD DIVISION & NATIONAL DIVISION - Contact Board of Global Ministries, Rm. 1373, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10027.

SUPPORT ERA EXTENSION! WRITE YOUR CONGRESSPERSONS TO URGE PASSAGE OF HJ RESOLUTION 638 TO GIVE ERA ANOTHER SEVEN YEARS. OR SEND WIRES ON JULY 10, ERA LOBBYING DAY.

CLERGY CONSULTATION (Cont.)

tive Liturgies, Clergy Couples, Issues and Strategies, Life Styles Issues, Liberation Theology, Evangelism, and Dealing with Masculine God Language.

Annual Conferences are encouraged to send a lay representative to the Consultation and to support the attendance of clergywomen by helping them identify funding sources. Cost for registration, room and board is \$75.

Co-chairpersons of the 15-member planning committee are the Rev. Ms. Susan W.N. Rauch, Seelyville, IN, and the Rev. Ms. Sharon Rader, Battle Creek, MI. For press information, contact Rev. Judy Weidman, BHEM, Box 871, Nashville, 37202.

BARBARA THOMPSON RESIGNS (Cont.)

the transition from a quadrennial unit to a standing commission (including an expanded Executive Secretariat and office relocation--both now completed). A change in leadership now would enable a new president to make a smooth transition into the 1981-84 quadrennium.

Barbara also indicated that her employment with the Federal Government (as Equal Employment Officer/Internal Revenue Service) is demanding increasing priority of time.

In addition to the CSRW, Barbara serves on the General Council on Ministries, the Commission on the General Conference and the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches.

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UIM SUPPORTS KOREAN WOMEN WORKERS

A three-week women's trip in early May took 15 Presbyterian and United Methodist women to Japan and Korea. The trip was jointly sponsored by the Council on International Education Exchange and the Asian Women's Institute. Two of the participants report for us on one of the highlights of the trip.

Five American women recently sat in a small room of the Urban Industrial Mission in Inchon, Korea. They were intently listening as an interpreter translated their questions to Rev. Cho Wha Soon, Methodist clergywoman, who is General Secretary of the UIM. Rev. Cho's responses were often understood by the non-Korean speaking women even before the interpreter began. Her enthusiasm, gestures, face and voice gave dramatic clues, both to her feelings and thoughts as she told about the mission of the UIM, a part of the church-led section of the movement for justice in Korea. UIM, which is directed toward workers, has become the subject of increasing pressure from the government in order to neutralize its effect.

UIM places an emphasis on awareness raising, awareness of the reality of the workers' situation, their rights and the relationship of the Christian gospel to this reality and to their lives. Those with whom the UIM works are mainly young women, 18-25. With little education, they have largely come to the country by themselves to seek work in the city. Many work 12 or more hours a day without regular holidays and for wages of \$50 or \$60 a month, well below the minimum living cost of about \$100 for a single woman. Many support their families with regular contributions.

Rev. Cho related details of the recent firing of 124 textile workers, all women seeking more voice in their union in order to improve working

NOTE ON THE YELLOW RIBBON

THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S CAUCUS IS IN THE PROCESS OF REORGANIZING AND HOPES TO BE ABLE TO RESUME PUBLICATION OF ITS NEWSLETTER, THE YELLOW RIBBON. THE LAST ISSUE OF THE NEWSLETTER WAS FALL, 1977.

ASIAN AMERICAN CONVOCATION DATES SET

There has been a change of dates for the National Convocation of Asian American United Methodist Churches. The convocation will be held from December 6-12; San Francisco is the site. It is hoped that the new dates will permit participants to take advantage of super saver fares.

The goal is to have four persons in attendance -- minister, lay leader, women's leader, youth/young adult leader -- from each Asian American local church. Women are urged to plan to participate.

The Commission is particularly interested in hearing from Asian American women about issues related to their needs, issues that might be addressed either in a general session or in a workshop at the Convocation. The program planning meeting will be held on July 10 in Los Angeles.

Contact persons for the Convocation are Kiyoko Fujiu at the Commission office or Velma Yemoto, 65 Cleary Court #5 - San Francisco 94107.

UIM SUPPORTS KOREAN WOMEN WORKERS (Cont.)

conditions. She explained that none of these women can find another job anywhere in the country because they have been 'listed' and therefore cannot be employed. Forty of them had no place to go and so she is providing lodging. The need for prayers and support of the world Christian community is crucial. She exhibited a handkerchief on which is stamped "remember the 124 fired textile workers," explaining that donations from these are what currently allow her to continue to provide bare essentials and to get the story told.

--Wilma Roberts & Phyllis Tholin

(ED. NOTE: Phyllis Tholin, 824 Ridge Terrace, Evanston 60201, has a limited supply of handkerchiefs but would be willing to look into getting more if readers are interested in quantities. Suggested donation: \$1 minimum or one hour's wages.)

OVATIONS

EVELYN FITZGERALD, a United Methodist laywoman from the Philadelphia area, has been elected an associate executive secretary of the Commission on Religion and Race.... LOUISE V. GRAY has been appointed coordinator of the new Special Services unit of UMC with offices in New York...NEWTONIA V. HARRIS is the new editor of the BMCR newspaper, *NOW*. Ms. Harris was formerly with *UNITED METHODISTS TODAY* and *NEWSCOPE* and was more recently on the Scarritt staff.... LYNNE JOSSELYN, clergywoman in the Maine Conference and member of CSRW (she chairs Life Components Task Force) and also on the Board of Trustees at Drew Seminary, delivered their baccalaureate sermon on May 19...KATHERINE JOAN COLE, Northern Illinois clergywoman, has been named Asst. General Secretary of GCFA in Evanston, effective June 15....BETSY TURECKY, N. Texas Conference CSRW, just graduated as valedictorian of SMU's Perkins School of Theology AND has been appointed by her conference as the first campus minister for the Dallas County Community College District.

CORRECTION NOTE: In last month's *OVATIONS*, Barbara Troxell was incorrectly identified with the Bayview District, Cal.-Nev. Conference. Ms. Troxell is with Golden Gate District.

Nominations for *OVATIONS* in September? Send brief particulars to *THE FLYER* by August 15.

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ON THE CALENDAR

July 9 MARCH ON WASHINGTON FOR ERA -- To commemorate the first anniversary of the death of ERA author Alice Paul and to dramatize the urgency of ERA passage.

July 14-16 CHOICE: A symposium designed to develop action models consistent with Presbyterian General Assembly guidelines on social policy formation and its stand on reproductive freedom. Sponsored by the Council on Women and the Church - Louisville, Ky. Cost, including meals & housing - \$54. Write COWAC, Rm. 1149 - 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10027.

July 21-23 CREATIVE MARRIAGE. A workshop at Grailville to explore concepts of marriage which focus on the value of each person and to learn sharing of responsibility and power. \$40, of which \$15 deposit is due July 10. (\$30 for students and commuters.) Write Kathy Nickerson, Grailville - Loveland, OH 45140.

August 10-13 NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF WOMEN RELIGIOUS (NAWR). A Forum - Women Building the Church. Robert Morris College, Pittsburgh, Pa. Contact NAWR office at 1307 S. Wabash, Chicago 60605. (312) 663-1980.

August 18-20 PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR UMW/CSRW Regional Training Events to be held January/February 1979.

August 26 - 58th anniversary of the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment.

September 21-23 COMMISSION ON THE STATUS AND ROLE OF WOMEN IN THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Semi-annual meeting. Marydale Retreat Center - Erlanger, Ky.

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