

Church leaders revise guidelines aimed at stemming sexual misconduct

Two documents containing guidelines that are designed to educate Seventh-day Adventist leaders about the seriousness of sexual misconduct were adopted by the North American Division (NAD) at its year-end meetings in November 1993. The two documents were published in the *Adventist Review*, January 27, 1994.

So far the North American Division is the only division in the world church to study and act upon the sexual misconduct issue.

The NAD guidelines represent the work of the Sexual Ethics Commission first called together in March 1993 by Rosa Taylor Banks. Banks holds a dual appointment as director of the Office of Human Relations and associate secretary of the division.

Ongoing process

Banks emphasizes that *guidelines* are not the same thing as *policy*—they are a step

toward *policy*. While the guidelines have been adopted, they are subject to ongoing discussion and revision. On March 15, 1994, the Sexual Ethics Commission met for the second time and recommended extensive revisions.

Commission members say that the bulk of the proposed revisions are meant to simplify and clarify. Also, some of the pastoral language will be removed from the documents as they progress towards policy. As one member put it, "Language that says how we should think or behave morally is different from language that spells out the steps we should take when sexual misconduct occurs."

The commission has about 30 members and includes women counselors and advocates, attorneys, church administrators, pastors, and insurance specialists (Risk Management Service).

\$15,000 distributed last year

Devotional book funds 50 scholarships

by Ardis Stenbakken

A Gift of Love, the third devotional published for and by Adventist women, has gone to press and will be released in the fall of 1994. According to Rose Otis of the General Conference Office of Women's Ministries, the two previous books, *Among Friends* (1993) and *The Listening Heart* (1994), have been extremely well received.

Otis says that as the editors on the 1995 book they worked to make the material inclusive—appropriate for Adventists to share with friends and relatives who might be unchurched or belong to other denominations.

Profits from the books help to fund a women's scholarship program. The scholarships are available in all of the Adventist world divisions where there is an office of Women's Ministries.

Last year more than \$15,000 was distributed to about 50 women. In many countries

the amount covered the tuition for an entire school year.

Those who have written devotionals for the 1995 book come from all walks of life and live in many parts of the world.

If readers of the *Adventist Woman* would like to contribute material for coming devotional books, and thus support the scholarship program, secure writer's guidelines by contacting:

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In two newly filled positions

Women lose ground at GC headquarters

In an aboutface on affirmative action, the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists has placed men in two positions formerly held by women.

When Shirley Burton announced plans to retire as head of the General Conference (GC) Communication Department, Ray Dabrowski was appointed to replace her. Dabrowski recently headed the communication department for the Trans-European Division. He assumed his new duties in early March.

Burton has been a spokesperson for the church at the conference, union, division, and GC levels for 32 years. Prior to that she taught English, journalism, and Bible in Adventist academies and served as a women's dean. (An interview with Burton will appear in the next issue of the *Adventist Woman*).

And, in late March, Steve Chavez became the newest assistant editor at the church's

general paper, the *Adventist Review*. A pastor from Nevada, Chavez is the first Hispanic to join the staff.

Under Kenneth H. Wood, former *Review* editor, two women were promoted to become assistant editors in the early 1980s—Jocelyn Fay and Aileen Andres Sox. This changed in 1988 when assistant editor Deborah Anfensen Vance (who had replaced Sox) left the magazine. Vance's position was upgraded to associate editor and a man was named to the job. Women have never served as associate editors of the *Review*.

In a resolution enacted at the Seattle AAW Conference last October, the Association of Adventist Women urged the GC to restore a second woman editor to the *Review*. Currently the other assistant editor is Kit Watts. She joined the staff in 1987 to fill the post vacated by Jocelyn Fay.



Nancy Lamoreaux



Barbara Manspeaker

Columbia Union promotes women; sets pace for inclusive leadership

Under the administration of Ron M. Wisbey, recent president of the Columbia Union Conference, two women have been appointed to leadership positions at the union office. The office serves 94,000 Seventh-day Adventists in the eight-state mid-Atlantic territory and is headquartered in Columbia, Maryland.

In November 1993, Nancy A. Lamoreaux was appointed manager of Data Management Service (computer department), and Barbara L. Manspeaker was appointed director of special ministries (church ministries).

Nancy Lamoreaux began her employment with the Seventh-day Adventist Church 16 years ago as a legal secretary for the Washington Conference. In 1979 she moved to Takoma Park, Maryland, to work in the legal department of the General Conference office. Because of her expertise with computers, she was appointed to direct computer operations and training in various departments.

In 1985 Lamoreaux joined the staff of the (See PROMOTIONS, p. 2)

At year-end meeting

Women's ordination taken off agenda

For more than a year the point man for the North American Division (NAD) on women's ordination has been Gary Patterson, assistant to the president.

In early 1993, for example, Patterson met with the Gender Inclusiveness Commission and members of the Southeastern California Conference (SECC) executive committee, urging them not to ordain women without the blessing of the world church. At the same time, Patterson promised, he would ask NAD officers to put women's ordination on the church's official agenda again.

(Discussion of women's ordination in official Adventist publications and meetings has been banned since the 1990 General Conference session when delegates voted 1,173 to 377 not to consider women's ordination at that time.)

Shuttle diplomacy stalls

Patterson, sent to Seattle to dialogue with AAW members at the October 1993 annual conference, predicted that church leaders would vote in early November at NAD year-end meetings to place the women's ordination issue on the agenda for discussion. Sources close to NAD say that Patterson returned and made an eloquent plea for the plan to proceed.

It was not to be.

According to a report published in the January-February 1994 issue of *Adventist Today*,* leaders of unions and conferences in

North America "were surprised to find that the subject of women's ordination had been removed from the agenda."

The report goes on to say that "Robert Folkenberg, church president, asked that it be taken off this agenda because a favorable action on it at this time would assist opponents in marshalling resistance at the 1994 Annual Council."

Roller-coaster history

The move is yet another part of a 20-year roller-coaster history on the women's ordination issue in the SDA Church. In recent months, Southeastern California has been (See ORDINATION, p. 4)

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It's not easy being male

by Elisabeth Wear

My preschool children sighed sympathetically when Sesame Street's star, Kermit the Frog, groaned, "It's not easy being green." It was one of life's dilemmas they could understand, but I could not.

Twenty years later, as I was driving a young student from the Columbia Union College campus out to the General Conference headquarters, I heard something similar. "It's not easy being male," Michael said. He looked my way for sympathy. "I've tried to figure out how women want a guy to act. Women's magazines say what men do wrong, but they don't say what we're supposed to do."

"Social roles and expectations are complicated," I responded, "but courtesy is always correct. As Scripture puts it, 'In honor preferring one another.'"

It was too early in the discussion for solutions. Michael continued his litany of dilemmas as we drove north on Route 29. I wanted to say that part of the problem for men and women today is analogous to what his African-American culture experiences in a dominant white culture: hurt people sometimes lash out in pain. What they say and do many not be completely fair. Instead, I listened.

Showing feelings

George, another young friend, complained that his Russian girlfriend criticized the tear she saw in his eye as she boarded a plane for Russia. "Weak men cry," she stated bluntly. "Excuse me, but in America I have a right to my feelings," he responded.

In America women have a right to their feelings. But do men? Can men really express grief, pain, sorrow? Do we allow them to express frustration over not knowing how women want them to be? Do we allow them to express collective anger?

Women's groups focus on issues about women, yet men are faulted when traditionally male groups exclude women.

How do we show respect?

Recently I attended a session on multicultural issues during the Association for Adventist Teacher Educators meeting in Chicago. Dr. Stella Ramirez Greig, professor at Andrews University, commented on the ways that different cultures "break the ice" when they find themselves among strangers.

Puerto Ricans and Americans tend to speak first, feeling if you respect others you will put them at ease by initiating a conversation. By contrast, Hong Kong Chinese tend not to speak first, believing that to do so affronts another's privacy.

AAW MISSION STATEMENT

"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."

Genesis 1:27

In God's sight each individual has the potential to make a valuable contribution to our world. It is the purpose of this group of Adventist women to help individuals in our church reflect more fully the image of God in their relationships to others in the home, the church, the work place, and the community.

This association, which focuses on the development, discoveries, interests, and potentials of Adventist women, has these goals:

1. To encourage communication, sup-

port, and wider understanding among Adventist women in diverse situations.

2. To acquaint the church community at large with Adventist women's potential and achievements.

3. To assist Adventist women in achieving fulfillment in their personal development, interpersonal relationships with others, and their relationship to God.

4. To help Adventist women maximize their options, whatever their age and situation, so they may reflect more fully the image of God.

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In the discussion that followed this presentation, one educator noted that his faculty now say "women" instead of "girls" or "ladies."

In each of these situations, people are attempting to show respect to others.

I thought of Michael's dilemma about how to show respect for women. "Do I open the car door for a woman? Do I pay for dinner or do we split the cost? Do I buy flowers on a first date? Do I give up my seat on the subway?"

Life for modern man is a maze of complications.

Dads can be good moms

A church administrator's wife once attempted to set me straight on male/female roles. "Because men simply are not as good at parenting, women should stay home with the children. Because men simply are not as good at teaching young children, women should be teachers."

Not true. Some of the best moms I know have been dads. My son, a doctoral student in psychology, plans to stay home with his children, if any eventuate, for two and a half days a week, alternating parenting roles with his dentist wife. The news shocked me—but I know he'll be a great mom.

My dad was a wonderful grade school teacher. And, as I have observed student teachers in my work for 15 years, I can attest that men teach kindergarten and the primary grades as well as women. When one young male teacher I know walks into a first-grade classroom, I know his children will eat spinach, read books, and write poetry.

Evolving gender roles

In every age God has worked with people where they were, including the gender rules of their culture (though Jesus challenged many of these during His ministry).

In heaven, of course, gender culture will be abolished. "For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven" (Matthew 22:30, NKJV).

Men play vital roles in our lives. We love them for their roles as our fathers, brothers, husbands, sons, and friends. But our limited vision as women may inhibit additional roles that men could play well: homemakers, primary caregivers for their children, even being kindergarten teachers.

Social roles and expectations are complicated. I think the basic principle from the Bible still fits, the one that calls upon us to relate "in honour, preferring one another." Perhaps that is the meaning of social harmony in heaven. If so, we would do well to practice such harmony here on earth.

PROMOTIONS BOOST WOMEN'S VISIBILITY

From front page

Columbia Union as associate director of data processing. She is known for her ability to translate "computerese" into easy-to-understand terms. She has traveled throughout the union territory to help conferences and academies set up hardware, install software, and train personnel. The Alaska Conference and Project Reclaim have also sought her expertise as a consultant.

In her new post Lamoreaux will continue to direct these services. She also manages the Novell network at the union office and is implementing modem use throughout the territory. She has initiated the Adventist Conference Computer User's Group within the Columbia Union.

Nancy and her husband, Dave, and son, Justin, live in Takoma Park, Maryland, and are members of Sligo church.

Barbara Manspeaker began her ministry in the Potomac Conference in 1980 in child evangelism and Sabbath school work. In 1986 she was elected associate director of church ministries for the Columbia Union.

Manspeaker has been involved in children's ministries since 1958. She has worked with Vacation Bible Schools for 34 years, with children's Sabbath school, camp meeting programs, and evangelistic programs. She has conducted seminars and workshops throughout most of the unions in North America, including Canada and Bermuda.

She has also written numerous articles for denominational publications and programs and teaching helps for the General Conference Sabbath School Department. She has also composed children's songs. Currently she is writing a resource page for *Kidstuff* magazine.

As special ministries director of the union, Manspeaker is implementing a new concept for church ministries that coordinates and utilizes the expertise of union and conference personnel. She specializes in Sabbath school and children's ministries, including Pathfinders.

Manspeaker lives in Silver Spring, Maryland, with her architect husband, Edward.

Florida counselors elect SDA president

Cheryl P. Soriano, a member of the Mt. Sinai Seventh-day Adventist church in Orlando, Florida, has been elected president of the Orange County Counseling Association.

The organization is made up of 300 members who are school counselors, mental health counselors, social workers, psychologists, and occupational specialists. The purpose of the organization is to promote and preserve sound counseling practices, stimulate professional growth, foster high standards of professional conduct, and provide professional leadership in the human services field.

Soriano has been the director of student services at Edgewater High School for the past 14 years. In her local church she is director of women's ministries, treasurer for the sanctuary choir, and President of the Orlando Chapter of King's Daughters, Chapter I.



Cheryl P. Soriano

Report summarized from Southern Tidings, September 1993.

Sheree Parris Nudd: The Four Stages of a Miracle

Sheree Parris Nudd, vice president of Shady Grove Adventist Hospital in Rockville, Maryland, was honored as one of the 1993 Adventist Women of the Year and received the Professional Life Award. During the ceremonies held in Seattle last October, Parris Nudd offered a brief response. Her remarks, slightly condensed and edited, follow.—The editors.

Tonight we're saluting all the women and men who, through their influence and their decisions, have moved the Seventh-day Adventist Church toward a goal of full partnership for women. It is good to celebrate and commemorate this progress.

Like me, you may have occasionally wanted things to move along faster. Sympathetic friends and well intentioned church leaders have told me that I should "be pa-

tient," and that "organizational cultures change slowly," and that nothing happens overnight. They say that women who say "it's not yet enough" should be satisfied with the rate of progress—after all, they add, we are "moving ahead," and "things take time."

But now, a little about miracles and the four "miracle stages" that are a model for our church's organizational potential.

Twenty-one years ago my family was ripped apart when my parents were divorced. The parting was bitter, the grief endless, and the toll taken in wounded hearts, devastating. Some of you know, or have loved ones who



Sheree Parris Nudd

know the kind of hurt I'm talking about.

Then came a miracle. **Stage one—realization.** Ten months ago my father called me. He said he wanted to thank me for my influence on his life and to tell me that he had decided to re-dedicate his life to the Lord.

Then came stage two—healing words. Five months ago my parents talked to each other and spoke the first healing words they had spoken in a lifetime.

Miracle stage three—public commitment to a new way of thinking. Three months ago they were both rebaptized!

Miracle stage four—restoration. Six weeks ago my parents were remarried to each other.

It's a miracle.

A change where none could happen. A realization of what is right and a decision to act on that knowledge. A fundamental "paradigm shift," if you will, in my parents' lives.

I no longer believe in miracles on a purely "intellectual" basis. Because I have had a front-row seat on this dream-come-true miracle, I will never doubt the power of the Spirit to move in people's lives. I believe in paradigm-shifting miracles; in life-changing miracles; in organization-changing miracles.

And now you know, too, why I no longer believe that "it has to take a long time" for the order of things to change.

We are looking for miraculous events.

We are ready for a miracle.

I challenge my church to make the meaningful decisions that will make miraculous differences!

Lorna Tobler: Investing in Our Sisters

Lorna Tobler, who lives in Sunnyvale, California, was named one of the 1993 Women of the Year and received the award for Outstanding Achievement. Twenty years ago Tobler and Merikay Silver sought pay equity for women working in Seventh-day Adventist institutions. Their efforts were decried by many church leaders but resulted in a sea-change of official policy.

Receiving the award in Seattle on October 16, Tobler offered her comments, which appear here, slightly edited and condensed.—The editors.

I'm very grateful to have had the chance of a lifetime to help bring about a bit more justice in the workplace. Whatever was achieved for Adventist women during the course of the Pacific Press case, we certainly owe to generations of women who changed the laws of this land to include women in the democratic process.

The codependency of the past

Of course, ordinary Adventist women have always done far more than most people admitted. It's just that whatever they did was supposed to go to the credit of their husbands, or bosses, or pastors. That was considered to be women's unselfish duty.

The corollary of that rule, unfortunately, was the selfishness it fostered in many men. I think most of us do not realize the terrible dependency of men upon the service and subordination of women. We simply sense men's needs, and, as decent Christians, we rush to supply their every lack as they deal with

their responsibilities as heads of households, publishing houses, hospitals, colleges, churches, and conferences.

I believe the word for that nowadays is "codependent." The problem with "Christian" codependency is that it is not truthful. We are bearing false witness when we prop up others to look twice their natural size. Even worse, we create in them a dependency as

terrible as any chemical dependency. That is why it has taken so long for the brethren to give up the expectation of superior reward and recognition.

So it is wonderful to see some changes. But there is a great deal more to be done.

Changes yet to be made

Women need to be more than tokens here and there in schools and colleges. Someone has said: "Equality isn't when a female Einstein is promoted to assistant professor. Equality is when a female schlemiel moves ahead as fast as a male schlemiel."

We cannot afford to forget or leave behind all the ordinary hard-working women who make all our enterprises possible. We cannot settle for mediocrity in our integrity. We must risk some capital on our sisters.

And then there is the terrible problem of sexual harassment. The U.S. Supreme Court has just recently heard another case. The facts were not disputed. But the employer's



Lorna Tobler

attorneys claimed the First Amendment as a defense.

Sound familiar? In this case the defense was not about preserving religious liberty [so that the church could deny women equal pay if it so chose], but about preserving the freedom of speech—[so men could] sexually harass women at work.

Jesus' gospel or the disciples' gospel?

More and more women are answering the call to the gospel ministry—the *gospel* of Jesus, in whom there is neither Jew nor Greek, bond nor free, male nor female. Of course, we are all used to women being denied the right to respond to their call. But it is shocking. So shocking that most brethren deny any bias of their own, but say they must go along with the biases of "those others."

In this vein I was happy to read recently that Joyce Lomtz was asked by the conference brethren in Estonia, where she had been helping with evangelistic meetings, to baptize the people she had brought into the church. So much for the biases of "those others."

Opponents of the ordination of women show the mind-set of Jesus' disciples. The disciples sent away the children. The disciples took affront that Jesus would discuss theology with women.

The question for us is, What will we do? How will we invest the new success and

recognition that women have won?

What we need is more of the example of Jesus—and less of the example of His disciples. In our eagerness to succeed, let us not emulate men but remember the fruits of the Spirit: love, gentleness, patience, steadfastness—the leadership qualities of Jesus, and of women.

Now, more than ever, these qualities are needed—not only at home and behind the scenes—but especially in the board room, in organizing people, in allocating resources, in management style, in evangelism.

So let us have done with all obsequious "chains of commands." In their place let us bring the listening ear, the understanding word, the honest statement, the enabling support—the fruits of the Spirit. In proclaiming the gospel, let us live the gospel, not the gospel of the disciples, but the gospel of Jesus.

Listen to the Spirit

Nonetheless, with all their blindness, Jesus loved His disciples and did not forsake them. He forgave them—just as He also forgave women for falling into the idolatry of men-pleasing. We all have so many shortcomings that in the end it does not matter *who* is "right" or "wrong." All that matters is that we do *what* is right, that we are led, not by men, but by the Spirit of God.

Then, when the moment comes to take a stand do something for our sisters, the important thing is to *do it*—without regret, without looking back.

Live dangerously and abundantly! Women are worth it!

Tributes to Lorna Tobler

From the Central California Conference

On October 14, during the opening ceremonies of the Seattle AAW Conference, Dr. Dayton Chong spoke on behalf of the Central California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, where he is a vice president.

Elder Herb Broeckel, president of the Central California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, asked me to convey his regrets for not being able to attend this meeting. Thus he requested that I represent him and convey his greetings and appreciation for the Award for Outstanding Achievement for a dearly beloved member of our conference, Lorna Tobler.

Lorna Tobler is a dedicated, godly activist and pace-setter for the Lord in our conference. She has served for a total of 25 years in a number of our denominational institutions; Loma Linda University, Mid-America Union, Euro-Africa Division, and the Pacific Press.

In the Mountain View Central church she has served in a number of capacities such as elder, associate head deacon, Sabbath school class coordinator, financial committee mem-

ber, and personal ministries leader.

Aside from these, she and her husband coordinated the Bibles for Lithuania project (\$50,000), the Bibles for Russia project (\$500,000), and helped to develop the Breakfast for Friends (feeding the homeless).

Lorna attended Union College, received a B.A. degree from San Jose State University, and has attended the University of Santa Clara, Paralegal Institute of the School of Law. Her current profession is Workers' Compensation Litigation Specialist.

To many of us who know her in the Central California Conference, Lorna is one who quickly and with great support has helped many women and men. Her integrity and sense of justice are flawless. She believes in the greatness of the gospel and how Jesus set an example in His life by always being there "for the least of these." She has so often enabled persons to try their ideas and has encouraged them to reach their full potential in whatever they have endeavored to do for our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

From Merikay McLeod

Merikay McLeod asked that the following tribute to Lorna be read at the Adventist Women of the Year awards ceremony on October 16. It appears here slightly edited and condensed.—The editors.

I am deeply disappointed that I cannot applaud, in person, the long overdue recognition of Lorna Tobler's work on behalf of the women in the church.

Although Lorna spent decades as a secretary and assistant to various men, when the opportunity came to speak up for justice for women she did not fail to speak. She did not pretend everything was all right the way it was. She did not look the other way when injustice affected women.

Lorna Tobler exercised the very values and ideals that we all support in theory. She called injustice, illegal employment practice, and sex discrimination by its theological name—sin.

And she worked ceaselessly to correct the sin. She wrote letters, met with Pacific Press

and church leaders, asked to speak before boards and other bastions of mostly male power holders. She prayed and reasoned with them. At the same time, she gathered the necessary facts and statistics that were needed to show, legally, what change must occur should her more collaborative approach with the brethren fail.

Her honesty and energy have helped change the world of Adventist employment.

As a role model to all women and men who wish to make the world and the church a more welcoming place for their daughters and granddaughters, she has no peer.

While many women shunned me or criticized the way I was urging equal pay, and while other women were privately encouraging and supportive, Lorna was a powerful public presence, strong and encouraging and supportive. She is a spiritual activist.

To me personally she has been a dear sister and a best friend. I pray that her courageous example will inspire imitators throughout the Adventist Church.



In a high point of her family life evangelistic series in Mexico City, Adly Campos (center stage) and her husband, Jose, lead 71 couples in a renewal of their marriage vows.

Campos leads 219 to baptism in Mexico

As a result of an evangelistic campaign held by Adly Campos, 219 individuals were baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church in December 1993. Campos—a musician, counselor, and preacher—shapes her evangelistic sermons around family-life issues. She is also an administrative assistant for the Ministerial Association at the General Conference.

In preparation for the campaign in the District of Pantitlan, Mexico, local pastors and church members persuaded 1,600 persons to study Campos' family-life seminar course. Many of these individuals who were not baptized in December plan to be baptized in the

coming months.

Sergio Balboa, president of the Tabasco Mexican Conference, along with Benjamin Tello, evangelist, and Tomas Marques, publishing director, helped to coordinate the campaign.

One highlight of Campos' campaigns is an opportunity for couples to renew their marriage vows based on their study of biblical ideals and principles. At the close of this campaign 71 couples renewed their vows and marched through the aisles of the Central church, the largest in Mexico City. Campos was assisted in this ceremony by 12 local pastors and their wives.

ORDINATION DISCUSSION DELAYED AGAIN

From front page

the conference most avidly pursuing the issue.

On September 20, 1992, delegates to SECC's Constituency Meeting authorized the conference executive committee to "devise a plan by which qualified women ministers whom we employ be ordained for ministry within our jurisdiction of the world church."

SECC constituents also voted that day "to eliminate further discrimination in our conference by uniformly conducting all future ordinations of qualified men and women

ministers."

According to *Adventist Today*, "of the 17 women currently serving in Southeastern as ministers, several are fully qualified for ordination and certification."

**Adventist Today* is published by a foundation in California made up primarily of Seventh-day Adventist professionals and lay leaders.

Young woman, 15, heads Pathfinder club



Clarabel Fernandez

At age 15 Clarabel Fernandez is the youngest Pathfinder leader in Florida. A member of the Carol City Spanish church, Clarabel says she's seen Pathfinder clubs come and go, but wants this one to stay.

"There was no one to direct the Pathfinder Club, so I just decided to start one myself. I really like Pathfinders. I want to make the church more active, and give the kids something to do," she explains.

The one dream she wishes to accomplish in 1994 is to help the club go camping. "We just started so we don't have much money for the club, but it would be great for the kids to go camping in tents."

Clarabel says the hardest part of her job is dealing with parents. "In my church the parents really want to cooperate but some people [seem to] want to discourage us. I believe that with God's help we'll do it," she adds.

This church mover and shaker is an 11th grader at Greater Miami Academy and a Pathfinder Counselor in Training. Her club has 21 youth. She has two adult counselors on her staff—one is her mother Alisa, the Adventurer leader.

Cindy Kurtzhals, Director
Communication Department,
Florida Conference

Charlotte Hamlin—health on wheels

Charlotte Hamlin celebrated her 75th birthday last summer with a record-breaking bicycle ride across the Trans-Canada Highway, the longest paved road in the world. Leaving Vancouver, British Columbia, on July 7 she arrived in St. John's, Newfoundland, on October 12 having traveled through all 10 Canadian provinces.

Her son, Gene, who followed her in a recreational vehicle, estimates that she reached an audience of more than one million people last summer with her health message. More than 150 TV and radio stations and newspapers reported on her trip.

"I wanted to demonstrate that the older I get, and the more I trust God and practice the Adventist health message, then the more I can accomplish. Age is no barrier when you follow God's health laws," she said.

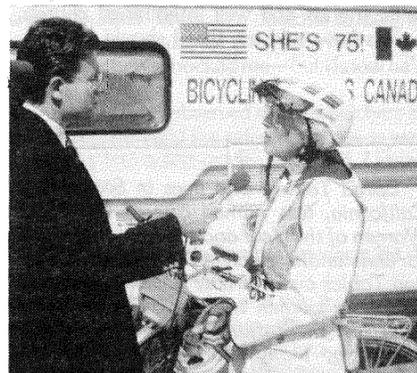
Hamlin retired as assistant professor of nursing at Andrews University in 1986. Before leaving on her most recent trip across Canada, she had already pedaled close to 8,000 miles across four continents.

In 1987 she rode 2,500 miles through the United States on a 67-day trip; that same autumn she added 1,800 miles with a 32-day trip from Belgium to Southern Italy. In 1988, the year she turned 70, Hamlin made 2,000 miles through Greece, Israel, Pakistan, India, Thailand and Japan. And Hamlin logged another 600 miles while cycling through Australia in 1992.

What about her 80th birthday? Hamlin is thinking about it. "Maybe I'll do a ski trip around the Arctic Circle or safari through Africa," she says. Meanwhile, she plans to write a book about her expeditions entitled *Ride With the Wind*.



In Ottawa, cyclist Charlotte Hamlin posed with a friendly Canadian Mountie on the capitol grounds.



On her 4,500 mile bike trip across the Trans-Canada Highway, Hamlin granted more than 150 radio, TV, and newspaper interviews.



In 1993 Carolyn Hinson (center) and her daughters, Marla and Lisa, celebrated a series of academic achievements.

Mother, two daughters earn degrees

In 1993 Carolyn Hinson, the wife of Joseph Hinson, and two of their daughters, Lisa and Marla, each successfully completed rigorous academic programs.

Marla earned a bachelor of civil engineering degree from the Georgia Institute of Technology in March 1993. By attending summer sessions, Marla completed her requirements one term ahead of schedule. Several times during her college career she earned a place on the honor roll and the dean's list.

Concurrently, Marla worked at Parsons Brinckerhoff, a transportation engineering firm, in what had begun as a summer-only internship. The internship expanded to a year, and as her graduation approached, she was offered full employment as a civil engineer.

In June 1993, Lisa Hinson earned a master of science degree in technical management, with honors, from the Southern College of Technology. She completed these studies while also working full-time as a technician in accounting programs at Peachtree Software, a computer firm in Norcross, Georgia.

Peachtree Software offered incentives to promote scholarship—it gave tuition reimbursement based on GPA, and covered the payment of books as well.

Lisa's curriculum included some of the traditional course-work of an MBA. Most classes were offered in the evening or on weekends. Lisa completed the degree in 18 months.

While encouraging her daughters in their studies, Carolyn Hinson completed post-baccalaureate work in special education at Georgia State University, also in June 1993.

Although she had a full slate of responsibility as director of women's ministries for the South Atlantic Conference, Carolyn completed her own studies, with honors, in a single year. At the same time Carolyn was working with disabled students at the Ronald McNair Middle School. She is now a certified master teacher in special education for children with learning disabilities.

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