

Presidential Communique



When God Calls

by Elisabeth Wear

One evening last week as I was talking to Beverly Rumble, editor of the *Journal of Adventist Education*, about women in ministry, she recounted the story of Dr. Josephine Benton, then an associate pastor of Sligo church.

Beverly was in her second pregnancy, unable to leave her bed, and yet trying to work from home and supervise an active toddler. After prayer for her recovery, Pastor Benton eyed the house, and phoned the head deaconess to assist with food and laundry. She returned with her mother, Hilah Griffin, wife of retired pastor Albert Griffin, and offered to give the place a good cleaning.

Miracle in action

Having never forgotten Josephine's caring ministry, Beverly asked, "Could a male pastor have really ministered to my needs as a young mother? How much it meant to have the Scripture read and then to see a miracle in action. Josephine really knew how to minister to me when I needed it most."

Women and men each fill a unique role in the ministry of the church, but often they are better able to minister to their own gender. In churches where the congregation is privileged to be able to hire a woman pastor, there is rarely a word of complaint. Women ministers, just like men, are human beings. Nobody is perfect. But women have provided a consistent and invaluable ministry.

From the very beginning

Since our church's beginning, women have served as ministers of the gospel. In addition to parish ministry, women serve as chaplains, literature evangelists, Bible workers, theologians, religion teachers, and church administrators. While the only woman known to have carried the credentials of an ordained minister was Ellen G. White, a significant number of women have served as licensed ministers since the 1880s.

Overworked and underpaid, they held evangelistic meetings, baptized converts, established churches, and then usually turned

the newly established church over to a man to pastor.

Today, across the vast reaches of the North American continent, from the Atlantic to the Pacific oceans, from Canada to Guatemala-like candles set upon a lamp post—women in ministry have answered the call of God. On the continents of Europe, Africa, and Australia, like diamonds gleaming in the light, like stars set in the dark, women in ministry guide the paths of those seeking God.

In her book, *Called by God*, Josephine Benton states:

"When challenged, because of their womanhood, about their preaching, early Adventist women ministers and their defenders quoted Joel 2:28-31: 'I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy... Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days... before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord'" (NIV).

Benton goes on to add: "Where today are

the women ministers filled with the courage and boldness of the Spirit, exercising power in the fullness of love under the restrictions of self-control? Look around you, and you will see them. Do not ask them to deny the gift that is within them. Rather pray the Lord of harvest that He will bring into his service more dedicated ministers, women and men, to do His work and to hasten His coming!"*

Our grateful thanks goes to the faithful women ministers listed in this special issue of the *Adventist Woman*, which marks the 150th anniversary of the beginnings of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

We recognize your call to the gospel ministry! May God's Spirit continue to give you courage, for truly you are called by God.

*Josephine Benton, *Called by God: Stories of Seventh-day Adventist Women Ministers* (Smithsburg, Maryland: Blackberry Hill Publishers, 1990), p. 212.

Adventist women in ministry help with global outreach

Throughout the history of the Christian church, women have been there for Jesus.

They've been there as believers, disciples, and leaders. As prophets, teachers, and preachers.

Today, hundreds of thousands of Adventist women in all walks of life take seriously Jesus' call to ministry.

Without women as teachers, physicians, attorneys, social workers, librarians, secretaries, computer analysts, editors, and nurses, for example, where would the Seventh-day Adventist Church be?

Special call

But among these women are some who sense an extra dimension to their vocation: they feel called to minister "in word and doctrine," to call others to accept the claims of Jesus and the gospel.

In this special issue of the *Adventist Woman*, AAW commemorates the 150th anniversary of October, 1844, when this church was born out of a great disappointment. This issue also commemorates a parallel, but often invisible history—the accounts of many women who have recently served the church as pastors, theologians, teachers, chaplains, lay preachers, church leaders, and evangelists.

By publishing this special issue AAW also offers its support and affirmation to this great host of women who have willingly and lovingly given their sacrifices and their successes to the church as servants of the Lord Jesus Christ.

More than 80 women have responded to this, AAW's second international survey. (The first was published in the June/July/August issue of the *Adventist Woman*, 1990). An-

other 80 were included in the 1994 survey but did not respond in time to meet our publication deadline. Many others are known by name, but up-to-date addresses could not be obtained in time to contact them.

If you are an Adventist woman who feels an identity with this group and are not listed here, please write to us and share your story!

Much education, little affirmation

Many of these women have faced difficult circumstances. They speak of these forthrightly but with little bitterness.

Many have been actively discouraged from studying theology. Few have had a local conference "call" or "sponsorship" to obtain seminary training, the means by which the church often validates a man's career choice in ministry.

Some women who have pursued counseling and nurturing ministries are considered "outside the mainstream" of ministry in a church hierarchy where baptisms and evangelistic outreach are most highly prized by current church leaders.

But a surprising number of these women have managed to find a niche in which to minister, despite being marginalized or downplayed by some church leaders.

Many of these women have also been able to obtain some theological education—in a second major, a minor, in graduate study, or by returning to school later in life.

Most are well educated in other fields, too, notably in Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE), the rigorous hands-on professional training required for healthcare chaplains in North America. Many bring experiences and train-

ing to ministry that men, in the same positions themselves, would like to have.

Others have faced such continuing and insurmountable obstacles to ministry that they have had to seek employment in other careers.

In God's providence

Despite these sometimes discouraging circumstances, women in the church's ministry are changing the face of ministry in a new and positive way. They broaden and deepen ministry by attending sensitively to family crises and to individuals' personal spiritual growth.

Surely the Seventh-day Adventist Church will come to recognize that *hurting, discouraged* families and individuals (or congregations that are divided and fighting) give *less tithes, give fewer or no offerings, are less likely to attend church and be part of its programs, and do not have the spiritual energy to evangelize others.*

Surely it will be better recognized during the 1990s that the neglected side of ministry—nurturing—will address these critical issues by strengthening families, singles, and congregations. It is *spiritually healthy* church members who become members of a spiritually active army ready to reach a hurting world with news of Jesus' healing and soon return.

On the following pages we believe you will find a "great cloud of witnesses" that gives evidence of God's providence. The Association of Adventist Women is thankful for these women's convictions and the inspiring stories they tell of how God has led into ministry and has blessed their gifts.



Near the town of Bodo, Norway, just north of the Arctic Circle, Pastor Hilde Thorkildsen (right) prepared Gro Guleng for an outdoor baptism in the midnight sun, June 17, 1994.



Aila Annala
Pastor in team ministry
SDA church, Malmo, Sweden
since 1989

Previously: Pastor and family counselor in Jakobstad and Vasa, Finland, with her husband, 1984-1988.

Education: Degree in English and theology from Newbold College, England 1981. Theological degree from University of Uppsala, Sweden, 1984.

Statement: "I have become a pastor simply because I wished to do something for my Lord. If any person has influenced me [in this direction] it is my husband. God has simply put me here. I never planned it myself."



JoAnn Marie Bacheller
Since 1991 an M.Div. student,
SDA Theological Seminary,
and literature evangelist

Previously: Assistant pastor, South Bend First SDA church, Indiana, October 1993-May 1994. Campus chaplain, Lamson Hall, Andrews University, 1991-1992. Beginning in 1973, worked as a freelance writer in the public and private sectors, emphasizing promotional copywriting.

Education: B.A. in communication from Grand Valley State College, 1987; M.A. in interdisciplinary studies with emphasis in communication, Andrews University, 1991. Now enrolled in the M.Div. program with the goal of pastoral ministry.

Statement: "God has given me a humanitarian/philanthropic desire to lessen human suffering through a Christian outreach. I love being a Seventh-day Adventist Christian."



Marit Balk
Associate pastor with
emphasis in family ministries
Pacific Union College church
since 1991

Previously: Chaplain at Loma Linda University Medical Center, 1990-1991; Youth assistant, Netherlands Union, 1984-1986.

Education: B.S. in social work, 1980, in Holland; three quarters of CPE, 1989; M.S. in marriage and family therapy, Loma Linda University, 1990.

Statement: "As a therapist on a college campus I feel I have a unique opportunity to relate to young people and tell them the Good News. I started out as a group counselor for emotionally disturbed children in the Netherlands and discovered quickly that the families themselves need a lot of help.

"God has been leading me in a way I never expected. I didn't ever dream of being a pastor, but I feel I have a very important and special place within my congregation and church. God has done some incredible things in my life, and when I have preached, God has blessed!"



Juanita Mayer Bartel
Staff chaplain
Shawnee Mission Medical Center, Kansas
since 1988

Previously: Staff chaplain, Shady Grove Adventist Hospital, Maryland, 1985-1988; chaplain resident, Kettering Medical Center, Ohio, 1985.

Education: B.S. in religion from Columbia Union College, 1974; M.A. in guidance and counseling, Loma Linda University, 1984; CPE training, Kettering Medical Center, 1984-1985.

Statement: "In all our experiences we are called to express God's character in a 'holy' manner. When I see the needs in my own life mirrored by other people, I cannot but share how Jesus Christ has brought healing to my life, not only as a way of encouraging others, but also as a way of keeping me focused on God's recovery process for all of us. To share the character and essence of God's presence is life itself."



Josephine Benton
Chaplain for
Williamsport Retirement Center
Williamsport, Maryland
since 1993

Previously: Professor, associate director and director, of Adult Evening Program, Columbia Union College, 1985-1990. Sole pastor of the Rockville SDA church, Maryland, 1979-1982; associate pastor, Sligo SDA church, Takoma Park, Maryland, 1973-1979; associate professor of speech, Columbia Union College, 1963-1973. Has authored the book *Called by God: Stories of Seventh-day Adventist Women Ministers*, published in 1990. In 1992 and 1993 she published *Light of Love*, baptismal class lessons for children.

Benton appears to be the first woman, or among the first women, ordained as an SDA church elder (in 1973).

Education: B.A. in speech and English, Union College, 1947; M.A. in 1962 and Ph.D. in 1968 from the University of Denver in speech. Forty-five hours toward M.Div. at Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C.; one year of training at Washington Pastoral Counseling Center, in Washington, D.C.

Statement: "As I grew up listening to my father preach, I knew that I would have been



Josephine Benton (right) assisted in performing this wedding in Rockville, Maryland, in 1978.

a preacher if I had been a boy. Since that was not the case, I decided to teach speech in college; in that profession I could help prepare ministers to preach.

"When women began entering the ministry in other denominations around 1970 I thought maybe it could happen for us. As my sense of call became known, I was asked to do pastoral functions such as having a week of prayer at a college and serving as a camp pastor.

"In 1973 the door opened! Elder Quigley, president of the Potomac Conference, called to tell me that the conference committee had voted to ask me to become an associate pastor at Sligo church, and that I would be licensed as a minister.

"My thanksgiving was intense. Just a short time before, in May 1973, I had been ordained as a local elder of the Brotherhood SDA church in Washington, D.C., which proved to be an important preparation."



Leslie Bumgardner
Associate pastor
Walla Walla College church
since September 1, 1994

Previously: Sole pastor of the Dublin SDA church, Ohio, 1990-1994; associate pastor, Worthington SDA church, Ohio, 1984-1990; church secretary, Worthington SDA church, 1982-1984; food service manager, Shady Grove Adventist Hospital, Maryland, 1980-1982; legislative aide to Congressman Thomas Foley, Washington, D.C., 1975-1980.

Education: B.A. in religion and home economics, Walla Walla College, 1975; enrolled in M.A. in pastoral ministry program.

Statement: "The encouragement of my husband, family, and friends has been a strong influence in my entering and remaining in pastoral ministry. They affirmed my call from God as a gift for pastoring. God has continued to open doors so that I can use these gifts in serving Him."



Juanita Bartel (center) dedicated baby Michael Hobbs and his parents in 1993, at Overland Park, Kansas.

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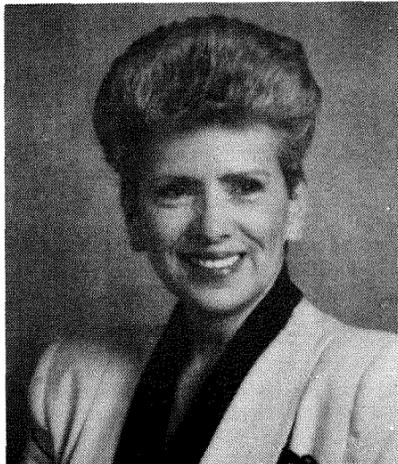
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Lay evangelist since 1992
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Currently: Since 1992, has held many evangelistic series in Hispanic communities in North America and in the Inter-American Division, preparing more than 500 for baptism. The theme she emphasizes in meetings is family relationships and well-being.

Previously: Editorial secretary, Pacific Press Publishing Association, 1984-1990; Bible worker in Mexico City, 1967-1968.

Education: R.N. from Montemorelos University, 1965; B.A. in music, San Bernardino College, 1978; M.A. in counseling, Liberty University, 1994.

Statement: "I was raised in a pastoral family. It always thrilled me to visit people and help meet their needs. As a pastor's wife, I also enjoyed visiting with my husband."

"There are many situations in today's families which need a woman's point of view and caring touch. Too many broken homes and too many children are without the counsel and advice that can be effective when presented by a Christian woman."

Nellie E. Carter
Pastor of the
Sussex Central SDA church
Rehoboth, Delaware
since 1990

Previously: Assistant pastor, Dover SDA church, Delaware, 1988-90; assistant pastor, Cornerstone SDA Church, Acomac, Virginia, 1983-1988; Bible worker for three churches in Cicero, Indiana, 1978-1983; Bible worker for Parks SDA church, Salisbury, Maryland, 1972-1975.

Converted from the Methodist faith in 1969, Mrs. Carter has been involved in Revelation seminars, Pathfinder work, and other evangelistic outreach programs.

Statement: "My prayer is always, 'Lord, what do you want me to do for you today?' The Lord has directed my path of life through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Wherever the Lord has led, I, His humble servant, have obeyed. He has used me many, many times to reach out to others for the kingdom. I'm yearning to see my dear Saviour and do whatever I can to hasten His return."

Marsha and Steven Collins

Marsha Tuttle Collins
Export coordinator
Adhesives Industries
Specialties Division
LaGrange, Illinois
since 1994

Previously: Assistant pastor, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1979; assistant pastor, Capital Memorial church, Washington, D.C., 1981-1983; co-pastor, Fairfax-Arlington District, Virginia, 1983-1985; sole pastor of Fairfax SDA church, Virginia, 1985-89; associate pastor for church ministries, Hinsdale SDA church, Illinois, 1989-1992.

Marsha Collins has also been weekend night chaplain for Northwest Community Hospital, in Arlington Heights, Illinois, 1992 to present; volunteer police chaplain for Village of Woodridge, Illinois, 1992 to present; member of Lake Union Women's Ministries executive committee, 1992 to present.

Education: B.A. in theology, Cum Laude, and class pastor, Southern Missionary College, 1978; M.Div., Magna Cum Laude, SDA Theological Seminary, 1981; 1

quarter CPE at Northwest Community Hospital, Arlington Heights, Illinois, 1992.

Statement: "The call to enter the service of parish pastor came over a process of years and circumstances. A series of things nudged me in this direction. I think it began with a vision of Jesus in the clouds when I was a toddler. Later I had a deep love for Bible class in school. In high school I was challenged by my Latin and English teachers to think about learning what the Bible says in the original Greek."

"I have experienced the satisfying delight in giving Bible studies instead of going to the scheduled college entertainment on a Saturday night; and had a faith-strengthening summer of colporturing. My college Bible teachers urged me to pursue an M.Div."

"Prompted by my training, gifts, and caring for people, I entered the paid parish ministry. After 12 years as a pastor, I find myself on a leave of absence due to a budget cut. But I still preach, teach, counsel, and care about people in my community. In that sense my parish has actually grown."



Adly Campos (center) involved 10 local pastors as she led an evangelistic campaign in Mexico City.



Rose Mary Cornaz
Retired pastor-evangelist
living in Bevaix, Switzerland

Previously: When an Adventist missionary came as a patient to the hospital where Rose Mary was a young nurse, she questioned him about his theological errors. Three years later, having listened to his answers and having read the books he shared, Rose Mary became an Adventist—and married the missionary. Because of her new husband's ongoing battle with tuberculosis she expected to be a widow soon. Meanwhile, Charles wanted her to help him in his ministry. Rose Mary began giving the Bible studies he was too weak to conduct.

During World War II he encouraged her to hire a hall and conduct evangelistic meetings. He told her, "It is necessary that if I am no longer here that you know how to do this all by yourself." Eventually a church was raised up because of her efforts.

When her husband's health improved they led meetings together. At times she drew a larger crowd than he. He often requested that she replace him as the speaker. Charles and Rose Mary shared 42 years of marriage. At 81, she remains active.

Statement: "In about 10 of our churches I assume the religious service twice, three, or four times a month. In my younger days I have worked as evangelist not only in Switzerland but also in Morocco and Tunisia. I am very grateful to God, for I have been able to serve Him. He has granted many prayers, soaked with tears sometimes."

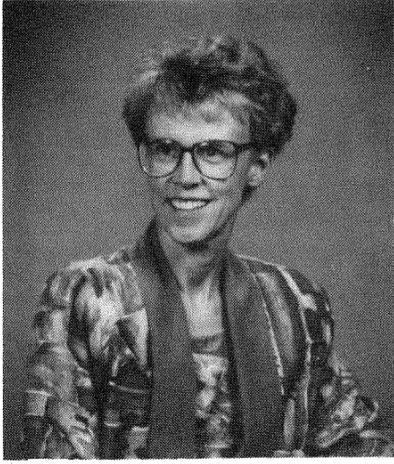
"Many among our sisters could do as much as I did. God bless you all. So be realized the prophecy of Joel 2:23-30, "and your sons and daughters shall prophecy...and also upon the servants and upon the handmaids, will I pour out my spirit..."



Margit Suring baptizes Liisa Kolmonen in Vasa, Finland, on April 17, 1994.



Gayle Saxby (right) baptizes Susie Kim in Loma Linda, California, June 1994.



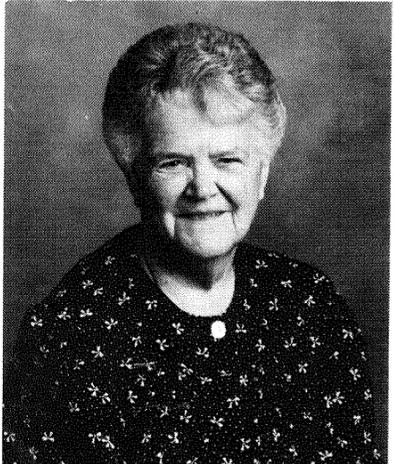
Judith Crabb
Senior chaplain
St. Helena Hospital
Deer Park, California
since 1992

Previously: Staff chaplain, St. Helena Hospital, 1988-1992; executive secretary, St. Helena Hospital, 1982-1988; credentialed literature evangelist, Wisconsin, 1978-1982.

Education: B.A. in religion, Atlantic Union College, 1991; CPE training, University of California, Davis Medical Center, 1990; currently enrolled in M.A. in ministry program through Andrews University.

Statement: "Following 16 years as a single parent, I was introduced to hospital chaplaincy. Through my previous work as a literature evangelist, I had learned to trust God's leading. God opened many doors, and I kept working through the mountains and valleys of a seemingly impossible educational process.

"I feel called to this service as I see the difference this work makes in the lives of those I meet. I am energized and humbled as I become more aware of how God is leading and using me to show others His loving concern."



Edith C. Davis
Former Bible worker, pastor and teacher, now retired in Berrien Springs, Michigan

Previously: Taught church school, gave Bible studies, took the church service twice a month in Gardiner, Maine, and held evangelistic meetings in a rural schoolhouse, 1935-1936.

In 1938-1941 she worked in the Lewiston, Maine, district as Bible instructor; she assisted in evangelistic meetings, and preached at two church services each week. During her last six months in this district, Edith had full responsibility for seven churches, preached for three services each week, attended board meetings, and nominating committees, and



Karen L. Cress
Director of marketing
IMTS Healthcare
Diamond Springs, California
since 1993

Previously: 1986-1992, associate pastor, Tracy SDA church, Tracy, California.

Education: B.A. in theology and business administration, Walla Walla College, 1979. Graduate course work in counseling 1988-1992.

Seminars in counseling and family ministries; small group seminar, Fuller Theological Seminary.

Statement: "My ministry began as a child. God called me to ministry when I was in the third grade and I have followed that calling since then. Many times I have wondered about the calling, but through it all, God has always shown His love for me.

"I am still involved in my local church where my husband is senior pastor (Placerville, California). God uses me in Christian counseling many times with positive results. I know God has called me to ministry and look forward to a day when I can once again focus my full energies in ministry and be paid for this work."

helped each church raise its Ingathering goal.

From 1941-1942 she worked in the Portsmouth, New Hampshire district, as a Bible instructor, preaching one church service each week, and conducting a branch Sabbath school.

As a missionary in Beirut, Lebanon, 1944-1960, she taught at Middle East College, trained students as Master Guides, gave Bible studies, conducted branch Sabbath schools, and began the first Pathfinder Club in Lebanon for national children.

Most recently she has taught at Andrews Academy in Berrien Springs, Michigan.

Education: B.A. from Atlantic Union College in 1935 where she took two pastoral training classes. One of them was listed in the bulletin as "a class for young men planning to enter the ministry."

M.A. in education and English, Pacific Union College, 1950.

Statement: "The summer after my baptism I was visiting in the home of a pastor who, in addition to his care of several churches, was having wonderful experiences in White River Junction, Vermont, in evangelistic meetings. I wanted to have a part in those kinds of experiences."



Janice Eiseman Daffern
Director, Fredericktowne
Pastoral Counseling Center
Frederick, Maryland
since 1992

Previously: Associate pastor, Sligo SDA Church, Takoma Park, Maryland, 1980-1987.

Education: B.A. in theology, Loma Linda University, 1978; M.Div., SDA Theological Seminary, 1988; currently enrolled in D.Min. in pastoral counseling and psychotherapy, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary since 1990; certificate in pastoral counseling

and psychotherapy from the Institute of Pastoral Counseling and Psychotherapy.

Statement: "From my earliest childhood I have been captivated by the life of the church. I was well nurtured in the Seventh-day Adventist congregations in which I grew up including a small church in Farmington, New Mexico, and the large institutional church in Mountain View, California.

"As an academy student I expressed an interest in ministry but it was not until my junior year in college that I finally decided to answer the call to pastoral work. This vocational tug led me to the SDA Theological Seminary and a call to become an associate pastor at Sligo church.

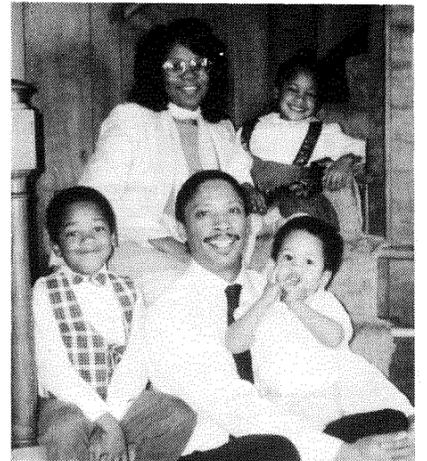
"The highlight of my ministry at Sligo was being one of the first women in recent SDA history to perform baptisms. However, I found the conflict in the Adventist Church regarding the ordination of women to be deeply demoralizing.

"In 1988 I entered training to become a pastoral counselor. In my contact with a cross-section of Christian ministers, men and women, I experienced a rebirth of my call. In 1992 I was ordained to ministry in the United Church of Christ with a call to develop a pastoral counseling center. I continue to be nurtured and to offer nurture in my new denomination, and I thank God for the opportunity to be with women and men of many faith groups on this challenging and joyful path."

Wanda Grimes Davis
Manager, pastoral care and volunteer services
Regional Medical Center
at Memphis, Tennessee
since 1984

Education: BA in social welfare, Morgan State College, 1973. MA in theology and counseling, Andrews University, 1983. Five units of CPE IN 1984.

Statement: "It was my intention to get a MSW and provide Christian counseling. But I found chaplaincy was a blend of both. God opened doors for employment in a public hospital and I now manage a staff of seven ministers and coordinate volunteer activities for the entire hospital. God has blessed!"



Wanda Grimes Davis with husband, Arthur, and sons Jared (7), Arville (5), and Ethan (2).



Shirley Ponder performs a wedding in Loma Linda, California.



Hyveth Williams, pastor of the Boston Temple, performs a wedding.



Elly Economou has translated 11 of Ellen White's books from English into Greek for believers in her home country.

Elly Economou
Professor of religion
Andrews University
Berrien Springs, Michigan
since 1967

Previously: Served as an interpreter for the Greek Mission before emigrating to the United States.

Currently: In addition to her teaching load, Elly Economou engages in a personal mission of translating Ellen White's books from English into Greek. She is completing her 11th volume of this labor of love.

Education: Standard college degree from Anatolia Junior College, Thessalonica, Greece; B.A. in biblical languages, French,

and German, Pacific Union College, 1966; M.A. in biblical languages, Andrews University, 1967; Ph.D. in religious studies, Université de Strasbourg, Strasbourg, France, 1976.

Statement: "As a young teenager converted to Adventism, I embraced God's truth so wholeheartedly that I was convinced He had a special plan for my life. I have sought the guidance of the Holy Spirit while pursuing my education and I am very happy with the way He has led me. Young people have a special place in my thoughts and heart. As I teach religion classes I also counsel, study, guide, and pray with students. This fills my cup to the brim."



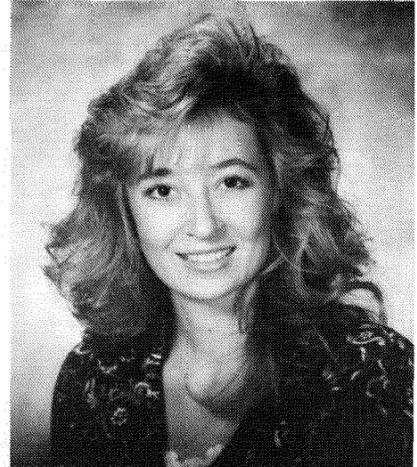
Gail Skilton-Enikeev
Director of
metropolitan evangelism
Carolina Conference
since 1991

Previously: Administrator in training for nursing home administration, 1991; associate pastor of personal evangelism, Shadyside SDA church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 1990; coordinator for evangelism, Church Growth Institute, Southern Union, 1986-1990. Bible instructor, Hinsdale SDA church, 1984-1985; assistant administrator, Adventist Home Health Services, 1982-1984. Nursing positions in Texas and California.

Education: A.A. in science, Kettering College, 1972; R.N., 1972; B.A. in religion, Southwestern Adventist College, 1981. CPE training, Parkland Memorial Hospital, Dallas, Texas, 1983.

Currently: Holds ministerial license, Carolina Conference, 1991 to the present.

Statement: "When I accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior of my life He called and gifted me to share the Good News. His persistent invitation and guidance into ministry has left me with no other option than to do what I'm doing now."



Jennifer Lea Ferrell
Associate pastor
University church
Loma Linda, California since 1991

Education: A.A. in respiratory therapy, B.A. in pastoral theology, Columbia Union College, 1991. Enrolled in M.Div. program at Fuller Theological Seminary as a part-time student.

Statement: "College influences from respected teachers Richard Fredericks, Bertram Melbourne, and college chaplain Randy Wisbey led me to my decision for ministry. College campus ministry experiences and short-term mission work also inspired me to make such a career choice."

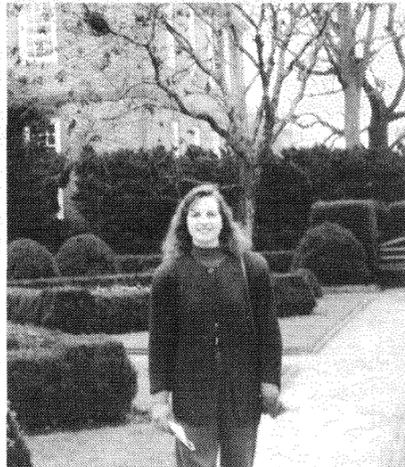


Geneva M. Fisher
Staff chaplain
Kettering Medical Center
Kettering, Ohio
1989-1993, now retired

Previously: As a lay-minister, volunteered at the Washington Manor Nursing Home, at Kettering and Sycamore hospitals in Dayton, Ohio, and, in the 1970s, at the Bay Pines Veterans Hospital in St. Petersburg, Florida. In 1990 was ordained as an elder in the Centerville SDA church in Ohio.

Education: First quarter of CPE, 1977; additional CPE in 1990.

Statement: "Until my retirement in November 1993 my spiritual gift of help others was best exercised in chaplaincy work. Now I find that God offers me that opportunity in other places. I founded and lead out in a support group in my church for Adult Children of Dysfunctional Families. I use the phone, letters, and visits to minister and help others."



Anne Freed
Assistant professor
of religion
Pacific Union College
since July 1, 1994

Previously: Student chaplain, Andrews University, 1990-1991; intern pastor, Mountain View SDA church, California, summer 1991.

Education: B.A. in history, Pacific Union College, 1988; 1 quarter of CPE, 1988; M.A. in religion, Andrews University, 1992; recently has been enrolled as a Ph.D. student at Baylor University, Waco, Texas.

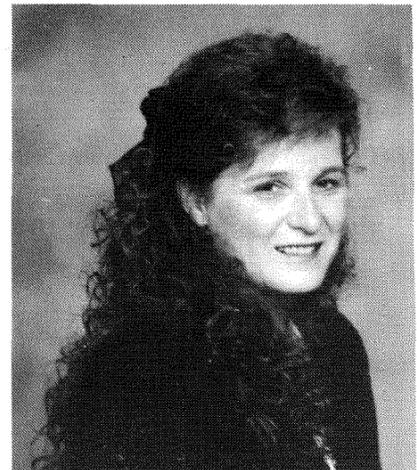
Statement: "I participated in a quarter of clinical pastoral education with three other women from various denominations. Each expressed a deep interest in and had many talents for pastoral counseling. These women inspired me to explore graduate studies in religion. After several opportunities to teach on the high school and college level, I feel called to minister among college students."



L. Diane Dunlap Forsyth
Administrative secretary
Battelle Pacific NW Laboratories
Richland, Washington
since 1992

Previously: Instructor, School of Theology, Walla Walla College, 1974-1984; associate pastor, Walla Walla College church, Washington, 1981-1987; associate pastor, University church, Loma Linda, California, 1987-1990; chaplain, Glendale Adventist Medical Center, California, 1990-1992.

Education: B.A. in theology, minor in biblical languages, Walla Walla College, 1974; M.A. in religion, Andrews University, 1977; CPE training at Tri-Cities Chaplaincy & Providence Medical Center, 1984-1986; enrolled in a degree equivalent to a D.Min., emphasis in spiritual formation, Fuller Seminary, Mt.



Lynaia Shachno-Freund
Chaplain, Loma Linda
University Medical Center
since 1991

Education: B.S. in psychology, Southwestern Adventist College, 1991; completed four quarters of CPE, Loma Linda University, 1993; training in 1993 as a drug and alcohol recovery specialist.

Statement: "I came to Loma Linda University for one unit of CPE and ended up taking a full year with an emphasis on drug and alcohol rehabilitation. I love it! Now I split my time between Loma Linda University Medical Center and the Behavioral Medical Center Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Unit. Since I have always had a special interest in how the spiritual influences both our emotional and physical healing, I feel blessed indeed to have this unique opportunity to work in both of these intense areas of ministry."

St. Mary's College, and Shalem Institute, Washington, D.C.

Statement: "My ministry is an expression of who I have always been—a child of God drawn to Bible study and prayer who wants to draw others to the same. Why do I feel called? You may as well ask why I get hungry or thirsty."



Linda Lane Gage
Mental health counselor
College Place, Washington
since 1992

Previously: Pastor's wife, 1959-1979; associate pastor, Glendale, California, 1982-1986; chaplain, Loma Linda University Medical Center, 1988; church counselor, Woodinville, Washington, 1990-1992.

Education: Course work in religion and early childhood education, Union College, Walla Walla College, Loma Linda University; M.A. in human development, Pacific Oaks College, 1983; two quarters of CPE, Loma Linda University Medical Center, 1987; advanced quarter of CPE, Children's Hospital, Seattle, Washington, 1988.

Statement: "I often watch in wonder at the work of grace in pain-filled lives and I think, 'Lord, thank you for letting me be here to see your work.' It seems, looking back, that ministry has always been simply following the path God opened before me. I feel motivated by a longing to be part of the work of the Comforter, the Counselor that Jesus sends to lead us to spiritual healing ('all truth'). I watch and rest in the power of love that 'casts out fear,' that changes lives, and is all sufficient for others and for me."



Kendra Jo Haloviak
Instructor in religion
Columbia Union College
since 1993

Previously: Intern pastor, Kettering SDA church, Kettering, Ohio, 1989-1990; part-time associate pastor, All Nations SDA church, Berrien Springs, Michigan, 1990-1991; associate pastor, Sligo SDA church, Takoma Park, MD, 1991-1992.

Education: B.A. in theology and English, Columbia Union College, 1989; M.A. in religion (NT), Andrews University, 1991; entering a Ph.D. program at Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California, September 1994.

Statement: "The initial influence on my decision to enter the pastoral ministry came from parents who told me I could do anything God wanted me to do. They believed in



Maybelle Vandermark Goransson
Retired, living in
Clermont, Florida
since 1972

Previously: Associate pastor, assisting Lester Coon in a Virginia district, 1932; after he moved, pastored the district alone from 1933-1935; became departmental secretary for Sabbath school, education, lay activities, and youth activities in West Virginia Conference, 1935-1940.

Bible teacher (particularly known for her Daniel and Revelation classes) at Washington Missionary College, and assistant dean of women, 1940-1952.

Assistant secretary of the General Conference Lay Activities Department, 1952-1962, 1964-1972, with emphasis in community services and Dorcas leadership.

Since retiring, she was married at age 65 to William Goransson. They have filled at least six SOS assignments in the Dominican Republic, Indonesia, Mexico, West Indies, and Okinawa. In their 80s they started the first Adventist work in the Galapagos Islands.

Education: B.A. in religion, Washington Missionary College, 1932; M.A. in archaeology, SDA Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C., 1949.

Statement: "Why did I want to become a minister and Bible teacher? I never thought of anything else! The pastor who baptized me said, 'Go to college.' I went because I yearned to study the Bible; I took all the courses they had so the college graduated me from the ministerial course. I have loved every opportunity I've had to share the three angels' message with others."

a God who empowers people. I believed them. As I began school, teachers affirmed my gifts and interests. I came to believe that one way God leads people is through the gifts and interests they have been given.

"1980 was a key year. At 13 I didn't understand all the controversy surrounding "Glacier View," but I knew something important had happened in my church. My parents and their close friends were involved in Bible study. That year I discovered that theology and Bible studies intrigued me.

"My academy principal and chaplain encouraged me to take leadership responsibilities in planning spiritual programs. I loved it. My favorite activities were preaching and teaching. I decided one of my college majors would be theology.

"As a college senior I received an invitation by the Ohio Conference to join the pastoral staff at Kettering. The pastors and church members gave me wonderful opportunities to minister; they provided a community where every gift was valued and where it is expected to be used.

"I am grateful to all of these individuals and situations where I was able to explore, at a young age, my interest and gifts. I believe God led them. I believe God led me."



Cherry Habenicht
Guidance counselor
Bible, French teacher,
vice principal
Wisconsin Academy
Columbus, Wisconsin

Previously: In the ministry of education for 25 years, Cherry Habenicht has taught at seven high schools or academies.

Because of her training in guidance, six years ago she was asked to teach two sections of senior Bible at Wisconsin Academy.

Currently: The part-time position has led to full-time work. In 1992 she was ordained as a local elder. She preaches frequently in area churches. She also writes for denominational magazines.

Statement: "My passion is to help people, particularly youth, to know that vibrant, fulfilling life is found in knowing God. He has woven many interests and experiences in my life to prepare me for youth ministry."



Viviane Haenni
Instructor and visiting professor
School of Religion
Walla Walla College
College Place, Washington
since 1993

Previously: Associate pastor, Geneva SDA church, Switzerland, 1982-1986.

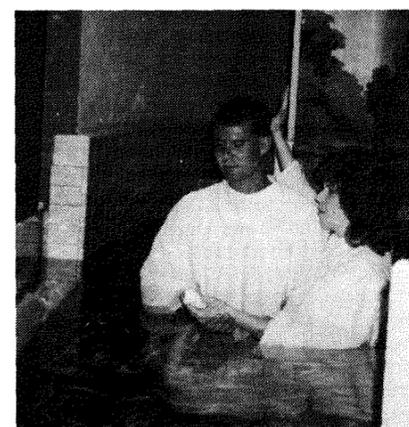
Education: B.A. in theology, Collonges, France, 1981; M.A. in history, Collonges; enrolled since 1987 as a Ph.D. student in Adventist studies, SDA Theological Seminary, Berrien Springs, Michigan. She has also taken studies in psychology, effectiveness training in parent education, neuro-linguistics, and leadership training at the Willow Creek Community church.

Statement: "I think a call to ministry always involves the mysterious ways of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit calls the young and the old, the wounded and the least of all people to become leaders in God's church."

"I first sensed God's call at age six while listening to a missionary from Africa. Through the years I was encouraged by my parents and grandparents; by Rose Mary Cornaz, an



Viviane Haenni, from Switzerland, conducts a wedding.



Kendra Haloviak baptizes Joseph Sky on August 8, 1992, in Takoma Park, Maryland.

Adventist pastor-evangelist; and Pastor Gerard Fratianni who gave me responsibilities at age 14 to organize our youth group and preach in my home church. Later, Pastor Robert Zamora helped me rekindle my sense of calling for the pastorate when I took classes from him at Columbia Union College in 1977.

"I feel called to pastoral leadership because I need to honor God and the precious gifts the Holy Spirit has poured into my life. These make me accountable to witness as part of the Body of Christ."



Sali Jo Hand
Senior pastor
Safford-Willcox
SDA churches
Arizona, since 1992

Previously: Associate pastor, Desert Valley SDA church, Tucson, Arizona, 1989-1992.

Currently: On June 18, 1993, at the Arizona camp meeting, Hand fully participated with her male counterparts in an ordination service. Afterwards, males were granted an ordained minister's license, while she received a commissioned minister's license, since the SDA Church does not recognize ordination for women at this time.

Education: B.A. in art and theology, Union College, 1987; M.Div., SDA Theological Seminary, 1989.

Statement: "I grew up in a Christian home, believing in a God who loved me and all people, but uncertain as to why Jesus died on a cross. My faith in this God of love shattered to atheism by my father's alcoholism, the Vietnam War, and racial inequalities which bombarded my psyche at age 13. I groped desperately in my dark places looking for spiritual enlightenment and hope.

"I found nothing until an SDA pastor studied the Bible with me, providing answers to my anxious questioning about God, death, and life. The personal joy I experienced in finding salvation, peace, and hope in Jesus Christ prompted me to commit my life to ministry. My highest joy is sharing the reality of the gospel with lost seekers for truth."



Pat Hart
Chaplain
Porter Memorial Hospital
Denver, Colorado
since 1990

Education: B.S. in community service with a religion minor, Southern College, 1968; studies at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; five quarters of CPE completed in 1990; enrolled in M.A. in pastoral ministry program, Andrews University.

Statement: "The glory of Jesus is paramount to me. I live for Him."



Carolyn J. Hanley
Chaplain
Mercy Memorial Medical Center
St. Joseph, Michigan
since 1990

Previously: Special education and adult education teacher in Wayne, Michigan and Lenox, Massachusetts, 1968-1988.

Education: B.A. in special education, Eastern Michigan University, 1968; M.A. in pastoral ministry, St. Joseph College, W. Hartford, Connecticut, 1990; four quarters of CPE completed in 1994; five courses at SDA Theological Seminary to qualify for ecclesiastical approval for chaplaincy by SDA Church.

Statement: "I've always felt called to ministry. During a time when I was hospitalized, I paid attention to the pastoral care I received. Some years later I found God opening doors for me in this work when, educationally speaking, I was the most unlikely candidate. God knew what to do. I have absolutely loved this work."



Liisa Hawes
Graduate student in
marriage and family studies
Canadian Union College
Alberta, British Columbia

Previously: Associate pastor in the Ontario Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 1992 to 1994.

Education: B.A. in religious studies, Canadian Union College, 1990; course work toward M.A. in religious studies, University of Calgary, 1990-1992.

Statement: "In Cradle Roll I learned to sing 'We are a Missionary Band.' I took it personally, seriously. Still do."



Madelynn Jones Haldeman
Associate professor
of New Testament Studies
La Sierra University
since 1966

Previously: Madelynn Haldeman has taught academy Bible, been professor of biblical studies and department chair at Kingsway College, Ontario, Canada, and a contract teacher in New Testament studies at Andrews University, Riverside.

Currently: For the past 25 years she has been a member of the faculty of the School of Religion at La Sierra University, formerly Loma Linda University.

She has published numerous articles in the *Adventist Review*, *Spectrum*, and the *Journal of Psychology and Christianity*. She is in demand for speaking appointments, sermons, and weekend workshops. Currently she is an elder in the La Sierra University church and teaches a Sabbath school class.

She is the first female president of the Adventist Society of Religious Studies.

Education: B.A. in theology and German from Columbia Union College, 1948; M.A. in systematic theology and biblical languages, SDA Theological Seminary, 1949; Th.D. in biblical theology and exegesis, with an emphasis in Pauline and Petrine Theology, Andrews University, 1988.

Statement: "At my mother's knee I learned the Bible and determined, as a very young child, to become a minister. Upon graduation from college and the seminary, I was denied the opportunity to intern as a minister because I was a woman. Teaching became my alternative profession."

Margaret (Peg) Hempe
Associate pastor, part-time
University church
Loma Linda, California
since retirement in 1989

Previously: In 1966 joined the University church staff as a Bible instructor. Became a "parish visitor" in 1973, and soon after was designated as an associate pastor in this 6,000-member congregation. Since retirement in 1989 she continues to conduct divorce recovery groups and other ministries to singles and retirees in the Loma Linda community.

Statement: "Despite challenging transitions and a divorce in the 1960s, I determined that I was not going to let any pain go to waste. I would use it to help others. I prayed for the Lord to open the way, and the opportunity came to serve at the University church. Helping pained people change their focus—from what they've lost to what they can become with God's help, to help change their attitudes toward life—this has been God's gift for me to pass on to others. My own painful transitions have provided the challenge for adventure and spiritual growth, for through them I have learned to lean more heavily on Jesus Christ than ever before."

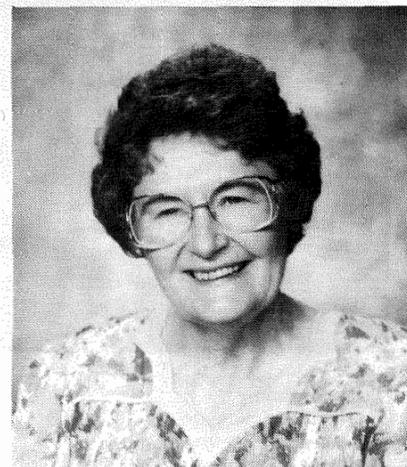


Ginger Hanks Harwood
Contract religion teacher
La Sierra University
since 1993

Previously: Harwood has been an elementary teacher, a chaplain at Porter Memorial Hospital in Denver, and has taught on the religion faculty at Pacific Union College. She currently is a contract teacher for La Sierra and Loma Linda universities in the religion department.

Education: B.A. and M.A. degrees in sociology from California State University/Chico in 1972 and 1974 respectively. Ph.D. in religious and theological studies from the University of Denver and Illif School of Theology joint doctoral program in 1991. Four quarters of CPE at Bethesda Psych Hospital.

Statement: "Calling has two dimensions: an internal voice which bids one to follow the path of ministry, and, secondarily, the external confirmation by those to whom ministry is extended. For myself, I recognize the call to minister by paying attention to what makes me feel alive. When I am studying Scripture and sharing it, planning and participating in worship services, being present with others as they are trying to sort out their personal sense of faith and direction, I know that I am doing what I am supposed to be doing for myself and others."



Margaret Hempe



Margaret Hempe baptizes Judy Donaldson in Loma Linda, California, on March 11, 1989.

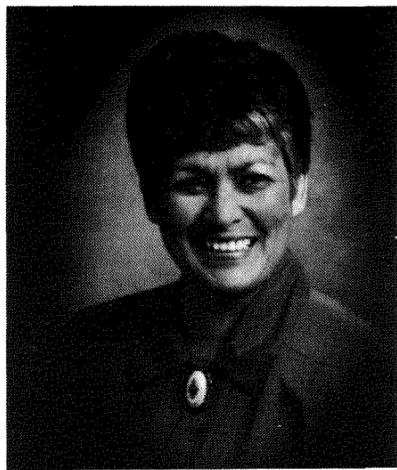


Susan Jacobsen
M.A. student in theology
La Sierra University
since 1988

Previously: Full-time mother. In 1992 a founder and continuing organizer of Women's Church, La Sierra University campus.

Education: B.A. in English and history, Pacific Union College, 1970; graduate studies in English literature, University of California/Riverside.

Statement: "I began theological studies as part of my personal growth and to examine SDA theological issues. While these goals are still important, the impetus for my study has come from a desire to integrate theology with women and to have the necessary credentials to write clearly about theology for Christian lay people."



Gloria Joshua
Coordinating chaplain
Southwestern Regional Center
Blenheim, Ontario
Canada
since 1988

Previously: Dean of women at Kingsway College.

Education: Bible instructor's diploma at Newbold College, England, 1962. Five quarters of CPE (three on the advanced level) at Kettering Medical Center, 1986-1987. B.A. in theology, Canadian Union College, 1994. Enrolled in M.A. in religion, University of Windsor since 1993.

Statement: "I've always been in ministry and feel called because my heart is in ministry, and particularly, a ministry of healing. Healing—because we are all broken people in some area of our lives. I want to touch people with the love of Jesus and allow Him to make them whole."



Susan Jacobsen, founder of Women's Church in Riverside, California, leads a worship service entitled "As Women of Old We Walk," including Carter Heyward's "Blessing the Bread."



Angel C. Johnson
M.Div. student
SDA Theological Seminary
Berrien Springs,
Michigan, since 1993

Education: Completed a B.A. in theology/education at Pacific Union College in 1993.

Statement: "God has been calling me from the very beginning to do his work. He has been directing my steps and guiding my path to put me where I am today. I am happy to work for God because I love to tell others about my best friend, Jesus."



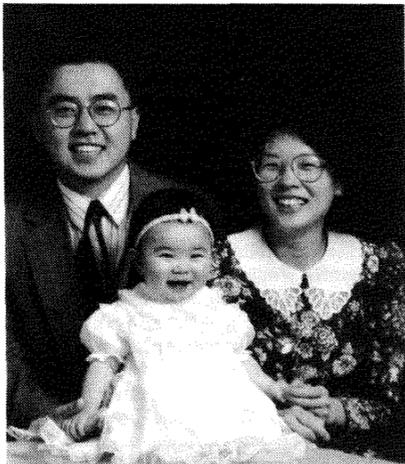
Audray Johnson
Department director
for family, health/temperance,
women's ministries, and
religious liberty
Southeastern California Conference
since 1980.

Previously: Nurse and pastor's wife, 1957-1970; conference employee, 1971-1979. In current work preaches throughout the conference on a regular basis.

Education/training: graduate work in counseling and 2000 hours supervised counseling experience; graduate studies in religion.

Statement: "I have known since about age 10 that I was called to ministry at a time (and era) when there were no role models except Ellen White and, according to some, 'she doesn't count.' It never occurred to me to think in terms of 'fighting' for a place in ministry. So I took nursing.

"But I knew all along what I'd been called to do. I awakened many times to the remembrance of dreams in which I had been preaching and doing other pastoral work. I was aware that God was telling me something. Furthermore, I'd never seen or heard of a woman ever doing such things, so can only believe God had His hand in this."



Sophia Kang with her husband, Chil, and their baby daughter.

Sophia Kang
Former pastor, now
full-time mother
since 1993

Previously: Youth pastor, Westmont Korean SDA church, Westmont, Illinois, 1991-1993.

Education: B.A. in religion, minor in chemistry, from Andrews University, 1991; M.Div., SDA Theological Seminary, 1993.

Statement: "I wanted to study more theology after my conversion experience in 1987. I wanted to be a competent Bible teacher and theologian. I am seeking God's guidance as to what to do after the children have grown up a bit."



Lucile Knapp
Professor emerita of
New Testament Studies
Walla Walla College
since retirement in 1990

Previously: Taught religion at Walla Walla College from 1961 to 1990.

Education: B.A. in biblical languages, Walla Walla College, 1947. The first woman known to be sponsored to the SDA Theological Seminary for training. Sent by the North Pacific Union to obtain an M.A. in biblical languages and archaeology, a degree she earned in 1949.

Statement: "Before my birth I was promised to the Lord in 'a deal' my mother made with God. Early on I concluded God must be a lot like my big, accepting, nurturing father. From my mother I gained a deep love for literature and the courage to think for myself.

"Led by a favorite college teacher through a maze of Greek and Hebrew verbs and nouns, ancient history and archaeology, I was inspired to learn life's questions even when the answers might not always be so apparent. 'God can use an Amos,' my teacher would say, 'but not an ignoramus.'

"A pioneer of sorts, I was often the only female among my college and seminary classmates. I was also the lone woman on the the-



Sali Jo Hand performs the wedding of her son, Lucian, and Heather Kahlor, December 27, 1992.

ology staff at Walla Walla College and many professional meetings. Yet this has in many ways prepared me for the aloneness that was and continues to be part of my life.

"I congratulate AAW and its sister organizations in their various efforts to provide a sense of fellowship among all those women who minister in God's name."

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Esther F. Ramharacksingh Knott
Associate pastor
Sligo SDA church
since 1990

Previously: Campus chaplain, Broadview Academy, Illinois, 1980-1993; assistant campus chaplain, Andrews University, 1988-1990; director, Adventist Heritage Project, North American Division Education Department, 1987-1990.

Education: B.A. in religion, Andrews University, 1980; M.A. in religious education, Andrews University, 1987.

Statement: "My sophomore year in college I read a book by Charles Sheldon called *In His Steps*. It asked the question, 'What would Jesus do?' With that in mind I accepted a summer job offer to work on the Hinsdale, Illinois ACTeam. for the first time in my life I gave a Bible study. I helped people see God in a new light and they learned to love him.

"When I went back to school I changed my minor to religion but still wasn't at peace. Finally, my senior year, I switched to a religion major. After graduation in 1980 God slowly opened one door after another. I knew I was doing His will. I believe that 'A woman's place is in her Father's business.'"



Esther Ramharacksingh Knott (right) baptizes Kamla Pariadhaven in Takoma Park, Maryland, on March 26, 1994.



Teresa Gay Hoover Krueger
Relief chaplain
Adventist Home Health Services, Inc.
Silver Spring
Maryland, since 1993

Previously: Chaplain, Loma Linda Hospice, California, 1986; director of activities and spiritual care coordinator, Shady Grove Adventist Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Maryland, 1987-1989; on-call chaplain, Montgomery General Hospital, Maryland, 1989-1990; volunteer associate pastor, SDA Church, Damascus, Maryland, 1992-1993.

Education: B.A. in home economics education, 1979, Columbia Union College; M.A. in religion, Loma Linda University, 1986. CPE training, 1986.

Statement: "I felt called to the ministry when I was a sophomore in academy. However, in 1971 a woman minister was only defined as a Shepherdess in the area where I lived.

"So I prepared myself the best I could, by interviewing the wives of ministers and pursuing music and home economics in school. I took the opportunity to rethink my calling when I graduated from college in 1979. At that point I was still not married, and now had role models of woman pastors, including Josephine Benton and Francis Wiegand.

"I continued my education with the peace of believing I had the gifts to be an effective chaplain. I have felt fulfilled each time I have had the opportunity to use these gifts in the Lord's work. I have never doubted my calling, but have discovered that it is not a destination to be reached. My call has been a journey that continues to reveal new gifts, new opportunities, and new challenges."



Tammy J. Losey
Team ministry and
associate pastor,
director of
women's ministries
Hanford, California church
since 1989



Delcy Kuhlman
Director
Still Waters, Inc.
retreat ministry
since 1989

Previously: Chaplain, Memorial Hospital, South Bend, Indiana, 1982-1988, as a volunteer, and staff chaplain, 1988-1989.

Education: M.Div., SDA Theological Seminary, 1986. Spiritual guidance from the Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation, 1989-1991. Four units of CPE training, 1986-1987.

Statement: "For me, it seems that God's call to the ministry of hospital chaplaincy was an avenue rather than a destination. While ministry to the sick and their families was rewarding, I experienced a growing sense of frustration. I might be able to tell someone 'about' God but rarely had time to help them come to 'know' God in a complete way.

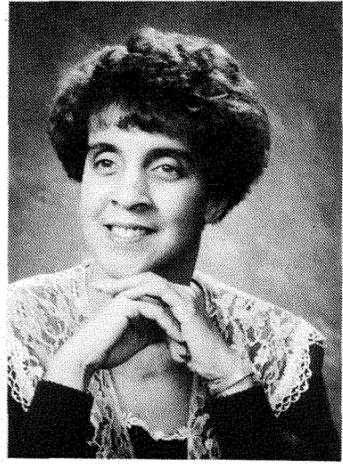
"During chaplaincy years, my own spiritual journey became alive through 'knowing' God rather than simply knowing about God. Through silence and solitude, with companionship of a spiritual friend. I came to know God. This knowing impels me to help others to meet God in this way. God has led each step of the way in making a place here at Still Waters where people can be alone with Him. It is here that I can serve—in the kitchen, the gardens, or listening with someone to discern how God might be leading in their life journeys."

Previously: Literature evangelist, 1976; student missionary to Bangkok, Thailand, 1977-1978; summer extern at Vacaville SDA church, Vacaville, California, 1979; externship, co-pastor with husband in Mira Loma SDA church, California, 1980-1982; Bible instructor, Fresno Central SDA church, California, 1987; associate pastor for church growth, Visalia SDA church, California, 1988-1989.

Education: B.A. in theology, La Sierra University, 1981. Currently enrolled in M.A. in pastoral ministry, Andrews University, seminary extension program.

Statement: "I was converted at the age of 17 and, like the woman of Samaria, felt compelled by the love of Jesus—compelled to tell others about what this great and magnificent God and Friend was doing in my life.

"Escaping from the clutches of this world, my only desire was to serve Christ. Receiving affirmation from the people I served, I felt called to enter the pastoral ministry. The Lord has blessed me with a wonderful husband who is also a pastor. As Ken and I have gained experience, we believe the Lord is continually shaping and molding us as a husband/wife team ever desiring to serve God and the church we love with energy and enthusiasm."



Ifeoma Ijunanya Kwesi
Pastor
Oak Park SDA church
San Diego
California, since 1993

Previously: Associate pastor, All Nations church, Berrien Springs, Michigan, 1991-1993.

Education: B.A. in psychology, history, 1972, University of South Alabama; graduate studies in social work, 1977-1978; law school, 1983-1984; M.Div., SDA Theological Seminary, 1993.

Statement: "I am a pastor because that is what God wants me to be. God told me in September 1989 that He wanted me 'to preach the Word.' I asked for a sign. God gave me three signs within the following week.

"I've been following God's lead since then but throughout my academic and spiritual preparation at Oakwood College and Andrews University I had no idea where we were going. I didn't send out one résumé so I know this is what God wants me to do at this time."



Ifeoma Kwesi (right), pastor in San Diego, California, conducts a wedding.



Joyce Hanscom Lorntz
Associate pastor
Hendersonville SDA church
Fletcher, North Carolina
since 1991

Previously: Counselor in private practice, 1985-1989; chaplain, Loma Linda University Medical Center.

Education: B.S. in music education, Atlantic Union College, 1968; A.S. in nursing, 1969; M.P.H., Loma Linda University, 1987; M.A. in counseling, Liberty University, 1990; Ph.D. in human services (counseling), Walden University, 1992. Two units of CPE. Licensed pastoral counselor. Certified by the National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC).

Statement: "Many have influenced me in my journey into ministry. My father was an outspoken, cause-oriented man who never shied at making the 'impossible' happen. My mother was a quiet woman who knew no enemies or bitterness or unhealthy anger. Coming from the dichotomous, complex relationship of my mother and father has been a gift and a curse. I have found myself wandering around trying to find a gentle strength...sometimes unhealthily gentle and sometimes unhealthily strong. But always searching for ways to minister.

"Jerry Davis, pastoral director at the Loma Linda University Medical Center, role modeled to me a natural way of accepting and affirming people, the sick and the well. Perhaps more than anyone other than my husband, Jerry Davis has blessed my ministry and believed that God could and would use me in a profound way. My husband John has blessed me as human, a woman, a lover, and a pastor. He suffers with me when I stumble and delights in my growth."



Joyce Lorntz officiates at the wedding of Jim and Annette Burleson in Hendersonville, North Carolina, 1993.



Karin Lundberg
Pastor in the
Swedish SDA Union
since 1991

Education: Theology course work at Bethel Baptist Seminary in Sweden, 1986-1987; BA in theology, Newbold College, 1990. 12 credits of course work through Andrews University field school, 1993.

Previously: Congregation assistant, Stockholm SDA church, 1985-1986. Student women's chaplain, Newbold College, England, 1989-1990. Assistant to the ADRA director (volunteer) in the African-Indian



Barbara McCoy
Associate pastor
Forest Lake SDA church
Florida
since 1986

Previously: Bible instructor in Missouri Conference, 1980-1981; Bible instructor in Jacksonville, Florida, 1981-1985.

Education: B.A. in special education, Paterson State College, 1975; in 1990 enrolled in M.A. in ministry program, Andrews University extension program.

Statement: "Pastoral ministry is very comfortable for me. I love my job and nothing else could bring me such satisfaction. I love the challenge of teaching those who do not understand the Bible. I love watching God work in the lives of people and bringing them to decisions.

"I also enjoy working with our children's ministry. I greatly desire to see our children 'love' to come to Sabbath school and learn that the greatest thing in the world is to enjoy the love of Jesus and be in relationship with Him.

"I feel called because nothing else can satisfy my inner being. This is not my job; besides my husband and daughter, it is my love."

Ocean Division, Abidjan, Ivory Coast, 1990-1991.

Statement: "My father was the first and most important incentive to my becoming a pastor, since he so obviously enjoyed his calling to ministry. It seemed to fulfill him. So I saw it as an option when considering my career.

"I prayer to God for three years to tell me what to do about my life, as I wanted Him to lead, and I would never consider the ministry if I wasn't called to it. God answered my prayer very clearly and called me to the ministry.

"It did not enter my mind that me being a woman would make a difference. Sweden is a very good country to work in as a female SDA pastor, both with the union leaders, my colleagues, and with lay persons. I get to do the most important thing one can: work for God and for the saving of souls full-time, and be paid for it.

"Personally, I enjoy this ministry because I can use so many of my talents in this work: musical, lingual, administrative, leadership, counseling and relating to children. Ministry always involves people and never gets boring."



Jenny Emery-McBride and her husband, Jim.

Jenny Emery-McBride
Part-time pastor
on volunteer basis
Rocky Mountain Conference

Currently: Medical technologist at Porter Memorial Hospital since 1981. As a volunteer, serves on Rocky Mountain Conference Evangelism Task Force, preaches twice a month at area churches, teaches lay training classes in preaching, does funerals and baby dedications.

Education: B.S. in medical technology, Loma Linda University, 1977. M.Div. from Denver Seminary, 1991, with an emphasis in homiletics. In 1989 one quarter of basic CPE in 1989, and one quarter of chaplaincy internship at Porter Memorial Hospital.

Statement: "I have been involved with the work of the church ever since childhood. It wasn't, however, until I was left as a single parent that I learned how to distinguish church work from my relationship with Christ.

"As I learned greater dependency upon Christ, I also began to have a burden to see our churches revived. I believe Spirit-filled lay people are the key to revival and church growth, so things like prayer and lay training excite me.

"I presently serve as a pulpit supply pastor for area churches, but look forward to the day when I will pastor my own church. Although I have considered other areas of ministry, I feel especially called to preach and train lay people for ministry."



Terri Lynch
Associate pastor
Port Charlotte, Florida
since 1993

Education: Course work at Lake City Community College, 1987-1988. BA in religion and a minor in biblical languages and practical theology, Southern College of Seventh-day Adventists, 1991. M.Div. at SDA Theological Seminary, 1993.

Statement: "Growing up in a small Seventh-day Adventist Church made up of people in a mostly older generation was difficult for me. It was a struggle not being able to associate with young people my own age. However, there were a few individuals who made a difference in my life. Many were in my family and some lived across the country. The simple truth is they were interested in me; they cared. That is the reason why I try to be someone who cares. We can preach Jesus until we are blue in the face, but until we show people who Jesus is, they will never know.

"When I was younger someone took time to care about me, to show me who Jesus was. I was compelled by Christ's love to return this love to others, and what better way than to care for His flock?"



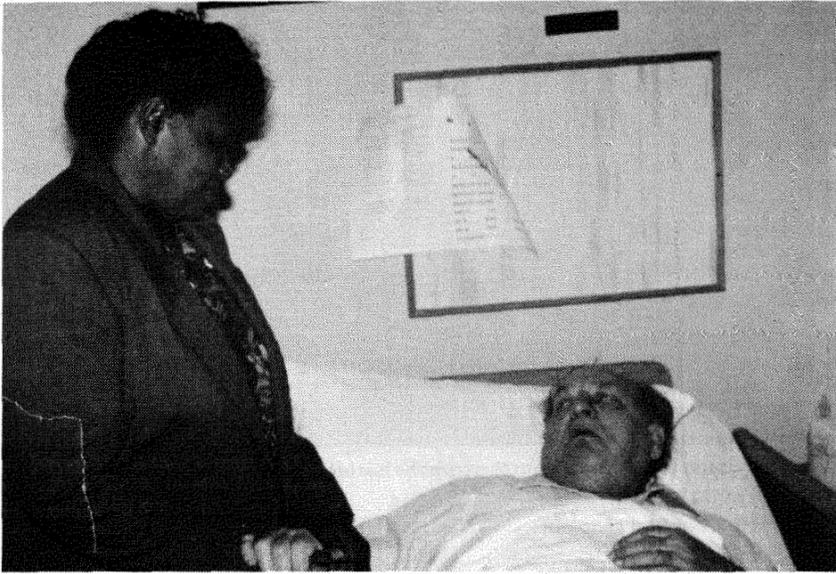
Tami Jo McGrew
Associate pastor for women
Azure Hills SDA church, California
since 1993

Education: R.N., Loma Linda University, 1978.

Statement: "I never considered pastoral work. My father is a pastor but when I was growing up no one, including myself, even thought of women in ministry. I did the expected thing and became a nurse but never enjoyed nursing.

"Eight years ago I began a small Women's Bible Study, which grew to about 400 in attendance. It became very clear to me that God had a plan for my life that I had never suspected.

"Last year I was invited to join the pastoral staff at Azure Hills. It has been a very exciting and rewarding time for me. I am waiting expectantly for the Lord's direction."



Chaplain Gloria McClaren visits one of her patients in Largo, Florida.

Gloria C. McLaren
Chaplain
Hospice of Florida Suncoast
Largo, Florida
since 1991

Previously: A nurse for 24 years.
Education: A.S. in nursing, Oakwood College, 1981; B.A. in religion, Oakwood College, 1986; M.A. in religious education, Andrews University, 1988; CPE training at South Bend General Hospital, and Kettering Medical Center, 1989-1990.

Statement: "After the death of my first

child (young adult) I was driven to attend college again. My focus at first was evangelism, but after a while the goal of chaplaincy became clear.

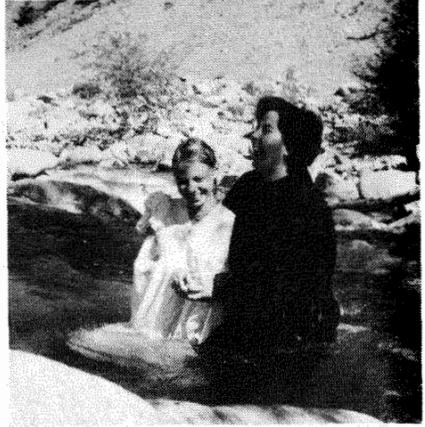
"When the way opened for me to begin CPE training I saw it as God's guiding me to pursue this course. I was the first student in the religious education course at Andrews University to obtain consent from the department to begin CPE. All necessary papers were signed and returned to the supervisor at the hospital. To me this confirmed without a shadow of doubt that Jesus was leading me. I enjoy my work fully."



Sheryll Prinz-McMillan
Pastor in the
Southeastern California
Conference
since 1986

Previously: From 1984-1986 a co-pastor at the Lake Berryessa SDA church while attending college. Associate pastor, Climesa SDA church, 1986-1987; sole pastor of the Forest Falls SDA church, 1990-1993; interim senior pastor, Corona SDA church, 1993; resident chaplain, Loma Linda University Medical Center, 1994; pastor of the Loma Linda Victoria church, 1994.

Education: B.A. in theology and German, Pacific Union College, 1986. M.Div. from SDA Theological Seminary, 1991; M.S. in marriage and family counseling, Loma Linda



Sheryll Prinz-McMillan baptizes Rosie Neuharth, July 1993, in Mill Creek, near Forest Falls, California.

University, 1992. Two quarters of CPE training, 1994; in 1993 American Association of Pastoral Counselors, PCT.

Statement: "I have been involved in pastoral tasks from a very early age. Bible studies, evangelism and teaching were part of my activities as a high-school and college student.

"I never thought I, a woman, would actually be able to do this type of work professionally until I was called to be a summeryouth pastor. After having the opportunity to 'officially' do ministry, I knew that it was where my heart was, and where my life should be.

"It is still the joy of ministering God's grace and healing to others that affirms my call to ministry. It is being with others in their smiles and tears that for me is truly ministry."



Beth McMurtry preaches evangelistic sermons in Newcastle, New South Wales, Australia.

Beth McMurtry
Evangelist and associate pastor
Wallsend and Hamilton Churches
Newcastle, New South Wales, Australia
since 1988

Previously: Associate pastor, Wahroonga Church, Greater Sydney Conference, 1982-1988, working with Pastor John Carter for years; Bible instructor, North New Zealand Conference, 1971-1973.

Education: Bible instructor's diploma, Avondale College, 1970.

Statement: "As an Anglican Sunday school superintendent and teacher I experienced the call to Adventist truth and minis-

try. I was deeply impressed with the scriptural teaching regarding the Sabbath and the state of the dead. My great love today is teaching and preaching the prophecies and distinctive Adventist doctrines.

"Public evangelism is foremost in my priorities, also seminar and health evangelism. I would like the privilege one day of conducting a crusade in Russia, or China, if it is the Lord's will. I am very much aware of the imminent return of Jesus and the need to allow Him to develop His character in our lives that God may be revealed to the thousands who know Him not. John 12:32."



Bronwen F. McQuistan
Chaplain now working as
administrative secretary
General Conference of SDA

Previously: Chaplain, Loma Linda University Medical Center, 1983-1989; chaplain, and then director of pastoral care at Medical Center Hospital, Punta Gorda, Florida, 1990-1993.

Education: secretarial certificate, Avondale College, Australia, 1971; counseling training, Institute of Counseling, 1982; CPE and M.A. course work, Loma Linda University, 1983-1984; B.A. in counseling and psychology, Columbia Pacific University, 1984.

Statement: "As a child and youth I felt very misunderstood and was not given opportunities to express who I was as a person. As I grew older I became very interested in helping validate people for who they were, especially in a crisis situation. This led me into chaplaincy training at Loma Linda where I joined the staff at the end of 1983.

"In a society where we are taught to repress our feelings, deny our needs, and feed our addictions, it is a challenge to encourage people to face their pain and grow into healthy, self-actualized children of God."



Annette O'Bannon and her husband, Albert.

Annette O'Bannon
Bible instructor
Southeastern California
Conference
since 1980

Previously: Bible instructor for Arizona Conference, 1977-1980; resource instructor, Redlands Unified School District, 1967-1977.

Statement: "It has always been easy for me to communicate with both adults and young people, and I have always tried to incorporate a combination of professionalism and warmth when dealing with people. I feel my faith in God and in people has also influenced me to enter the Bible instructor's ministry."



Beatrice S. Neall
Professor of religion
Union College.
Retired in 1993

Previously: Pastor's wife, New York Conference, 1949-1957; missionary in Southeast Asia Union Mission, 1957-1974, in the countries of Cambodia, Vietnam, and Singapore; Bible teacher at Southeast Asian Union College, 1971-1974; editor, *Southeast Asia Union Messenger*, 1971-1974; teacher of Bible and biblical languages, Union College, 1977-1993.

Author of many articles in the *Adventist Review*, *Ministry*, *Signs of the Times*, and *Spectrum* on devotional life, or biblical and theological topics. Author of many theological papers and three books: *The Prince and the Rebel*, a book widely distributed among Cambodian refugees and *Outside the Gate*, the story of the Great Controversy told in fantasy style. Neall's doctoral dissertation was entitled *The Concept of Character in the Apocalypse* (University Press of America, 1983).

Education: B.A. in religion, La Sierra College, 1949; M.A., Andrews University, religious education, 1971; Ph.D., Andrews University, in religious education, 1982.

Statement: "After I finished high school I felt the call of God at a revival meeting by Andrew Fearing. I majored in religion in college and have always loved studying and teaching the Bible. Winning souls to Christ is the greatest work one can do."



Norma Keough Osborn
Associate pastor
Sligo SDA church
Takoma Park, Maryland
since 1987

Previously: Teacher, John Nevins Andrews School, 1969-1973; reading teacher, public schools, Columbia, Maryland, 1974-1975; teacher, Sligo Adventist School, Takoma Park, Maryland, 1975-1980.

Education: B.S. in education, Columbia Union College, 1969; M.Ed., University of Maryland, 1976; enrolled in M.A. in Christian Discipleship and Mission, Wesley Theological Seminary.

Statement: "From my childhood, I knew I wanted to work with children as a teacher. After 10 fulfilling years in this field, I stayed home with my two young children during their preschool years. During this time I began to volunteer in community activities and at Sligo church as a Sabbath school teacher and as a leader with Vacation Bible School.

"In 1987 when both my children were ready for school, an unexpected opportunity arose which allowed me to work as a religious educator in a pastoral role. I feel the Lord led in this opportunity to serve as a pastor for children and eventually to many other pastoral roles. I am totally amazed but I believe with all my heart that God wants me here. His will for me is my priority."



Ingrid Palm stands in a small church where she has often preached in Vannas, Sweden.

Ingrid Albiner Palm
Formerly a hospital chaplain
in Sweden,
currently does prison ministry
at age 86

Previously: Teacher from 1930 to 1970 at the Swedish Junior College and Seminary (Ekebyholmsskolan) in Rimbo, Sweden; summers spent as chaplain at the sanitarium, 1973-65; pastored a church, 1970-1971; assistant chaplain at Hultafors Sanitarium, 1972-1976.

Statement: "My mother dedicated me before I was born to be an evangelist, doing the work that she felt called to do but left after two years (1894-1896)."

"I had a special experience with God when I was baptized in 1951. After an earnest prayer, God gave me Jeremiah 1:7-8. Then I was called by the brethren to teach Bible and work as a chaplain. When I was 35 years old I knelt before God and promised to speak *whenever and wherever I was called, whatever it would cost me.*

"God's grace to me has been beyond words. What a wonder to be saved and then be in God's work my whole life. I began canvassing in 1955 and in 1994 I am still doing some preaching. Oh my Lord, I thank Thee, but I will do it better when I can see you face-to-face."



Shirley Ponder

Shirley Ponder
Associate pastor
University church
Loma Linda, California
since 1985

Previously: Teacher in the Texas Conference, 1970-1972.

Education: B.S. in education, library science, Andrews University, 1968; CPE training in 1987.

Statement: "As a pastor's wife I have always been very involved in almost every aspect of ministry. So when I saw a desperate need in the area of children's ministry I took on the challenge. Working in the role of pastor here I have taken on different areas of ministry."



Collette Crowell Pekar

Collette Crowell Pekar
Associate pastor
Upper Columbia Conference
since 1981

Previously: Associate in pastoral care, Spokane Central church, 1981; assistant pastor, Yakima, Washington, 1985-1987; assistant pastor, Pendleton/Pilot Rock, Oregon, 1987-1989; associate pastor, St. Maries, Idaho, 1989 to the present.

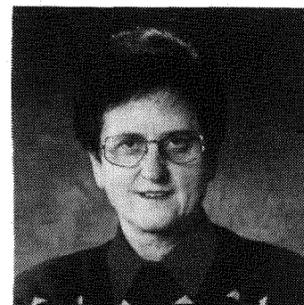
Education: B.A. in theology and elementary education, Walla Walla College, 1981; M.Div., Andrews University, 1985; enrolling in D.Min. program, extension school from Andrews University.

Statement: "I signed up for an exegesis class open only to theology majors, declaring a double major so they would allow me to take the course. Within weeks I realized that I *loved* to study and explain God's Word. Later that same quarter, I awoke in the night several times to hear God prompting me to change my major and my career plans.

"I had peace once I listened to this voice, and have never regretted my calling despite some very discouraging moments in denominational employment. It is a delightful privilege to be a spokeswomen of God's grace."



Margarete Prange conducts a wedding in Germany.



Margarete Prange
District pastor
Hamm, Germany
since 1985

Previously: Prior to being in Hamm, a district pastor in Galsenkirchen; associate pastor in other German churches from 1968-1975.

Education: Theological studies at Marienhoehe Seminary, Darmstadt, Germany, 1965-1968.

Statement: "I am in ministry because of this deep persuasion: Jesus Christ is the Savior of all people. As a consequence of this I had the desire to share this gift with others. So I have done it for 26 years!! And the Lord blessed me in this work. Amen."

Of note: It is believed the Margaret Prange is the only woman in her division being permitted to baptize the candidates she brings to Christ.



Jacquie Zyskoskee Randall
Pastoral counselor and marriage and family therapist
Thousand Oaks, California since 1991

Previously: Worked from 1977-1983 as a pastor's wife with no pay. From 1983-1990 worked as pastoral assistant, performing pastoral care duties, and received a stipend from the conference. From 1986 to the present has been a pastoral counselor in a church setting and also has a private practice as a therapist.

Education: B.S. in home economics, Southern College, 1974; M.S. in pastoral counseling, 1989; additional courses in counseling and theology.

Statement: "I have enjoyed ministry since my early twenties and have felt called to it as an individual Christian and as the wife of a pastor. I chose to further my education and training as a pastoral counselor for two reasons:

"(1) I was functioning as a pastoral counselor, although untrained, within the church setting. People were coming to me for help. I wanted to assist people more substantially in their healing and growth.

"(2) It was imperative that I contribute more than a 'stipend amount' to the household income. Yet I wanted to remain in a career that was fulfilling to me. Since finding a salaried position in pastoral counseling within a congregation or conference has not been feasible, I have entered private practice."



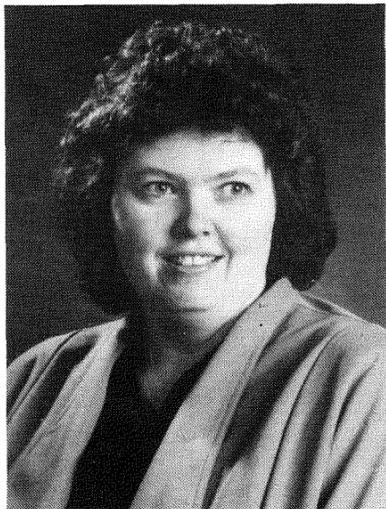
Lolita Spight Reed
M.Div. student
SDA Theological Seminary
Berrien Springs, Michigan, since 1993

Education: Theology major, Oakwood College, 1988-1991; B.A. in religion and behavioral science, Andrews University, 1993; expects to complete M.Div. in 1995.

Statement: "My call into the ministry as a prison chaplain came according to Ephesians 3:7: 'Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace God giveth unto me by the effectual working of His power.'

"In loving response to this call, my burning desire is to be all that God wants me to be and do all that God wants me to do in service to others. Serving those behind prison walls is an enjoyable experience for me as a volunteer chaplain. I long for the day when my studies and preparation will afford me the joy of taking the everlasting gospel into the prison on a more permanent basis."

Alice Rich
Chaplain
Reading Rehabilitation Hospital
Reading, Pennsylvania since 1991



Alice Rich

Currently: Appointed by the Pennsylvania Conference (on a volunteer basis) to set up a task force to plan conference-wide acknowledgment and celebration of 1995 as the Year of the Adventist Woman.

Education: B.A. in theology, minor in communications, Columbia Union College, 1991; CPE training, 1993; enrolled in M.A. in ministry program from Andrews University.

Statement: "I first received my calling from God while in prayer asking God for His direction in my life. The calling was very clear and unmistakable. Through the years, and many roadblocks, God's words have echoed through my mind, giving me strength and courage to continue in faith. My one goal in life and ministry is to help others see God clearly and to be freed and energized by God's love."



Valda Reke
Director of women's ministries for the Baltic Union, and theology student at Andrews University since January 1994

Currently: Was elected as women's ministries director for the Baltic Union and will take up her work in Latvia when she and her husband return there in 1995. Now enrolled in an M.A. in pastoral ministry program.

Education: B.A. in pharmacology, 1980, First Medical College, Riga; B.A. in theology from Zaoksi Theological Seminary, 1993.

Statement: "I am a fourth-generation Adventist. All my life I participated in church life. For 15 years I have been a pastor's wife, and have supported him in his work to preach the gospel. I was always involved.

"As my country for a long time was part of the Soviet Union, I never had a chance to receive an education in an Adventist school. My husband is enrolled in a D.Min. in mission studies here at Andrews University. For me to study here also is a great opportunity. I had always felt this need to study in order to do my best for God and other people."



Janet Richardson
Chaplain
Glendale Adventist Medical Center
Glendale, California since 1993

Previously: Team ministry with husband, 1968-1992; associate pastor employed by a local church to do counseling; interim pastor, Alhambra, California.

Education: B.A. in English, secondary education, Union College, 1966; M.A. in English, Andrews University, 1968; M.A. in marriage, family, and child counseling, California Family Study Center, 1992. Passed California State licensing for MCF therapists, 1994.

Statement: "After my husband's death, I desired to stay in ministry. Chaplaincy work allowed me to use my counseling and pastoring skills. What joy I felt to be used by God and remain in His work! Each day is a challenge, yet I go home invigorated. Only a calling would allow that."



Libby Riano
Assistant chaplain
Ozark Academy
Gentry, Arkansas since September 1994

Previously: Task force worker, young adult ministries, Florida Conference, 1989-1991; assistant chaplain, Southern College, 1992-1994.

Education: Nursing, Hillsborough Community College, 1983; B.A. in religion, Southern College, 1994.

Statement: "I thought my life career would be in nursing or sales, but as I explored other lines of work I felt a 'tug' toward the ministry. I finally volunteered much time to youth ministry. Through the affirmation of God, family, and friends, I realized that youth ministry was a vital segment of our church that needed committed, compassionate, and hard-working people."



Faye Rose
Chaplain
Sunbelt Healthcare Centers, Inc.
Apopka, Florida since 1993

Previously: Teacher in the Florida Conference, 1980-1993.

Education: B.A. in religion and history, Newbold College, 1970; Elementary education certification in various colleges, 1980-1985; Enrolled in CPE training, Florida Hospital.

Statement: "Isn't it great that life isn't static? My years in children's ministry were rich and full when I was young enough to survive it. In consideration of my 'advancing years,' the Lord gave me the opportunity to work with the elderly—I fit right in and I love it!"



Leona Rachel Glidden Running
Professor emerita of biblical languages SDA Theological Seminary since 1955

Previously: Teacher of French and German, Laurelwood Academy, 1937-1941; office secretary, Pacific Union Conference, 1942-1944; language secretary, Voice of Prophecy (typing scripts in Spanish and Portuguese, and German Bible lessons), 1944-1948; office secretary, Carolina Conference, 1949-1950; copy editor, *Ministry Magazine*, GC ministerial association, 1950-1954; teacher of ancient languages at the seminary, 1955 to the present. Member, Camp Mohaven Council on the Role of Women, 1973.

Education: B.A. in French and German, Emmanuel Missionary College, 1937; M.A. in biblical Greek and Hebrew, SDA Theological Seminary, 1955; Ph.D. in Semitic languages, Johns Hopkins University, 1964.

Statement: "Languages have fascinated me since childhood and to get into the biblical languages and teach them to countless more (and less) eager students through 38 years has been a dream come true.

"The Greek definition of happiness, I've read, is: 'Exercise of vital powers along the lines of excellency and a life affording them scope.'

"To have a talent, but no place or opportunity to use it, would be pure frustration. I am thankful that the Lord who gave me the talent also eventually brought the opportunity to use it most satisfyingly."



Becky Lacy Sanders dedicates her son Scott as husband Bob and son Eric look on.

Becky Lacy Sanders
Chaplain and pastoral counselor living in Clackamas, Oregon, since 1989

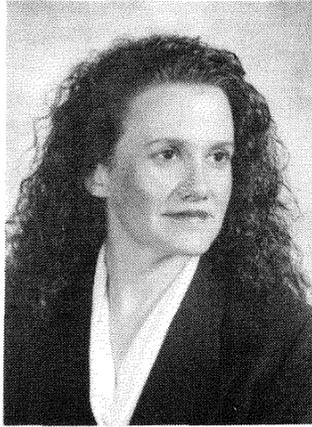
Previously: First pastoral intern at University church, Loma Linda, California, 1981-1982; associate pastor, Corona, California, 1984-1987; associate pastor, Arlington church, Riverside, California, 1987-1988; staff chaplain, Loma Linda University Medical Center, Loma Linda, California, 1988-1989.

Education: Walla Walla College, B.A. in theology and speech communication, 1980; M.Div., SDA Theological Seminary, 1984. The first woman sponsored by a local conference to attend seminary since Lucile Knapp, in 1948-1949; CPE training at Loma Linda University Medical Center, 1980-1981 and at University Medical Center in Indianapolis, 1984.

Statement: "My call to ministry is more in recognizing my own abilities, talents, skills and desires than with any outside influences.

"My interest in the relevance of Scripture for daily life, my comfort level behind the pulpit or counseling with a person one-on-one—these are ongoing signs to me. This is where I'm supposed to be! And what I'm supposed to be doing!

"When a woman has tears in her eyes and says 'I needed that,' after a sermon preached, that's an affirmation that I'm in the right place. Or when a friend asks me to rebaptize her, or a child isn't afraid of God anymore. These are my 'callings.' They make me smile. I hear God's voice through them."



Gayle Saxby
Assistant professor of foundational studies Faculty of Religion Loma Linda University since 1991

Previously: English teacher, Loma Linda Academy, California, 1988-1991; associate pastor, North Hills SDA church, Claremont, California, 1989-1990. Began teaching at Loma Linda University on the faculty of religion in 1990 and became full-time in 1991.

Education: B.A. in English and minor in religion and speech communication in 1986, Walla Walla College; M.Div. at SDA Theological Seminary, 1989. Entered a Ph.D. program in religion and literature at the University of Virginia, August 1994.

Statement: "During my college years, an imaginative person thought that I might harbor certain latent talent that would lend itself well to pastoral work. Possessing such talent, said he, itself constituted a call from God.

"Myself, I was ever cognizant that burying said talent was risking the Master calling one a 'wicked and slothful servant,' and casting one into 'outer darkness,' where there is 'weeping and gnashing of teeth.' This being a fate I desired to avoid, I trained for and entered the ministry."



Julie Schafer
Staff chaplain assigned to Home Health Tennessee Christian Medical Center Madison, Tennessee since 1992

Previously: Worked as a pastor's wife and as an M.S.W. counselor (Masters in Social Work).

Education: B.A. in religion, Andrews University, 1973; M.S.W., University of Kentucky, 1990. Training in CPE at Nashville Veterans Administration Hospital.

Statement: "I felt called to ministry as an academy student. I did not sense that to be a preaching ministry. When consulting with my Bible teacher, he cautioned me about setting my sights on ministry as probably disappointing.

"I chose an interior design major in college but after spending a summer colporteur, I felt completely discontented with that major and changed to religion in my senior year.

"I married a ministerial student and used my talents to support him in his ministry. Continued my education toward counseling when my children were in school. Then, when I most needed it, I found my place for ministry open here.

"It seems everything I ever did in some way fits to prepare me for this work. I love it and am most grateful to the Lord for this satisfying way of serving Him."



Penny Shell (center), chaplain at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital, with Carol Monchick (left) and Sherry Manison, who completed a Wade Internship in pastoral care training.

Penny S. Shell
Chaplain and director of pastoral care volunteers Shady Grove Adventist Hospital Rockville, Maryland, since 1988

Previously: Director of Pastoral Care, Thorek Hospital and Medical Center, Chicago, 1984-1988; English teacher, publications' adviser, girls' dean, at academies in South Dakota, Georgia, Missouri, Singapore, Washington State, and Colorado, 1962-1974.

Education: B.A. in English and social work, minors in religion, speech, and education, Union College, 1962; M.A. in educa-

tion, Andrews University, 1965; M.A. in religion, Andrews University, 1979; Ed.D. in religious education, 1984. CPE training at Loma Linda University Medical Center and Abington Memorial Hospital, Abington, Pennsylvania. Rape counselor's training, Chicago.

Statement: "The influences that drew me toward chaplaincy involved an assessment of my own interests and talents, the illness and death of my parents, and hearing Valerie Phillips talk about her work as a chaplain at Battle Creek Sanitarium, and simply walking on holy ground as I've entered into the experience of patients in physical and spiritual crises."



Annette Schildt
Pastor SDA church in Kiel, Germany since 1993

Previously: Associate pastor, Marienhoehe Seminary church, Darmstadt, Germany, 1987-1993; associate pastor, SDA church in Luneburg, Germany, 1985-1987. Husband is also a pastor.

Education: Nurse's training completed in 1981; theological studies, Marienhoehe Seminary, 1981-1985.

Statement: "I believe the Lord called me to this place. I want to share the good news of God's love with people. Many sisters and brothers have encouraged me and I can see that God uses the gifts He gave me."



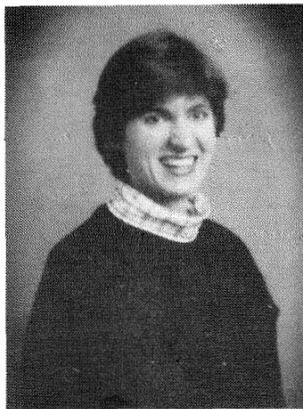
Duane (Frey) Schoonard
Chaplain Florida Hospital since 1988

Previously: Associate pastor, Orlando Central SDA church, Florida, 1986-1988; associate pastor, Fredericksburg, Virginia, 1984-1986.

Education: B.A. in theology, Atlantic Union College, 1986. Enrolled in an M.A. program in mental health counseling, Rollins College. CPE training in 1988, 1990; member of the College of Chaplains, 1991.

Statement: "By the age of 10 my dream of being in ministry was alive. Even in my teen years, different ministers affirmed my gifts and helped shape the dream into reality.

"I prepared my first candidate for baptism when I was 13 and conducted an evangelistic series at 16. Nothing I have ever done raises my energy level more than when I am using my pastoral gifts. I have seen evidence of God's power in my ministry which continues to affirm this calling in my life."



Bonnie Schoun
M.A. student
pursuing religious education
Andrews University
since 1993

Previously: English and Bible teacher and evangelist, Korea, 1991-1993.

Education: B.A. in communication, Andrews University, 1991. Expects to graduate with an M.A. in religious education, Andrews University, in 1995.

Statement: "After spending two years serving as an English and Bible teacher in Asia, I knew how rewarding and challenging evangelism can be. From that experience I think I began to realize that my heart will not be satisfied unless it is wrapped up with the hearts of others in ministry. My heart seems to bond the closest with those who are in an educational setting. For that reason I'm pursuing a course in religious education."



Beulah Fern Stevens
Director of pastoral care
Portland Adventist
Medical Center
Portland, Oregon
since 1989

Previously: Clinical specialist, serving as liaison between nursing and chaplain's departments, 1977-1980; director, human resources development, nursing division, Loma Linda University Medical Center, 1980-1982; pastor's wife, Irrigon, Oregon, 1982-1985; chaplain/receptionist, Portland Adventist Medical Center, 1985-1987; staff chaplain, Portland Adventist Medical Center, 1987-1989.

Education: B.S. in nursing, Walla Walla College, 1955-1959; M.A. in education, Walla Walla College, 1961-1963; CPE training, Providence Medical Center, Portland, Oregon, 1987.

Statement: "I've always been touched by ministry to the whole person. While working at Loma Linda I was invited to pioneer a nursing position as clinical specialist in spiritual care at the University Medical Center. This led to further focus of caring for the spiritual dimensions in the healthcare arena."



Margit Suring
Theologian and teacher
retired in Vasa, Finland

Previously: Bible instructor, 1946-1953; dean of women at Swedish Junior College, 1958-1960; field secretary, 1961-1963; pastor, in Lahti and Heinola churches, 1967-1971; theology teacher and seminary director at Toivonlinna, 1971-1975; theology teacher at Toivonlinna, 1980-1987.

Education: B.A. in theology and history, Newbold College, 1955-1958; M.A. in theology, Andrews University, 1964; B.D., SDA Theological Seminary, 1964-1966; Th.D. in archaeology, Andrews University, 1975-1980.

Statement: "Born in an Adventist home, I gave my heart to the Lord at age 10. I wanted to become a medical missionary but could not afford medical training. Miss Elsa Luukkanen, a woman evangelist here in Finland, became a great friend of mine during World War II. She and others encouraged me in studying theology. The greatest moments in my life have been those occasions when I have been able to help someone find the Lord.

"Now I am retired, but I still love the work of God very much, and I try to work for souls and lead them to Christ in the way that God leads out.

"At the present I am the church elder in the Vasa Adventist church. When I think of the ministry of women in the church, I thank God that He is able to use anyone—man, woman, or child—if we only are humble enough to surrender to divine guidance."



Hilde Thorkildsen
Pastor in the
North Norway Conference
since 1992

Previously: Chaplain, North Norway Rehabilitation Center, 1990-1992; pastor, Bada Adventist church, 1992-1994.

Education: B.A. in theology, Newbold College, 1990.

Statement: "Since I was a child I have been sure God had a plan with my life. When I was six I was miraculously saved from drowning—I was literally carried out of the water while my two younger friends were watching, though nobody was there.

"I wanted to become a medical missionary. But different circumstances led me to study theology, although I was not planning to use my degree for pastoring. However, further events clearly led me into the ministry.

"I have now worked for four years and although there are hard times, I enjoy it very much. I want to serve God, because I love Him and I want to see others come to love God too."



Albinou Tomenko
Ph.D. student
Montemorelos University
since 1994

Previously: Bible instructor, interpreter, and teacher. Interpreter from Spanish, English, and Rumanian into Russian for evangelistic crusades in Euro-Asia Division, 1986-1994; secretary-treasurer of youth, Ukraine Union, 1989-1991; director of Bible school for non-Adventist children, 1991.

Education: Attended music college in Russia, 1975-1980; A.A. in religion, Adventist Seminary in Cuba, 1989-1990; M.A. in Spanish studies from a Russian university, 1979-1985; B.A. in religion, River Plate College, Argentina, 1991; M.A. in religion and biblical theology, Andrews University, 1994.

Statement: "I don't need 150 words to express my great desire to help people understand that it is better to choose eternal life than death. I want to be a useful tool in the hand of my Father for service, for ministry, in this painful world. In this I am so happy."



Margaret Turner
Resource chaplain
Kettering Medical Center
Dayton, Ohio
since 1992

Previously: Instructor in nursing, Loma Linda University School of Nursing, 1951-1953; staff chaplain at Kettering Medical Center, 1978, 1985-1986, 1987-1992.

Education: B.S. in nursing, Lily Jolly School of Nursing, 1945; M.Div., United Theological Seminary, 1985. Four quarters of CPE training 1978-1979, 1979-1980, 1985-1986. Fellow in the College of Chaplains, 1989.

Statement: "As a volunteer chaplain after two quarters of CPE training it seemed that all I am—woman, daughter, wife, mother, and Christian, and all I have done—R.N., teacher of nursing students, and volunteer—were integrated in chaplaincy. So I went to seminary, completed my CPE training, and obtained denominational certification."



Lang Van
Pastor
Southeastern California Conference
since 1992

Previously: Taught Bible to Cambodian refugees in the camps on the border of Thailand, 1982-1984; pastor to the Cambodians, North France, 1984-1991.

Education: Training to become an el-



In December 1993, Lang Van baptized several Cambodian refugees now living in California.

ementary teacher, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, 1970; secretarial science training, Collonges, France, 1975-1976; B.A. in theology, Collonges, France, 1981.

Statement: "I like to read the Bible and study it. The more I read it the better person I will become. The most important thing in my life is to do God's will and serve Him. I like to have a high moral standard to live by. I have peace with God in this society and this world, which is full of many bad things. I want to help others have the same peace.

"I have satisfaction and find my life meaningful to win souls to God. It is a pleasure to see the transformation of people's lives as I work with them. I feel I have the talent to help people to have faith."



Beth Ann Vaughn baptizing Terry Fernandez, June 4, 1944, in Riverside, California.

Beth Ann Vaughn
Associate pastor
La Sierra University church
Riverside, California
since 1989

Previously: Office manager, department of music, La Sierra University, 1971-1980; executive secretary to the treasurer, Southeastern California Conference, 1980-1989.

Education: B.A. in music, La Sierra College, 1959; M.A. in education, Loma Linda University, 1979; one quarter of CPE, 1991.

Statement: "I was called to be pastor for pastoral care and I accepted because of my love for people and my desire to make a difference in their lives of pain and suffering. But I've discovered that you can't out-serve the Lord. Whatever I try to give is returned a thousand-fold by the faithfulness and joy of those I work with. Being part of people's journey to the kingdom is very energizing and has proved to be the greatest blessing of my life."



Francis Wiegand
Patient relations representative
Florida Hospital
Orlando, Florida
since 1985

Previously: Associate pastor, Beltsville, Maryland, 1979-1985.

Education: B.A. in religion with minors in physical education, home economics, and secondary education, Southern College,



Francis Wiegand with Mike Manimbo in the first and only baptism she was allowed to perform, June 1984, Beltsville SDA church.



Dottie Versteeg
Minister in clergy care
Southeastern California
Conference
since 1981

Previously: Team ministry with husband, Garden Grove church, Garden Grove, California, 1973-1983; associate pastor, Saddleback Valley, Irvine, California, 1983-1993; special ministries, La Mesa Adventist church, La Mesa, California, 1994.

Education: Attended Walla Walla College, 1965-1958; seminars and training in small-group ministry, bereavement counseling, spiritual journaling; classes at Fuller Theological Seminary, San Diego Hospice, and elsewhere in family-life studies, grief counseling, etc.

Statement: "I had a secret desire [to enter ministry]. When approached by the conference president in 1981 and invited to nurture ministers' spouses and families, I thought it was not only a long overdue idea but a challenge and a privilege."

"The conference committee wanted someone to minister to this group who was 'in the trenches' rather than a professional therapist. It is my joy to 'just be there' for these valuable people and encourage and support them in being their own persons!"

1976. M.A. in religion (with pastoral counseling emphasis), Andrews University, 1979. Risk management certification, University of Central Florida, 1991. M.B.A., Florida Institute of Technology, 1991; CPE training at Kettering Hospital, 1979, and at Catholic University, 1985.

Statement: "The reason I became a minister was because everything I enjoyed doing was involved in the role of ministry—preaching, Bible studies, counseling, pastoring, hospital visitation, encouraging people to grow spiritually and mentally. I loved people of all ages and could mix and relate to all."

"I felt my talents led to ministry. I prayed a lot about this decision and felt God led me to the Beltsville church to be an associate pastor and one of the first women in the 1970s to carry that title and its responsibilities."

Halcyon W. Wilson
Associate pastor
La Sierra
University church
Riverside, California
since 1980

Previously: Chaplain, White Memorial Medical Center, 1979-1980.

Education: Degrees obtained from Loma Linda University/La Sierra campus include an A.A. for Bible work, 1979; B.A. in religion in 1983, and M.A. in family life education, 1988. Four quarters of CPE training.

Statement: "God's call to serve as a minister of the gospel in the Seventh-day Adventist Church has come to me through various people who have influenced my life and believed in my capabilities and also believed God was calling me."



Kit Watts
Assistant editor, Adventist Review
Silver Spring, Maryland
since 1987

Previously: Minister of publications, Sligo church, 1973-1978; periodicals librarian, James White Library, Andrews University, 1979-1987. Member of the SDA Church's four major councils on the Role of Women in the Church.

Currently: Co-founder of Mary's Place: Worship and the Word Through Women's Eyes, Takoma Park, Maryland, 1991.

Education: B.A. in religion and physical education, Union College, 1966; M.L.S., University of Maryland, 1978; M.A. in religion, Andrews University, 1980.

Statement: "Writing, speaking, doing research, Bible study, organizing, programming—my interests in these emerged by the time I was 12 or 13."

"Because my wonderful parents always gave me room to grow and explore (never discouraging my unorthodox decision to study theology in college), I was not prepared for the times when my church limited, doubted, and discouraged me. But, in God's providence, people who believed I had a ministry to do opened doors of opportunity."

"I am particularly grateful to Raymond Cottrell, book editor at the Review and Herald; to M. Dale Hannah and James J. Londis, successive senior pastors at Sligo church; and to William G. Johnsson, editor of the *Adventist Review*. By giving me the opportunity to serve they have given me the opportunity to grow."



Halcyon Wilson

"It has been a journey of growth and acceptance, though not always an easy one. The love I have experienced from God has given me a burning desire to love people and help them find the joy of forgiveness and hope that is available to us."

"I long for the day when each individual in the church will be encouraged by affirmation and acceptance to use their talents. As Mary of Bethany, I experience joy in being a disciple, and, as Christ empowers, to receive and share His love."



Joyce Marie Evans Webb
Staff chaplain
Christ Hospital
and Medical Center
Oak Lawn, Illinois
since 1991

Previously: Colporteur and lay Bible instructor, Central States Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Kansas City, Missouri, 1974-1978; accounting clerk, Oakwood College, Huntsville, Alabama, 1978-1980.

Education: B.A./B.S. in business administration and theology, Union College, 1982. M.Div., SDA Theological Seminary, 1989. Five quarters of CPE training completed in 1992.

Statement: "As a lay Bible instructor for five years in the Central States Conference, I was encouraged by my pastor to attend college and pursue theology."

"Although I was employed by the State of Nebraska for a while, my heart was in the church's work. I was a Youth Federation/Community Services officer for four years."

"After obtaining my M.Div. in 1989 I accepted a call as chaplain for Adventist Living Centers for two years. During my CPE training I worked with long term care, pediatrics, the emergency room, mental health, and general medical care."



Hyveth Williams
Senior pastor
Boston Temple
Boston, Massachusetts
since 1989

Previously: Women's editor and radio talkshow host in Connecticut; executive assistant to the mayor of Hartford, Connecticut; personnel director of Rural America; associate pastor for evangelism, Sligo church, Takoma Park, Maryland, 1986-1989.

Education: Degree in English literature, London Polytechnic Institute, 1967; studies in political science, University of Hartford, 1973-1973; B.A. in theology and English, Columbia Union College, 1984; M.Div., SDA Theological Seminary, 1989.

Statement: "What led me into ministry? A divine directive!"