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One slot to be filled

Four key positions designated for women in North American Division

At the year-end meetings of the North American Division (NAD), four key positions were designated for women, according to Debra Brill, vice president of ministries for North America.

The four directorships for women include: Debra C. Brill, church resources consortium director (in addition to her vice presidency); Mary H. Maxson, women's ministries; and an individual still being decided, associate ministerial director.

Brill's responsibilities include overseeing the NAD ministries departments, serving on various committees and boards and managing the marketing group responsible for development of new resources and the GC children's curriculum. She is also the coordinator of the biennial Ministries Convention.

CRC defined

The Church Resources Consortium (CRC), which Brill also directs, coordinates the development, mar-

keting and distribution of Adventist-produced leadership resources in North America. The mission of the CRC is to provide lay and professional leaders in local congregations with dependable, high-quality, research-based leadership materials and information they need to fulfill their special part of the mission of the church. CRC offices are in Westlake Village, California.

Debra Brill is a graduate of Shenandoah Valley Academy and James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Prior to accepting her new responsibilities, she was for four years associate director of the Church Resource Center in the Pacific Union. She and her family—husband George and children Christa and Ivan—have just relocated from Southern California to the Silver Spring, Maryland, area.

Ministering to young women

Maxson assumed her new role on January 1, after Rose Otis went to the Texas Conference. She is es-

pecially interested in ministering to women aged 20 to 35, perhaps because her children—one son, one daughter—are young adults.

"I see in them a passion for a relationship with Jesus Christ. I also see a genuineness that I really want to tap into. I see the longing in their hearts to become part of the church, but they are not always given the opportunity to do that. They are fresh, innovative and excited for the Lord," Maxson says.

Maxson's greatest personal desire is for spiritual leadership. "Relationship with God is not taught—it's caught," she says. "It's got to ooze out of me, and my associates have to want it for themselves."

Experienced in team ministry

Maxson attended Highland Academy and Southern Missionary College, where she earned a B.S. in home economics with a minor in religion. Together with her husband, Ben, she served in team ministry in Georgia, Carolina and Missouri.



DEBRA C. BRILL
Serving as both vice president of ministries and as church resources consortium director



MARY H. MAXSON
Directing women's ministries, she says spiritual leadership is not taught, it's caught.

Then their ministry took them to Argentina and Uruguay for nearly four years.

"Mission service gave me the gift of the Spanish language," Maxson says. She recently gave her first public presentation in Spanish.

"The vision of the NAD Women's Ministries department is to lift up Jesus Christ and Him crucified by enabling women to discover

and realize their leadership and ministry within the home, church, and community," Maxson says. "By the transforming power of the gospel His strength will be their strength. The Women's Ministries department will endeavor to enrich and empower women to realize their value as human beings in Christ and their role within church and society."

Presidential Communiqué

Leadership style sets the tone

Alyce Pudewell

Leadership is crucial to an organization's well-being. A leader sets the tone, the vision and the direction of a group. The style of a leader can create an open, inclusive and affirming tone, or it can create an inward-looking and exclusive atmosphere. There was a marked contrast in leadership styles in the days of Jesus.

Jesus was informal, living among the people as one of them, treating the children and women (who were, in that society, without rights or respect) as important in God's sight and worthy of respect. In contrast, the Jewish leaders were formal, separated from the people, and guarding the traditions of class and gender exclusiveness.

What a difference these two styles of leadership made in the two societies—one of Jesus, the other of the Jewish leaders—that were at odds with each other. And what a difference Jesus' style made in the society of early Christians that sprang up in the wake of His resurrection.

The early Christian church was



a society of equality. It had many women leaders. Converts were welcomed, whether Jew or Gentile. In the early church there were no distinctions between races, genders, classes or those of various economic status. All were His—and all were His witnesses.

Recently our church has had a change in leadership at the highest level. At the General Conference session in 2000 additional elections will occur. The nomination and election process can bring equality of membership, function and role. Or new leadership can increase the chasm

between male and female, powerful and powerless, traditional and followers of the early Christian example.

Each of us can have an influence by speaking to those we know about our desire for the Adventist church to have leaders like Jesus—leaders who view all members as deserving of honor and respect, leaders who are blind to race, gender and class, leaders who truly believe in the equality of gifts bestowed by the Holy Spirit on women, young people and men.

You can make a difference. You can remind your local representatives how important it is to have our church leadership in tune with the spirit of Jesus, respectful of racial and gender ratios in our membership, and sensitive to the moral rightness of equality.

Between now and June, 2000, use every opportunity you have to further the cause of gender and racial equality among your local leaders. They, in turn, can carry this principle with them as they vote for elected church officials at the GC session.

"Women and the Word" showcases women scholars and leaders

How do women pastors, writers and scholars look at Scripture? How can their study benefit both men and women who want a fuller understanding of the Word? And what issues do women in ministry have in common with women leaders in Adventist universities, hospitals and conferences?

The second annual "Women and the Word" seminar will focus on answering these questions when it convenes Thursday, October 7, as part of the AAW Conference in Orlando, Florida. The seminar is sponsored by La Sierra University Women's Resource Center and coordinated by Kit Watts, director.

Why attend?

The seminar is designed for anyone interested in serious study of the Bible and in seeing women become equal partners in the church, according to Watts. It will certainly benefit women in ministry, but also men who are pastors and administrators. "Both women and men will find the topics stimulating and accessible. And it gives us the chance to showcase women's research in leadership contributions.

"Last year more than 100 pastors, administrators, and others who want to show their personal support for women in ministry attended the



Phyllis Ware

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"Women of Passion: Celebrating the Past, Creating the Future"

Conference planners finalize speakers, seminars

"We're optimistically planning for 250 to 300 people to attend this fall's conference," says Sherri Craig, chair of the organizing committee. "Ten years ago Orlando hosted the event, and it was one of the best-attended conferences ever," Craig adds.

"Women of Passion: Celebrating the Past, Creating the Future" is the theme of the seventeenth annual conference of the Association of Adventist Women (AAW), to be held October 7-10, 1999. The three-day event—slated for the Renaissance Orlando Hotel/Airport—will be preceded by a day-long seminar, "Women and the Word" (see separate article on page 1).

Keynote speaker is Iris Yob, Ed.D., academic coordinator of the Collins Living Learning Center, Indiana University.

"Shaping the Faith for the New Millennium" is the topic of the well known Australian speaker.

"The face of Adventism has changed in dramatic ways since the little assembly of New Englanders initiated what was to become a worldwide church. As we pause on the brink of a new millennium, it is both challenging and necessary to ask, 'What shall we become?'" Yob says.

"This question is even more testing and essential for the women of the church because they are newly coming into their own as church leaders, pastors and laypeople. This is an occasion when we can engage in some imaginative construction of a church friendly to women in worship, in theology and in service," Yob suggests.

Plenary speakers include

Clarissa Worley, pastor in the Oregon Conference; Lilya Wagner, associate director, public service, of the Indiana University Center on Philanthropy; Karen Spruill, author and psychotherapist; and Brenda Blackmon Wood, anchor, WXIA TV in Atlanta, and AAW Woman of the Year for 1998.

Other attractive AAW conference features are the Friday evening Agape Feast, participants' choices among Friday workshops, a mission-oriented Sabbath School and Karin Lundburg preaching for the worship service. The Adventist Women of the Year banquet is planned for Saturday night.

"A new feature this year will be small break-out groups we're calling 'Among Friends,'" says Craig. "These times will give participants a chance to meet and

interact with a smaller group of other women and men and react to the topic just presented. We're also hoping that conference resolutions can be discussed during 'Among Friends' times to speed the conference business session on Sunday."

Because the conference is being held in tourist-friendly Orlando, planners are inviting women to bring their families—provided husbands (or others) can provide child care. "Up to four people can stay in a hotel room for one rate, so consider this an opportunity to include the whole family," Craig invites. "Sabbath services are open to all, without charge."

Conference brochures—including a registration form—will soon be mailed to all subscribers of *The Adventist Woman*.

Conference Costs

Substantial savings are available to those who register early; **early registration deadline is August 15.**



Early registration fees are: \$55 for the "Women and the Word" seminar. The fee covers Thursday lunch, handouts and materials. \$75 for AAW registration, including daily continental breakfasts; and \$75 for the food package—Friday lunch, Friday night Agape Feast, Sabbath lunch, and the Women of the Year banquet. Mail registrations to: AAW Central Florida Chapter, P.O. Box 15, Tavares, FL 32778-0015.



Note: Reserving a hotel room is a separate transaction. Reserve your hotel room before September 6. Rooms are \$99 per night for 1-4 persons. Call the Renaissance Orlando Hotel/Airport at 800-288-9290 or 407-240-1000. Reservations require one night's payment in advance. The hotel is located about 10 minutes' drive from the airport, and a free shuttle runs every 30 minutes between the airport and the hotel.



Jean Sheldon



Beatrice Neall



Adeny Schmidt



Merikay McLeod

"Women and the Word" showcases women scholars and leaders

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seminar held at La Sierra University," Watts explained. "The Southeastern California Conference sponsored 30 pastors, and La Sierra University sponsored more than a dozen students. Many more signed up for the seminar as part of their AAW conference experience."

Outstanding Adventist women leaders and scholars will present material that illumines women's issues in Scripture and in today's Adventist institutions. Among the presenters:

◆ **Phyllis Ware, secretary-treasurer of the Central States Conference**, will launch the seminar with a morning devotional. She will also serve on the panel addressing "Issues for Women in Leadership."

Ware studied business at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana, and was in the second graduating class of women attending Notre Dame. She is a certified public accountant. She received Bible studies and became a Seventh-day Adventist in 1975 in Kansas City, Missouri. After working in government and the banking industry,

she joined the Central States Conference in 1983 as an accountant. She has been secretary-treasurer since 1988. She also served briefly as interim conference president following the death of J. Paul Monk, Jr., becoming the second Adventist woman—and the first Black woman—to hold this position.

◆ **Jean Sheldon, Old Testament scholar and assistant professor of religion at Pacific Union College**, will dig into one of the most difficult passages for women in the entire Bible—the story of the Levite and his concubine. She has titled her paper "Reading the Bad in Our Story: A Prerequisite to Redemption—A Study of Judges 19-21."

Sheldon is working on her Ph.D. in Near Eastern religions at the Graduate Theological Union and the University of California/Berkeley. She earned her M.A. in religion from Loma Linda University in 1984, and a B.A. in theology from Andrews University in 1982. She taught religion at Hong Kong Adventist College from 1984 to 1987.

◆ **Beatrice Neall, retired professor of religion at Union College**, spent 17 years as a mis-

sionary in Southeast Asia with her husband, Ralph, and has served as a theologian on numerous General Conference committees. She will present a fascinating study of "Relationships in the Godhead—a Model for Male/Female Relationships."

Neall graduated from La Sierra College in 1949 with a major in religion. She earned both an M.A. (1971) and a Ph.D. (1982) from Andrews University in religious education.

She taught Bible at Southeast Asia Union College from 1957 to 1974. She and her husband recently returned to the Far East as volunteers to Cambodia.

◆ **Adeny Schmidt, vice president for academic administration at La Sierra University**, will welcome seminar participants on October 7 and also chair a panel of "Issues for Adventist Women in Leadership." Schmidt, originally from Argentina, was the first woman to become dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and the first woman vice president at La Sierra University.

She earned M.A. degrees in psychology from Catholic University of America and the University of Cali-

fornia in Los Angeles (UCLA). In 1986 she completed her Ph.D. in psychology at UCLA.

Schmidt will probe panel members about issues women have in common—whether they work as pastors or chaplains or serve as administrators in an Adventist university, conference office or health care institution.

◆ **Merikay McLeod, professional writer**, obtained an M.A. in spirituality from Santa Clara University in California and will present a paper on the Gospel of John which grew out of these studies. She will explore how John employs light and darkness both as a literary device and a spiritual metaphor in the Gospel.

McLeod has written articles and books, hosted her own TV program, and has written and produced films. She currently works from her home in the Sierra Nevada Mountains in Northern California.

McLeod is known to many for her courage and persistence in working for equal pay for equal work in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. No one—with the exception of Ellen White—has done more to bring equality for women in the church than McLeod.

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Judy Crabb's Ministry at St. Helena

Chaplain's caring, sharing ministry

by Pat Horning Benton

The nurse warned me not to visit that patient," remembers Judy Crabb, director of spiritual services at St. Helena Hospital/Adventist Health (SHH). "She described him as belligerent and uncooperative. Dementia is one side effect of AIDS, and he was not always himself."

Chaplain Judy didn't stop at his room that morning, but the next day she noticed that he'd been moved to another room. The nurse on that unit said he was having a good day and suggested the chaplain stop in.

To Chaplain Judy's surprise, the young man was open and receptive. At the conclusion of her visit, she said, "Have you ever had anyone pray for you?"

He shook his head negatively.

When Chaplain Judy said, "I'd like to," he thrust out his hand. Tightly holding his thin fingers, Chaplain Judy prayed, squeezed his hand, and left.

"As I walked out of that room, I thought of how Jesus ministered. He visited the sick; He touched lepers; He prayed for the afflicted."

Listening. Touching. "Being there" for patients and their families. This is the caring, sharing calling that draws Judy—

and women chaplains at several other Adventist hospitals—to their work every day.

Unusual route to chaplaincy

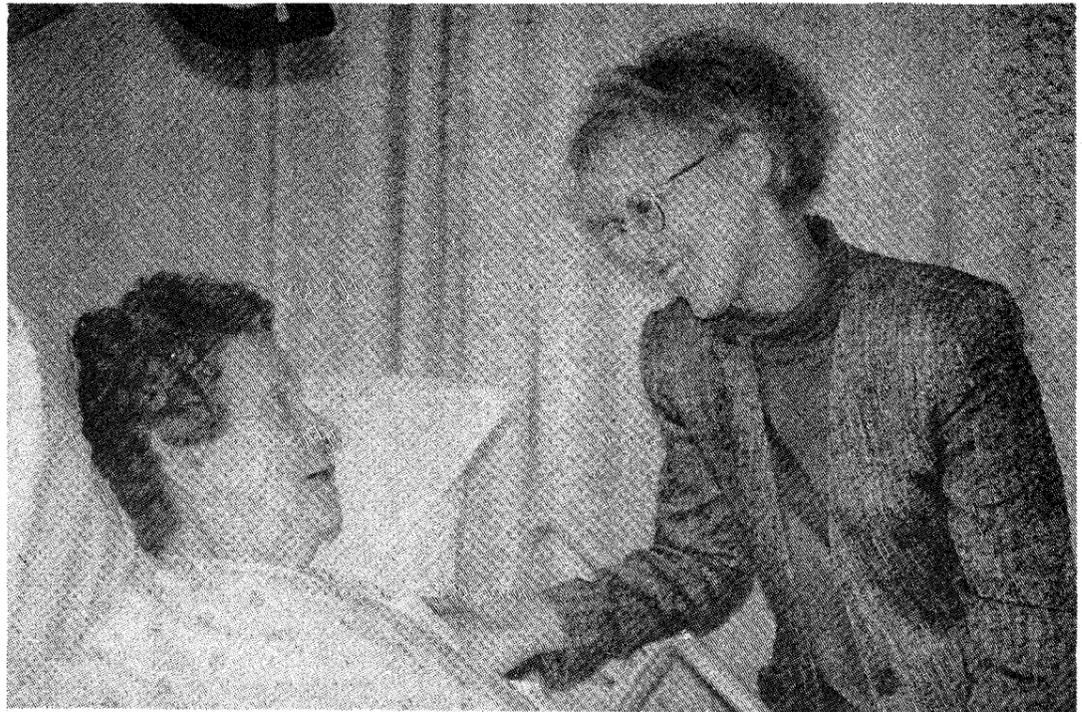
Judy's route to hospital ministry was not direct, but few women come to chaplaincy straight from college or the seminary. She arrived at SHH in 1982 from a career in literature evangelism. After several years as an executive secretary at the hospital, she moved to the chaplain's office as a patient relations assistant. (At that time chaplains also handled patient complaints.) She began visiting patients regularly.

Judy knew she'd found her calling. She also realized it was time for professional training.

Less than two quarters away from a college degree in the 1960s, Judy had dropped out to marry. Twenty-six years later it was scary to enroll in the adult degree program at Atlantic Union College (AUC).

While working full time, Chaplain Judy spent evenings and weekends studying. One day a week she commuted two hours to Sacramento for Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) at the University of California Davis Medical Center.

When Judy graduated in 1991,



then AUC president Larry Geraty—a classmate at Pacific Union College (PUC) three decades earlier—presented her a hard-earned bachelor's degree in religion.

She's still studying, anticipating the completion in 2000 of a graduate degree in pastoral ministry through an off-campus program of the Theological Seminary at Andrews University. She's also planning to fit two final units of CPE into her crowded schedule next year.

"I dream about becoming board-certified by the Association of Professional Chaplains. Maybe I'll be accepted before I retire," she jokes. But Judy's not kidding when she says, "I'm not giving up!"

Now, in addition to a busy schedule filled with visitation, committees and responsibilities for a department with three relief chaplains, student chaplains and volunteers, Judy spearheads spiritual activities for SHH staff. She has reinstated an annual

Sometimes just holding a patient's hand while saying a simple prayer is good medicine

Week of Spiritual Emphasis, as well as other spiritual programs for the hospital family.

Training student chaplains

Chaplain Judy is delighted with the growing relationship between the hospital and PUC, five miles up Howell Mountain. For the third year the hospital and college are teaming up to offer an elective practicum for upper division students, both female and male. After 10 hours of basic hospital chaplaincy training, the students spend four hours a week for eight consecutive weeks visiting hospitalized patients.

Students also participate in multi-disciplinary rounds and a bioethics meeting or grand rounds

lecture. Reading, writing verbatims and reflection meetings with chaplains fill out 42 hours of clinical training.

Chaplain Judy's third major function is community involvement. For the second year, she's president of the St. Helena Clergy Association. Developing relationships with community clergy is important to Judy. "They're part of our spiritual-care team," she says. "We try to connect patients with their own clergy."

But it is by bedsides and in the waiting rooms of St. Helena Hospital that the sympathetic figure is best known and loved. A nurse sums up Chaplain Judy's ministry, "I know you are there for me and my patients."

Association of Adventist Women presents its 17th Annual Conference

Women of Passion: Celebrating the Past... Creating the Future

October 7-10, 1999 in Orlando, Florida

Featuring: Iris Yob, "Shaping the Faith for the New Millennium" • Clarissa Worley "Leading a Passionate Life" • Karin Lundburg, Pastor in Stockholm, Sweden • Lilya Wagner "Philanthropic Issues for Women" • Karen Spruill "Mentoring: The Past Guiding the Future" • and Brenda Blackmon Wood, Anchor WXIA TV, Atlanta

Also featuring...the annual Women of the Year banquet • a musical presentation by Forest Lake Academy's New Generation Singers • Agape supper coordinated by Florida Hospital Chaplains Joyce Webb and Carolyn Strzykowski • A variety of workshops and break-out sessions • "Women and the Word" Pre-Conference Session by the Women's Resource Center and Kit Watts and much more!

IF YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN THE ADVENTIST CHURCH, THIS CONFERENCE IS FOR YOU!

To register, contact Sherri Craig at 352-253-9344 or write to AAW, P.O. Box 15, Tavares, FL 32778. Save—Pre-register by August 15, 1999.



What makes a miracle?

by Chaplain Judy Crabb, St. Helena Hospital/Adventist Health as told to Pat Horning Benton

Elizabeth had been a patient in our mental health unit, where she was confused and withdrawn. When she refused to eat, she was transferred to the medical/surgical unit for special care.

When I visited her this morning, it was difficult to understand what she was trying to say, but I detected that she was aware of my presence. I asked if she wanted me to pray for her, and she clearly said, "Yes."

"Dear Lord, Thank you for loving Elizabeth. Thank you for staying close and never leaving her side. Help Elizabeth to feel your love and presence. I pray in the name of Jesus, Amen." Just as I was leaving the

room, a volunteer came in with a piece of mail. When I saw it was a greeting card, I asked Elizabeth if she'd like me to read it to her. She nodded.

The card and note were from Elizabeth's daughter. I read aloud a sweet message of love and thankfulness for a beloved mother. When I glanced at Elizabeth, she appeared to be crying, but no tears touched the weathered cheeks. Then the patient spoke clearly, "Read it again."

I reread the verse and the loving daughter's note. Then I propped the card where Elizabeth could see it from her bed, wrote a brief note in the chart, and left.

This afternoon I felt impressed to call back to the unit. "How is Elizabeth doing?" I asked the

nurse.

"She's perked up; she's sitting in her chair right now." The nurse sounded excited. "Chaplain Judy, I read your note in Elizabeth's chart. Can you believe this—she's eating!"

I knew that nurse was not a practicing Christian, but I said, "I prayed that Elizabeth would feel God's presence with her. I think that prayer was answered."

The nurse quickly responded, "There's no doubt in my mind!"

Over the past decade I've come to realize that miracles of healing are not always escapes from some deadly disease. Sometimes they are simply small steps back to health.



Second edition now available!

Women in Ministry garners great reviews

The first printing of *Women in Ministry: Biblical and Historical Perspectives*—some 6,000 copies—has sold out. A second printing is now available through Adventist Book Centers.

With the assistance of TEAM (Time for Equality in Adventist Ministry), church leaders throughout the world field were sent complimentary copies of the scholarly book.

"The response has been really positive," says Nancy Vyhmeister,

editor of the compilation of essays written primarily by faculty of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary.

"We've been getting thank-you notes from around the world. One from Kuwait arrived today; one from Thailand last week; another from South Africa recently. Letters are arriving almost daily."

Vyhmeister is currently coordinating a Spanish translation of the 439-page book, but publication has not been finalized.

"Spanish is the second most common language of the Adventist Church," she says. "Two divisions with more than 1 million members each speak Spanish. We want this material to be available for the 2.5

TRIBUTE TO HER COMMITMENT
Nancy Vyhmeister (center), professor of mission at the SDA Theological Seminary, chaired the committee of seminary faculty and graduate students who wrote the book Women in Ministry. During the 1998 AAW Conference Fritz Guy, professor of theology and philosophy at La Sierra University, and Kit Watts, director of the Women's Resource Center, paid tribute to Vyhmeister for her leadership and commitment to seeing this landmark study published.

million Spanish-speaking Seventh-day Adventists to read in their primary language."

The book has been favorably reviewed in the *Adventist Review*, *Ministry* and *Focus* (see the accompanying review by Fritz Guy).

Book review

Ordination and women can go together

The new book, *Women in Ministry: Biblical and Historical Perspectives*, is well worth reading. Edited by Nancy Vyhmeister and published by Andrews University Press, it consists of 20 chapters written by members of a seminary faculty committee at Andrews. The book is organized in five sections: "Ministry in the Bible," "Ordination in Early Christianity and Adventism," "Women in Ministry and Leadership," "Perceived Impediments to Women in Ministry," and "Other Considerations." The thrust of the book is evident throughout and explicitly stated in the epilogue: "Our conclusion is that ordination and women can go together, that 'women in pastoral leadership' is not an oxymoron, but a manifestation of God's grace in the church" (p. 436).

The tone is serious (as befits the subject) and often scholarly (as befits the authors), but it is never shrill or abrasive. Very rarely are Adventist opponents addressed by name. Far

from claiming to be the last word on the subject, it explicitly invites further conversation. "We view our work as a contribution to the ongoing dialog" (p. 436).

As a whole the book has some of the weaknesses and the strengths

AU composer's life of achievement honored

Andrews University celebrated the life and music of Blythe Owen on Saturday, Dec. 12, 7 p.m., in Pioneer Memorial Church, on the Andrews campus. The "Gala Centennial Celebration" featured performances of Owen's works by Andrews music faculty and students, along with testimonials from her former students. A composer of national renown, professor emerita of music, and just three weeks shy of her 100th birthday, Owen was in attendance for the event.

"Dr. Owen was a trailblazer in the truest sense of the word," said Peter Cooper, chair of the Andrews Department of Music. "There are few musicians of whom it can be said: 'Their music deserves to be heard.' Blythe Owen is one of them."

Owen first made her mark in Chicago musical circles in the early half of this century. She was a performer, composer and teacher at the Cosmopolitan School of Music, Northwestern University, Teachers College and Roosevelt University. Throughout her teaching career, her overseas travels were extensive and included concerts in Scotland, Japan, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Mexico and India.

In 1965, after 30 years of teach-

ing in the Chicago area, Owen began teaching piano and composition at Andrews.

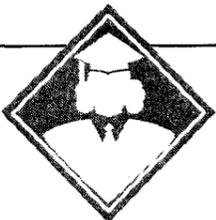
Even more than her teaching, Owen's legacy will be her extensive body of work. Her compositions have been recognized nationally and internationally, and among the awards she received are the Henry Lytton Award, the Delta Omicron Award, the Composers' Prize Award, the Lakeview Musical Society Award, Chicago Chapter of American Pen Women and six citations from Mu Phi Epsilon, a professional music society. In 1986, she received Mu Phi Epsilon's Elizabeth Mathias award, the organization's highest award for achievement.

Recognition would follow her well past 1981, the year of her "official" retirement from Andrews. In 1980 she was named the Composer of the Year by the Michigan Music Teachers Association and was awarded an honorary doctorate from Andrews.

Owen currently lives in a retirement home in Berrien Springs and celebrated her 100th birthday on December 26.

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CELEBRATING A CENTURY
Blythe Owen, 100 years old, was recently honored with a Gala Centennial Celebration in Pioneer Memorial Church on the Andrews University campus.

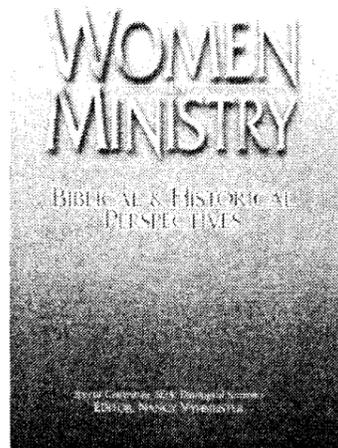


Scholarship applications due May 31

TEAM (Time for Equality in Adventist Ministry) announces that the deadline for its scholarship program is May 31. Over the past six years TEAM has distributed approximately \$100,000 to women preparing for ministry.

Applicants can be either in their senior year of college or in a graduate program. Scholarships range from \$500 to \$2,500, depending upon need. Preference will be given this year to women outside the North American Division.

For information on how to apply, call TEAM at: 301-445-3340. Leave your name, address and telephone number on the answering machine; speak clearly and spell any unusual names.



typical of collections of essays by various authors. The essays vary in style and depth; they are not all brilliant; the authors have not all done their homework equally well. But each essay has its own contribution to make to the ongoing discussion. There is some overlapping in content; but this sometimes gives the reader the benefit of a second opinion on a particular issue. Furthermore, while there is obvious benefit in reading the whole book, each of the essays is completely intelligible by itself.

Because the authors read and, as a group, discussed one another's work, and because they each revised their own essays accordingly, they sing in harmony. At the same time, they do not always sing in unison. Sometimes the claim is the modest one that there is no reason not to ordain women in ministry, and sometimes the claim is the more robust one that there is good reason to ordain them.

The "bottom line" is that this is

a good book—important and useful. Although it will not satisfy partisans on either side, it is essential reading for any Adventist who wants to participate in the ongoing discussion. And although the information is not all new and the ideas are not entirely original—that would be too much to expect on a subject that has already been discussed so long and passionately—*Women in Ministry* brings together a wealth of material. If one is in favor of the ordination of women in ministry, the book will be a valuable resource. If one is opposed, it will offer a challenge that can hardly be ignored. In short, this is a book that deserves to be taken seriously.

—Fritz Guy presented an expanded version of this review for the "Women and the Word" seminar, Riverside, California, October 15, 1998.

Dr. Guy is professor of theology and philosophy at La Sierra University.