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Exciting Plans for Women & the Word Seminar

Top Adventist Women Preachers and Scholars Energize Scripture

As more Adventist women become pastors and theologians they are bringing fresh insights to studying and understanding Scripture. Does God value women equally with men? Why are women often treated so harshly in the Bible? What led Paul to say that women will be saved by childbearing or that they should have no authority over men?

Dynamic preaching, exciting insights, sound exegesis, and first-person drama will mark Women & the Word, an all-day seminar that precedes the annual AAW Conference on Thursday, October 17, beginning at 8 a.m. The event is sponsored by the Women's Resource Center at La Sierra University.

Hyveth Williams, one of Adventists' most outstanding preachers and the senior pastor of the Campus Hill Church in Loma Linda, California, will begin the day's program with a sermon.

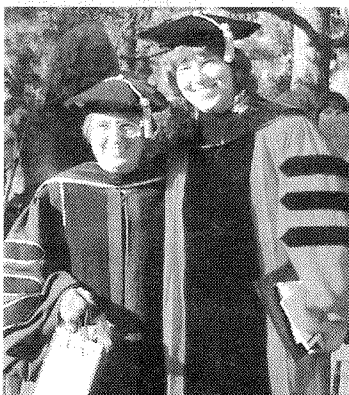
Key church leaders who support Adventist women clergy will present an up-to-the-minute report about women's activities and status. Duane Schoonard, associate

secretary of the NAD Ministerial Association, will report for North America. James and Sharon Cress, secretary and associate from the GC Ministerial Association, will give a global view. The great impact that laywomen are making on the church will be presented by Ardis Stenbakken, GC Women's Ministries director.

Jean Sheldon will focus on "Breaking the Cycle of Abuse: A New Look at the Sin Problem in the Bible." An Old Testament scholar, she is part of the religion faculty at Pacific Union College.

Three La Sierra University theologians will also delve into Scripture—Kendra Haloviak on "Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will be Done," Mrs. Zebedee, Believer-Provider," and Ginger Hanks Harwood and Madelynn Jones Haldeman on "What Paul Really Said About Women."

In "A Nameless, Faceless Woman and Jesus," Chris Oberg brings the Bible to life in a first-person enactment that dramatizes what life was like at the time of Jesus. Oberg is associate pastor of



Jean Sheldon (left) and Kendra Haloviak (pictured here at the Graduate Teleological Union in Berkeley, California, where both received doctoral degrees in May of this year) will present at Women & the Word, pre-session to the Association of Adventist Women conference on October 17. Sheldon teaches in the religion department of Pacific Union College in Angwin, California, and Haloviak teaches in the School of Religion at La Sierra University in Riverside, California.

the La Sierra University Church.

Registration for "Women & the Word" is \$49 per person if paid by September 1, and \$60 after September 1. The seminar includes a light lunch. See the registration form, page 3.

For information contact Kit Watts or Penny Shell, director and associate director of the La Sierra University Women's Resource Center, by phone, (909) 785-2470, or by e-mail, pshell@lasierra.edu.

Northern California Votes Support for Women in Ministry

by Kit Watts

On May 5 of this year a solid majority of the constituency of the Northern California Conference (NCC) voted support for women's ordination and gender equal credentials. The motion passed with 194 Yes votes and 150 No votes. NCC has two full-time and one half-time pastoral positions filled by women.

The Carmichael Church (Sacramento) first moved "that the

Northern California Conference Constituency recommend to the General Conference the ordination of women who have followed the Holy Spirit's guidance through their theological and pastoral studies and ministries." Bonnie Dwyer, *Spectrum* editor, then introduced an amendment "directing the Northern California Conference to investigate the possibility of adopting the same credentialing-ordination process of the Southeastern California Conference, thereby equalizing the treatment of men and women in pastoral ministry." The amendment passed with strong 58 percent approval (222 Yes votes and 159 No votes).

Conference Representation

In introducing her amendment, Dwyer explained, "Because ordination is required for so many positions within the conference administration, representation of women in the planning and administration work of the Northern California Conference is very low in comparison to their membership in the conference. On the Conference Executive Committee only 17 percent of the body is women."

"I think it is important," Dwyer commented later, "for our conference and for people in other conferences to know that women's ordination is supported in Northern California by a clear majority of members."

"The votes on the amendment and on Carmichael's original motion clearly show that the people of Northern California do not want to let the topic die. They want action to take place locally and at the General Conference."

"I hope that Northern California's action can add to the momentum begun in Southeastern and that soon the entire Pacific Union will have equalized the credentials of men and women pastors."

The positive vote makes the Northern California Conference the third conference to seriously consider gender-equal credentials.

Southeastern's Leadership

The Southeastern California Conference (SECC) adopted an equal credential for men and women pastors in March 2000

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2 Hail to the many women who are student chiefs on Adventist college and university campuses in North America!

3 Register Now! The 20th annual meeting of the Association of Adventist Women will be held in Portland, Oregon, October 17-20, 2002.

20th Anniversary AAW Conference in Portland, Oregon

Physician to Keynote "Weavers of Wisdom: Women's Voices, Women's Lives"

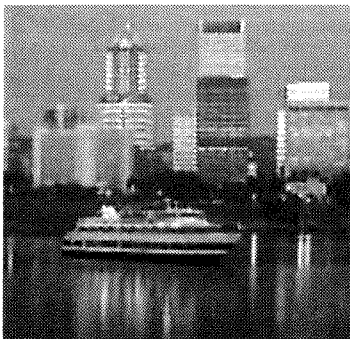
Popular speaker and physician Joan Coggin, will keynote the 20th anniversary conference of the Association of Adventist Women, "Weavers of Wisdom: Women's Voices, Women's Lives." Coggin is Vice President for Global Outreach at Loma Linda University and recently returned from Afghanistan, where she aided in the reestablishment of an Adventist hospital there.

The Columbia River Double-Tree Hotel in Portland, Oregon, is the beautiful site for the 20th annual meeting of AAW, October 17-20, 2002.

Other featured speakers are Ardis Stenbakken, director of the General Conference (GC) Women's Ministries Department,

who will lead out in the Sabbath worship service, and Jim Cress, director of the GC Ministerial Association, who will offer a plenary session on the worldwide work of women in ministry.

The conference offers 16 seminars on topics such as creativity



in worship, spiritual story telling, mental health, developing friendships, caregiving, compassion and forgiveness, reaching the secular mind, and the wounded healer. Each cluster offers one topic especially designed for women who are active in ministry.

Since many learn best via "story," all the seminar and plenary sessions speakers will use that format for their presentations.

Sabbath Cruise

On Sabbath *The Spirit of Portland* will pick up AAW guests at the hotel and provide lunch and a two-hour cruise on the Columbia River. Other features include a Friday evening thought-provoking drama, special music (including



Joan Coggin, MD, keynote speaker.

the Ring of Fire Bell Ringers), prayer groups, book displays, and a hospitality suite. Childcare is available.

Reservations are now being made. The convention fee of \$110 (\$125 after September 1) includes all seminars, Friday evening desert, the ship/lunch cruise, and the Women of the Year banquet. See the registration form, page 3.

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Some Leaders Are Born Women

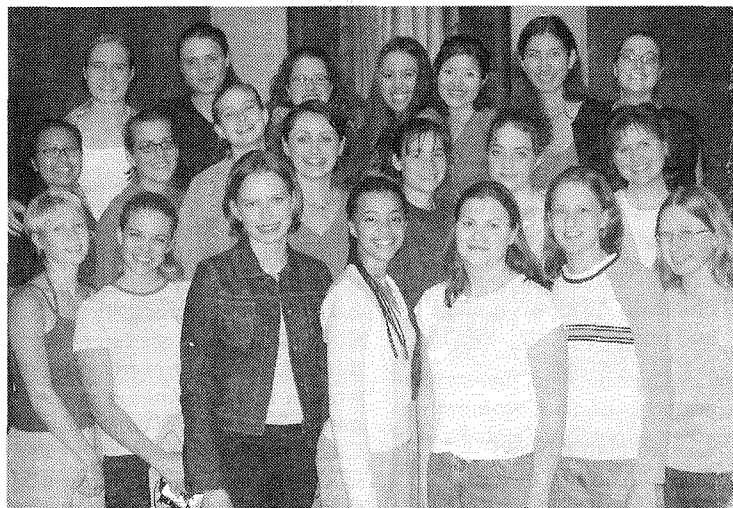
Women Hold Strong Role in Adventist Campus Leadership

Hail to the many student chiefs on Adventist college and university campuses who are female! Carrying out its mission, *To use print, electronic, and personal communication to highlight Adventist women's opportunities, contributions, and achievements*, the Association of Adventist Women invited North American Adventist institutions of higher learning to share pictures of their women student campus leaders. Eight schools responded.

Perhaps the largest group of leaders pictured is that of resident assistant. More than 20, however, are student association leaders—four of those, presidents. It is obvious that almost all of the student association officers at Atlantic Union College are women. On all campuses, women are active in campus ministries. Many, too, are club leaders.

Of the schools responding, no school was able to round up the entire group. For example, less than half of the 50 women student leaders that La Sierra contacted were available at photo time. Yet these sample groups from Atlantic Union College, Canadian University College, Florida Hospital College of Health Science, La Sierra University, Pacific Union College, Southwestern Adventist University, Union College, and Walla Walla College are evidence that the future is in good hands, and many of those hands are women's hands.

Even without personal acquaintance, reading what offices these students hold, their class levels, their home towns, and their majors gives the reader an interesting view of the church and civic leaders of tomorrow.



Pacific Union College – Angwin, California

Left to Right ~ Front Row: **Lindsey Simmons**, yearbook editor (senior; Clinton, Missouri; Fashion Photography); **Brandi Williams**, resident assistant (senior; Thousand Oaks, California; Elementary Education); **Sameena Johnson**, resident assistant (sophomore; Fresno, California; International Business); **Tiffany Lindsey**, resident assistant (senior; San Jose, California; Psychology); **Chastina Schrader**, resident assistant (sophomore; Grants Pass, Oregon; Early Childhood Education); **Lavonne Scroggs**, resident assistant (senior; Newbury Park, California; Psychology); **Ronnica Hagy**, resident assistant (senior; Ventura, California; English).

Second Row: **Norma Torres**, homeless ministries director (junior; Fresno, California; Graphics Tech, Pre-med); **Kelli Fessler**, resident assistant (sophomore; Lodi, California; Physical Therapy); **Susannah Brinkerhoff**, homeless ministries director (senior; Arvada, Colorado; International Communication, Spanish); **Lauren Roos**, senior class secretary (senior; Myrtle Creek, Oregon; Spanish); **Jenni Kalkoff**, resident advisor (junior; San Jose, California; Liberal Studies); **Hilary Fishell**, resident assistant (sophomore; Las Vegas, Nevada; Music Education); **Amy Schrader**, resident assistant (senior; Grants Pass, Oregon; Elementary Education). *Third Row:* **Jamey Hiday**, world missions director (sophomore;

Angwin, California; Biology); **Jill Bidwell**, resident assistant (junior; Redcrest, California; Biology/Pre-med); **Lauren McConnehey**, resident assistant (sophomore; Bakersfield, California; English); **Lauryn Wild**, resident assistant (sophomore; Redlands, California; English); **Maribel Lopez**, homeless ministries director (junior; Winters, California; Social Work); **Noe Todorovich**, resident assistant (sophomore; Hauula, Hawaii; Communication); **Jennifer Ogden**, resident assistant, senior class social vice president (senior; Round Rock, Texas; Communication).



Atlantic Union College – South Lancaster, Massachusetts



La Sierra University – Riverside, California

Left to Right ~ Front Row: **Lynn Park**, Student Association of La Sierra University (SALSU) religious vice president (senior; Nashville, Tennessee; Psychology); **Melisa Reinmuth**, campus ministries-First Service secretary (senior; Overland Park, Kansas; English); **Linsay Dailey**, campus ministries-First Service director (senior; Riverside, California; Religious Studies); **Anna Schalkwyk**, SALSU Collegiate Advocates for Better Living director (senior; San Luis Obispo, California; Exercise Science); **Tiffany Hunter**, Amnesty International team member (sophomore; Olney, Maryland; Liberal Studies). *Second Row:* **Rosemarie Hernandez**, Homebase community missions director (junior; Houston, Texas; Business Marketing); **Maria Chuulu**, Enrollment Services student administrative assistant (junior;

Lusaka, Zambia; Business Administration, Pre-med); **Katie Parsons**, SALSU resource manager (junior; Ellsinore, California; history); **Raenelle Tauro**, SALSU public relations secretary (senior; Loma Linda, California; Communications); **Krystle Sanchez**, Homebase support ministries director, Hispanic ministries leader (sophomore; Pomona, California; Spanish, Pre-Med); **Shilhi Boloico**, Homebase student missions director (senior; Riverside, California; Business).

Third Row: **Linda Biswas**, Homebase team captain (senior; Loma Linda, California; English); **Crystal Marquez**, Homebase student mission assistant director, Adventist Frontier Mission recruiter (sophomore; San Gabriel, California; Liberal Studies); **Joy Asumen**, SALSU social vice president (sophomore; San Bernardino, California; Music, Pre-med); **DeAnne**

Knipschild, Praise Team (sophomore; La Verne, California; Elementary Education); **Brenda Elrod**, campus ministries-Tuesdays Tunes coordinator (junior; Phoenix, Arizona; Religious Studies); **Maggie Carrillo**, Psychology Club president, Homebase family mentor leader (senior; Riverside, California; Business); **Daniela Vilchez**, SALSU president (senior; San Francisco, California; Liberal Studies); **Christina Manchur**, student campus activities director (freshman; Kettering, Ohio; Business Administration); **Lola Moore**, La Sierra University Octet, Black Student Association president (senior; San Francisco, California; Liberal Studies, Elementary Education); **Josie Asencio**, Homebase campus outreach director (freshman; Costa Mesa, California; Religious Studies, Pre-Seminary).



Union College – Lincoln, Nebraska

(This photo includes some officers for next school year.)

Left to right ~ Front Row: **Laura Rumsey**, yearbook editor (junior; Lincoln, Nebraska; English); **Cassandra Milnes**, newspaper editor (sophomore; Coon Rapids, Minnesota; Journalism); **Yara Gomez**, Collegiate Advocates for Better Living director (freshman; Los Angeles, California; Nursing). *Second Row:* **Crystal Shauer**, Resident Hall Council president (senior; Brainerd, Minnesota; Nursing); **Amanda Sauder**, Clocktower editor (sophomore; Highlands Ranch, Colorado; Journalism). *Third Row:* **Melissa Larson**, Sabbath School director (junior; Kansas City, Kansas; Elementary Education); **Jari Szkutova**, international student pastor (sophomore, Czech Republic, Social Work); **Lorilee Ross**, student mission director (junior, Canada, International Studies); **Dalena Robinson**, student mission director (sophomore; Sutherlin, Oregon; Elementary Education); **Melissa Palmer**, Ministerial Club president (senior; Phoenix, Arizona; Theology); **Tasha Reynolds**, Associated Student Body social vice president (junior; Kansas City, Kansas; Elementary Education).

Fourth Row: **Katie Lechler**, dorm pastor (sophomore; Collegedale, Tennessee; English); **Gina Jacob**, Associated Student Body president (junior; Kansas City, Kansas; Math Education); **Stephanie Vercio**, Associated Student Body financial vice president (junior; Wichita, Kansas; Business Administration); **Jillian Aalborg**, Communication Club president (senior; Denver, Colorado; Communication); **Alicia Johnston**, dorm pastor (junior; Scottsdale, Arizona; Theology); **Lauren Bongard**, yearbook editor (junior; Sauk City, Wisconsin; Language Arts Education). *Fifth Row:* **Pauline Deeb**, junior class president, English and Communication Club president, Associated Student Body president (junior; Courtice, Ontario, Canada, Communication).

Left to Right ~ Front Row: **Kanita Bourne**, Student Association scholastic vice president (junior; Queens, New York; Psychology, Social Work); **Diana Hope**, Student Association co-social vice president (junior; Suffolk, New York; Social Work); **Carleisha Seymour**, Student Association executive vice president (junior; Devonshire, Bermuda; Accounting, International Business, Business Administration); **Christie Jozwiak**, Student Association president (senior; Hudson, New Hampshire; History, Political Science); **Kanique Mighty**, Student Association financial vice president (junior; Orange, New Jersey; Computer Information Systems); **Kirshe Colin**, Student Association co-social vice president (junior; Glen Cove, New York; Social Work).



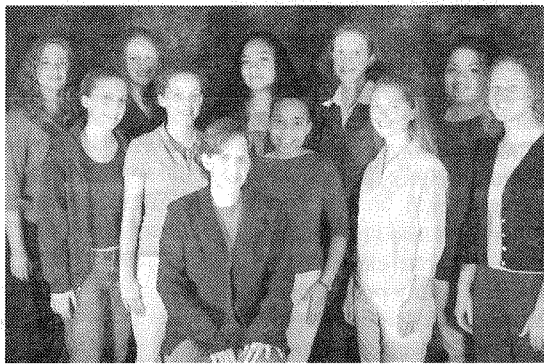
Walla Walla College — College Place, Washington

Left to right ~
Front Row: **Reimee Ward**, Nursing Club president (junior; Vancouver, Washington; Nursing); **Francie Bakken**, resident assistant, senior class president (junior; Escalan, California; Business Administration, Speech Communication); **Sarah Sharp**, resident assistant (junior; Tacoma, Washington; Pre-med, Humanities); **Maria Zeman**, Environmental Club president (junior; Sumner, Washington; Environmental Science); **Celina Wanamaker**, resident assistant (senior; Riverside, California; Health Science); **Jessica Yerka**, resident assistant (junior; Bensalem, Pennsylvania; Elementary Education).
Second Row: **Aimee Ellison**, Psychology Club president (senior; Seattle, Washington; Psychology); **Denyce Leno**, resident assistant (sophomore; Atlanta, Georgia; Elementary Education); **Stephanie Silver**, assistant chaplain (senior; Walla Walla, Washington; Religion); **Melissa Rau**, resident assistant (sophomore; College Place, Washington; Music Education); **Cortney Needham**, head resident assistant, student elder (senior; Sequim, Washington; Theology); **Dyonne Nick**, resident assistant (sophomore; Loma Linda, California, Pre-Dental Hygiene).



Canadian University College — Lacombe, Alberta, Canada

Left to right ~
Front Row: **Nivia Varela**, Student Association social vice president (junior; Modesto, California; Biology); **January Bryer**, women's soccer team captain (graduate student; Lowell, Massachusetts; Behavioral Science).
Second Row: **Karenda Swain**, Adventist Youth president, Student Association president (senior; Freeport, Bahamas; Business Administration); **Cheri Knight**, Student Association vice president for communications; (sophomore; Toronto, Ontario; History); **Massiel Davila**, resident assistant, Drama Club leader (junior; Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; Religious Studies); **Chanda Nunes**, student chaplain; campus ministries director (senior; Toronto, Ontario; Religious Studies); **Lisa Kapiniak**, student missionaries president (senior; LaCombe, Alberta; English); **Jennifer Michel**, yearbook editor (graduate student; Quincy, Washington; Business Administration).
Third Row: **Holly Nelson**, resident assistant (junior; Abbotsford, British Columbia; Secondary Education); **Kechia Allen**, Adventist Youth vice president ('02), Adventist Youth president ('03) (senior; Mississauga, Ontario; Behavioral Science); **Jackie Spencer**, Student Association vice president for finance (sophomore; Hazelton, British Columbia; Music); **Ranette Adams**, campus ministries core team; student missionaries vice president (sophomore; Hazelton, British Columbia; Pre-Physical Therapy).



Southwestern Adventist University — Keene, Texas

Left to right ~
Front row: **Tatiana Aguiar**, Student Association executive secretary (junior; Goias, Brazil; Business Management).
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Third Row: **Joey Price**, Student Association public relations director (sophomore; Beeville, Texas; Corporate Communication/Social Science); **Tara Vinyard**, student chaplain (senior; Auburn, Washington; Theology); **Ofa Tupou**, Student Association vice president (sophomore; Reno, Nevada; Theology, Computer Science); **Alison Stonecypher**, Student Association president (junior; Calgary, Alberta, Canada; Corporate Communication/Marketing); **Lavenda Finau**, Student Association religious vice president (sophomore; Reno, Nevada; International Business/Music Education).

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Northern California Votes Support for Women Clergy

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(ordination-commissioning credential). The Arizona Conference adopted the same credential soon afterward. Arizona was the first conference to actually ordain-commission men and women together. The first two women who received the Arizona credential were Pastors Jenny Emery McBride and Pat Hart. SECC ordained-commissioned its first two women in 2001—Pastors Tami McGrew and Elizabeth Anderson.

Challenging the Credential

The SECC credential was protested by a delegate's comment at an SECC constituency meeting in 2000 and called an act of defiance to the world church. A motion was subsequently introduced, however, calling for constituents to affirm the new credential. The motion passed with a strong majority vote, strengthening the credibility of the credential.

Since 1989 the General Confer-

ence (GC) actions that affect women pastors have all been negative—including 1990 in Indianapolis and 1995 in Utrecht. However, in 1995, during the Utrecht session, Al McClure, North American Division (NAD) president, promised that the division would take steps to encourage and support women in ministry. This led to a NAD commission on women, which made a comprehensive list of recommendations. A few have been implemented. Most notably, Duane Schoonard was appointed part-time associate in the North American Division Ministerial Association.

Newsletter Available

In a separate supportive action, the GC Ministerial Association has worked to encourage women in ministry by establishing CONTACT, an occasional newsletter first published in 2000. Contact is designed for women in ministry and mailed to such women around the world.

Copy or Cut Out Registration Form

Women and the Word Pre-Session & 20th Annual AAW Conference

DoubleTree Hotel, Columbia River
Portland, Oregon ~ October 17-20, 2002

Early registration deadline: Sept. 1, 2002

Women & the Word Pre-Session, with lunch, Thursday, Oct. 17, 2002

NO. OF PERSONS	EACH	TOTAL
_____ \$49 before Sept. 1	\$49	_____
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_____ \$30 Students (include copy of ID)	\$30	_____

AAW Conference, Thursday evening through Sunday Morning

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Florida Hospital College of Health Science — Orlando, Florida

Left to Right ~
Sherry Moore, Soul Space leader (senior; St. Cloud, Florida; Pre-professional Studies); **Sarah Stearns**, Student Association president, resident assistant, yearbook (junior; Orlando, Florida; Nursing); **Jessica Seal**, Soul Space Coordinator (freshman; Apopka, Florida; Pre-Professional Studies).

President's Message

Mentors and Role Models

by Patricia J. Foster
AAW President

A few weeks ago we visited St. Thomas, in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Sabbath morning we chanced to meet an Adventist couple from California who offered to take us to the nearby Philadelphia church. On the way I had the opportunity to talk with their daughter, a freshman student at La Sierra University. During the conversation, she mentioned that one of her favorite teachers was Dr. Ginger Hanks Harwood, a religion teacher. "She presents things in such a clear and knowledgeable way that I really enjoy thinking more deeply about

his radio turned on. Over the speakers came Mildred Robinson's voice. In a warm, inviting manner, she urged listeners to give their hearts to the Lord.

I was deeply touched by what I had experienced the previous couple of days as I discovered once again the importance of women in ministry and their effect on students and young persons. I was reminded of T. S. Eliot's words *And at the end of all our exploring / Will be to arrive from where we started / And know the place for the first time.*

Ginger Hanks Harwood and Mildred Robinson illustrate the positive effects of women leaders. They exemplify one of AAW's goals, (see below) which is "To establish a network of Adventist women leaders who can inspire and mentor other women." They, along with many other women throughout the world, influence people to use their God-given gifts to spread the good news of God's grace.

A mentor helps us learn more about who we are, what our gifts may be, and how to help ourselves and others. Mentoring is a reciprocal relationship—it enhances both the recipient and the giver.

What are some of the opportunities for us to participate in implementing this AAW goal?

1. We can find creative ways to build mentoring relationships. We can promote mentoring between "role models" and young women in the church. We can mentor and support one another. We can listen, encourage, show compassion, and give constructive feedback. This will enhance our growth and maturity.

2. Since there are still too few role models for Adventist women seeking to work in the ministry, we must do everything possible to encourage local conferences, unions and the General Confer-



Mildred Robinson, evangelist.



Ginger Hanks Harwood, educator.

ence to increase such opportunities.

3. We can be mentored by, and we can mentor Adventist women in leadership roles. In conversing with them we can make an effort to draw out these women—not only their successes, but also their trials and the barriers they have overcome to be where they are. We will find ways in which we can be most helpful and sensitive to one another.

I am still awed by the exhilaration I felt after experiencing the effect on young people of women role models. I rediscovered that what we had been talking about for many months in developing AAW's goals, was not just an abstraction, but a very productive path. Each of us can participate in, and personally experience, the rewards of being mentors and role models through influencing both our own, and the next generation of women.

Letters to AAW

• I came across your wonderful publication, *The Adventist Woman*. And of course Madelynn Haldeman is one of my favorite people in the whole world—she taught me Greek in the 1960s on the La Sierra Campus. I am forever indebted to her.

I wanted to suggest an addition to your list of "Adventist Women in HealthCare Leadership." I know you must have checked and double checked, knowing that it's nearly impossible to be all-inclusive, given the territory. But the name Rita Waterman, Director of Corporate Communication at the headquarters of Adventist Health was omitted. And I think I know why. It's the "Director of" that must have put you off. At the corporate headquarters here in Roseville for Adventist Health, her position is equivalent to vice president. There is no one more deserving in terms of shaping the image of AH, working closely with its president and having the longevity at this organization than Rita.

Tom Osborn, Sacramento

[When *The Adventist Woman* asked Rita for a picture to print with this letter based on her work being equivalent to that of a vice president, she declined, saying that other people are in the same situation.]

• We are in receipt of your letter regarding the appointment of Sister Maureen Aseno as Director of the Media Center. She is also the communication and Women Ministries Director for the

union. The Women's Ministries directors in our eight fields and conferences are all women and half of the lay representatives to the union, field/conference committees are women. We have also received copy of AAW Mission Statement and Goals. We will do what we can to support you in the mission and goals.

M. P. Muasy, Nairobi, Kenya

• I would like to thank you and all the contributors for a fine work. I enjoy the magazine while, at the same time, learning how much women have to fight even in the church. Keep the faith. God has a plan for each of us who willingly serve Him. I am encouraging some of the sisters to subscribe. I share mine after reading it.

"Marie"

A Special Invitation

Do you know a friend who would benefit from being a member of the Association of Adventist Women? We will be happy to invite her to join this organization that has been providing great gatherings, celebrating women's gifts, and publishing news about Adventist women and the policies that affect them for 20 years. Please send her or his name to Maxine Taylor, La Sierra University, Campus Box 337, Riverside, CA 92515-8247. (Each \$20.00 membership includes a subscription to *The Adventist Woman*.)



Pat Foster, president of the Association of Adventist Women.

spiritual things," she recalled. "She makes religion seem real and understandable."

The church service was about to begin. There was a large enthusiastic congregation. The pastor, a number of men, and one middle-aged woman walked onto the platform.

"Who is the woman on the platform?" I whispered to a teenager sitting next to me. She answered with a broad smile and a tone that conveyed both warmth and respect, "She's our evangelist! Her name is Mildred Robinson, but we all call her 'Mil.' My friends and I really admire what she is doing. We think she's wonderful!"

Later in the service I learned that "Mil" had just finished conducting a series of evangelistic meetings, and that at least 65 individuals had been baptized. A large number of them were introduced during the church service.

The next morning on our way to the airport, the cab driver had

Association of Adventist Women
Mission and Goals Statement

The mission and goal statement is the most important document in any organization. According to Peter Drucker the mission statement tells, "Why we do what we do," the organization's reason for being, and in the end what we want to be remembered for. The goals flow from the mission and are aims that set the organization's fundamental long-range direction.

During the October 5, 2001 AAW annual business meeting at the AAW 19th annual conference in Baltimore Maryland, the group voted to approve the 2001 revision of the 1986 AAW mission and goal statement. This statement is the result of an intensive self-assessment process with Adventist women across the nation. You will find the new statement listed below.

The statement focuses on AAW's commitment to promoting the participation of women in leadership roles in a wide variety of situations in the Seventh-day Adventist church. The National Board of Directors is currently studying creative ways for implementing the goals described.

We would appreciate receiving your comments and suggestions.

Mission Statement

The mission of the international Association of Adventist Women is to foster the participation of women in varied leadership roles in Seventh-day Adventist organizations, congregations, and communities.

Goals

The following goals allow the God-given skills and insights of women to reflect the image of God more fully in our church and community.

1. To encourage Adventist leadership to enhance the church's effectiveness by creating more significant opportunities for women to be full partners at all levels of church life.
2. To promote leadership skills among the diverse groups of Adventist women of all ages.
3. To use print, electronic, and personal communication to highlight Adventist women's opportunities, contributions, and achievements.
4. To establish a network of Adventist women leaders who can inspire and mentor other women.
5. To demonstrate open and collaborative models by working in complementary ways with other church organizations.

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