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At the World Council of Churches

Adventist Women Contribute to Global Conference to Overcome Violence Against Women

By Helen Pearson

Karen Flowers, co-director of the Department of Family Ministries at the General Conference; and Helen Pearson, Communication Consultant and Director of Connect, the Counseling Service at Newbold College, attended a pioneering consultation in Dundee, Scotland, in August, 2001, to address problems of violence.

During the consultation, delegates from Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East, North and Central America, and the Caribbean shared their stories. Reports from the delegates made clear that there is a global epidemic of physical, sexual, racial, and cultural violence against women and girls, and that the churches are far from immune from the problem.

Along with women from about

20 countries, the two Adventist women were invited by the World Council of Churches (WCC) to participate in a new process under the auspices of the Decade to Overcome Violence (DOV) 2001-2010. During this decade, the WCC encourages churches and communities to build a culture of peace by acknowledging and addressing all aspects of violence in their own contexts.

Thirty delegates, representing the major worldwide church traditions, took part in this inspiring ecumenical consultation. The participants—all women—represented Christian church families as diverse as the Salvation Army, Quakers, Methodists, Roman Catholics, several Orthodox churches, and Seventh-day Adventists.

In recent years, churches, de-



Helen Pearson

nominational and ecumenical bodies have begun to respond at different levels. Some local congregations are offering practical help and hope to those who suffer domestic violence or sexual abuse. Other Christian groups are campaigning hard against trafficking in women.

Adventist Efforts

Among the accounts of work in progress, Karen Flowers reported on the work of the Family Ministries Department to develop

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Violence Against Women Office Gains Victory

On May 1st, by an overwhelming vote of 416 to 3, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a motion to create a strong Violence Against Women Office.

Specifically, the motion, introduced by Representative Diana DeGette (D-CO), instructs the conferees to combine the Senate-passed version of the bill creating an independent Violence Against Women Office (VAWO) in the Department of Justice with the House-passed version of the bill that delineates all the crucial duties and responsibilities of the VAWO. This important victory brings one step closer a strong, permanent VAWO that will be able to take national leadership in ending domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and trafficking.

The Violence Against Women Office was created in 1995 to implement the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 and to lead

the national effort to stop domestic violence, but the office was never statutorily authorized, making its future and its role in the Department of Justice uncertain.

Because ending violence against women is an ongoing struggle, it is imperative to statutorily authorize the Violence Against Women Office in order to institutionalize policy development, observe trends, raise awareness, and provide technical assistance. Moreover, the Office will ensure that federal dollars under the Violence Against Women Act of 2000, passed by Congress last year with overwhelming bipartisan support, are administered in the most effective manner possible to best serve victims and end violence.

— Juley Fulcher, Public Policy Director, National Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Principles for Churches Seeking to Overcome Violence Against Women

1. To reflect on biblical and theological perspectives that impact attitudes and behavior in relationships and church practice.
2. To implement educational strategies which will develop awareness and training in all parts of the church community (local, national, international, and for lay and ordained, where these distinctions are applicable).
3. To commit ourselves, and encourage our churches, to use language that is not violent and does not exclude the experience of anyone.
4. To sustain a safe environment within the faith communities where all will be empowered.
5. To achieve good practice in all church structures for prevention and intervention.
6. To be "Church together," understanding and affirming diverse theologies, cultures, languages, and structures.
7. To effect and develop a network of concerned persons and church bodies which can enable the sharing of resources, understanding, and good practice.
8. To work in partnership with the wider community in overcoming violence against women.
9. To ensure funding in order to realize goals.
10. To adopt an agenda which will address all issues that concern violence against women and its consequences for individuals, faith communities, and societies. (WVC Conference to Overcome Violence)

Zolber Shares High Hopes for October AAW Conference



Helen Thompson Zolber, who co-chairs with Glenda Jolliffe the group planning the 2002 Association of Adventist Women (AAW) conference to meet in Portland, Oregon, October 17-20, ex-

pressed very optimistic expectations for the conference. Zolber (second from right) appears here at last year's conference in Baltimore taking part in an intergenerational panel of four older and four college women.

Zolber said her hope for this year's conference is that "it will provide a time for spiritual growth, renewed and new friendship, multifaceted learning, and enjoyment from the stories of women who are specialists in their field." She believes the gathering "will increase our humility and desire for service as women and men see what others have done in service for

their church, their community, and their nation."

The conference will honor ten women of the year (see inside pages) at a Saturday night banquet. It will provide a Sabbath dinner cruise with beautiful sights and beautiful music. Along with Thursday's pre-session of Women & the Word presented by La Sierra University's Women's Resource Center, there will be a wide variety of high quality presentations on Scripture and other topics important to women. For more information on this year's conference, email aawnw2002w3dzine.net or call 509-529-7377.

LAST CHANCE!

Registration form for Women & the Word and the Twentieth Conference of the Association of Adventist Women on back page.

Ten Honored at Twentieth AAW Conference, October 20

These ten women from Singapore, Finland, Central America and across the United States, are evidence of God's call and gifts to women. You will want to be there to hear their stories, applaud their accomplishments, and celebrate God's leading.

Felicia Phillips
Spiritual Leadership

Felicia Phillips has worn many hats—college professor, secondary teacher, pastor, eloquent preacher, hospital chaplain, counselor, evangelist, women's ministries leader, missionary, wife, and mother. But in simple terms, she's a soul winner. During her 36-year ministry—most of it outside the United States—she has prepared about 600 people for baptism.

"In the middle of all her other assigned responsibilities, she always managed to set aside extra time to dedicate to working for souls. Her heart is driven by love of her fellow beings, for the souls for whom Jesus died," writes Leo Nils Espana, a former student and now Phillips' pastor.

In Central America, a culture where women are given a limited role in the church, Phillips uses a Scripture-based curriculum to teach theology students the role of women, the place of women in church work, and the role of women in counseling other women. "I observed the glowing faces of the students after they left a class in which she told them the meaning and results of men sharing power with women in the home and at work," writes Elaine Fleming, who visited Adventist University of Central America last year and saw Phillips in action.

Beloved Gringa

Although she herself is a gifted theology student, she's best known as Teacher Phillips, the *gringa* who is beloved by thousands in Central and South America. "The students love to hear her speak, and they rave about the message afterwards. She is a sought-after graduation speaker. Several students have asked her to stand in at their weddings for their missing mothers," says Fleming.

In addition to teaching a double load of classes, last school year Phillips also held evangelistic meetings and prepared villagers for baptism. The village people loved the tall light-skinned woman who came on foot—door-to-door—to visit them. She also quietly pastored a small church.

Phillips and her husband have served in Panama, Costa Rica, Bolivia, the Philippines, and Haiti. She preaches powerfully in Spanish and can "get along" in French. But she's especially fluent in the language of Jesus' love.

Verla Rae Kwiram
Church Life

"Verla Kwiram is a prime example of a woman dedicated to serving her family, community, and church. But many women do that," says friend Helen Thompson Zolber. "What makes her so 'above and beyond' is the way she does it—with stamina, humor, time commitment, and wisdom.

"She tackles hard issues with grace: search committee differences, ordination of women, the role of women in this church and in society—she's there, she's participating with both voice and action, and she makes a difference."

Shortly after their 1954 marriage and move from the West Coast to Boston, Verla and Alvin Kwiram began their lifetime of creating a supportive network for Adventist scholars. They were part of the group scattered around the country that founded the Association of Adventist Forums (AAF) in 1964.

Multi-role Church Leader

For more than 30 years, Kwiram has nurtured graduate students, minorities, and young people in the Green Lake Church in Seattle. In addition to the usual roles in children's Sabbath schools, Kwiram—an astute businesswoman who manages the family real-estate holdings—has also served as treasurer and church board member.

Kwiram loves music and encourages musicians. One Sabbath a visiting 12-year-old pianist attempted to play a difficult piece from memory. After a few moments, she forgot the music. After several false starts, the distraught girl sat down next to her mother, who refused to speak to or comfort the child.

Kwiram stood, congratulated the girl on the brilliance of her performance thus far, and warmly encouraged her to take her music to the piano and finish. It was a remarkable moment, enabling the child to complete her performance with dignity.

Kwiram is the unofficial church hostess, and most Sabbaths organizes a potluck for 30 or more. "Quite simply, Verla cares about the women and men and children in this world who need love and encouragement. Doing the work that lies closest to her, she lives a life of achievement," says Karla K. Walters, one of Kwiram's early "adopted" graduate students.

Marla Osborne-Anderson
Outstanding Achievement

Marla Osborne-Anderson was appointed by California Governor Pete Wilson and sworn in as a judge on Friday the 13th of January, 1995. Her seat was up for election less than six months later, and nobody expected the newcomer to win. She was a 35-year-old African-American woman running in conservative, Caucasian Monterey County, California.

Surprise Winner

Osborne-Anderson set out on a vigorous schedule of speaking and canvassing. After a full day in her all-purpose municipal courtroom, she attended civic meetings and traveled throughout the wide judicial district, knocking on doors. She won the election with 60 percent of the vote and became the first—and only—African-American to sit as a judge in Monterey County.

Now Osborne-Anderson deftly manages multiple roles—a superior court judge, a pastor's wife, and mother of a preschooler. Yet she finds time to serve as a board member for the Community Foundation of Monterey County, attend Rotary, and teach for the California Center for Judicial Education and Research, a state organization training judges.

Osborne-Anderson was educated at Takoma Academy in Maryland, Loma Linda University-La Sierra, the University of Southern California, and the University of California, Davis School of Law. She used her Master's degree in communications management as an announcer, writer, and production assistant for the *Breath of Life* telecast from 1981 to 1996.

Osborne-Anderson is often asked to perform weddings. Last November, she and her husband were asked to preside at a wedding together—she to do the vows, he to give the homily—a perfect pairing of talents.

Even with a packed schedule, Osborne-Anderson doesn't miss her daughter Stacey's preschool activities. When she travels, she sometimes takes Stacey and a care-provider with her.

"She multitasks in many roles—a friend, a lover, a wife, a mother, a lawyer, a judge, a teacher, a speaker, a preacher, a model, a television personality, a debater, a storyteller, a missionary, a politician, and most of all, an ambassador to the world for God," says her husband, Frederick. "In the community I'm fondly referred to as the 'Judge's Wife.'"

Donna R. Galluzzo
Professional Life

Three years after becoming a registered dietitian at Loma Linda University in 1982, Donna Galluzzo was a nutrition consultant for OMNI Home Health Services in Madison, Connecticut. When she recognized that the company was failing financially, she and a partner made a daring offer.

They proposed to manage the company for one year and close out current service contracts, thus releasing OMNI from continuing liability for patients' care. If they failed, they would return control of the company to the original owners with a payment of one-quarter of a million dollars. On the other hand, if they succeeded, they'd have the right to purchase OMNI for \$10.

This bold proposition—plus \$10 and incredibly hard work—propelled Galluzzo to half ownership of OMNI in 1986. Four years later, she assumed sole ownership of the company.

Although the company has been sold, Galluzzo remains as president and CEO. Now called Connecticut VNA, Inc., it is the largest network of home-health-care agencies in Connecticut, with 12 offices strategically located throughout the state. The company provides in-home care to 12,500 patients each year, and provides specialty services—such as maternal child health, wound care, and hospice.

Galluzzo has implemented a system of computer technology and communication that has created a highly efficient network for home-health care. She has integrated the workforce of two large companies to expand and improve on an already highly successful service industry.

Standard Bearer

"Her long-term goal is to change the nation's standards regarding home-health care," says Georgia E. Hodgkin, one of Galluzzo's teachers at Loma Linda University.

Others also recognize Galluzzo as a standard bearer in the field of home-health care. She served on a home-health task force named by former President Bill Clinton. She is also a member of the Senatorial Inner Circle, a group named by the U.S. Senate.

Galluzzo earned a B.S. in dietetics and a M.S. in nutritional science from Loma Linda University. Her doctoral degree is from the University of Connecticut in nutritional biochemistry.

Joan Coggin
Lifetime Achievement

This spring—50 years after graduating from Loma Linda University School of Medicine—Joan Coggin wasn't relaxing in the sun. With less than a week's notice, she joined a team of physicians responding to a plea from the government of Afghanistan to help rebuild that country's healthcare infrastructure. With little concern for her own safety, she flew to a country where travel is dangerous, and law and order is rudimentary.

Globe Trotter

That's typical of how Coggin has acted throughout her life. Best known as one of the founders and co-director of the Loma Linda University Heart Surgery Team, Coggin has circled the globe—several times—since the team's first trip to Pakistan, India, Thailand, and Formosa in 1963. Her efforts have enhanced cardiac health in more than a dozen countries.

"In her role as the Overseas Heart Team Director, she has been highly influential both professionally and spiritually as a representative of the Adventist Church," says colleague Leonard L. Bailey. He adds, "Her engaging personality, intellect, and wit have always separated her from the crowd and distinguished her as a spokesperson both within the church and without."

Fellow physicians and administrators agree that Coggin's accomplishments as a cardiologist are stellar. They also extol her organizational and speaking abilities. And everybody loves her sense of humor.

"Her sense of humor is boundless, often smoothing difficult situations, and crossing cultural boundaries with ease," says Joyce W. Hopp, dean, Loma Linda University School of Allied Health Professions. For example, on an early trip to the Middle East, Coggin was so excited she forgot the protocol that a woman could not extend her hand to a man. However, upon leaving the country, she extended the tip of her cane to that same man in friendship and good humor.

"To many, Dr. Coggin will remain one of the brightest, bravest, and most humorous women in the Seventh-day Adventist Church," says B. Lyn Behrens, president of Loma Linda University Adventist Health Sciences Center.

Coggin will give the keynote address of the 20th anniversary conference of the Association of Adventist Women this fall.



JoAline Olson

Community Life

JoAline Olson is equally at home chairing a board meeting of Hospice of Napa Valley and taking a group of elementary school children on a field trip. President of St. Helena Hospital, her influence reaches far beyond the hospital campus—throughout the Napa Valley and to the Pacific Union College Church and her children's schools.

Her Mother's Daughter

Olson's mother, Margaret Gruzensky, was her earliest and best role model. When her four children headed off to boarding academy, she went back to nursing administration. Olson remembers observing her mother at work and secretly admiring how competently she handled the multiple facets of her job, how confidently she dealt with people.

Throughout her career, Olson has specialized in bringing individuals together and making things happen. For example, as the AIDS epidemic spread to rural Northern California, Olson worked with public health officials and clergy and co-founded the Napa Valley AIDS Project. Sixteen years later, it is still a viable organization.

As an administrator at St. Helena Hospital, her leadership transformed the Women's Center from a dream into reality. Now celebrating its tenth anniversary, the Women's Center is the focal point of St. Helena Hospital's community activities, offering workshops, seminars, support groups and a health-resource library.

The Women's Center hosts the Community Action Committee and the Latina Advisory Board, two organizations that serve the needs of the local English and Spanish communities. "These organizations would not continue to thrive were it not for Olson's support," says Linda Schulz, director of the Women's Center.

At the Pacific Union College (PUC) Church, Olson is an elder, Sabbath school leader, and co-founder of the elementary school's Parents' Club. She's also a member of PUC's board of directors. She's vice-chairman of the board of directors for Hospice of Napa Valley, and a member of the boards of Partnership Health Plan and Physicians Health Partnership.

"She's a supportive parent and an active children's Sabbath school leader. She always attends school functions and children's field trips. You can count on her," says Norma Osborn, associate pastor of the PUC Church.

Ann (Ann) Mae Gibson

Professional Life

Ann Gibson has been a first in the male-dominated field of accounting and business administration. She was the first woman auditor for the General Conference Auditing Service in 1978.

When Gibson began traveling to audits, her male colleagues weren't comfortable having a woman around. The men would drive together in one car, leaving her to drive alone. It was lonely, but she eventually earned their respect for her integrity, acumen, and skills as an auditor.

Now Gibson, who has since 1995 been the first woman dean of the School of Business at Andrews University, is among a handful of female business school deans in the United States.

"She has demonstrated vision, dedication, and integrity. In addition to providing strong leadership, which has led the School of Business closer to professional recognition as a top business school, Ann has maintained her ties with the classroom and with her academic research interests," said Charles Tidwell, acting dean while Gibson was on sabbatical.

Gibson has set a high standard of professionalism during her 33 years as an accountant, auditor, teacher, and educational administrator for the Adventist Church. Her jobs—and numerous special assignments—have taken her around the world. In the 1970s she was accountant in Singapore. More recently, she's trained church treasurers in Russia.

Since 1993 Gibson has been at Andrews University—first as professor of business, then chairman of the Accounting, Economics and Finance Department, now dean of the School of Business.

Voice for Ethics

Ethics in business is a core interest. Gibson has just completed a research sabbatical, revising a textbook on business ethics that she co-authored with Dr. Daniel Augsburger.

Gibson has always participated in church and community activities, often drawing on her professional skills. She is a member of the Pacific Press Publishing Association board and finance committee, and the Pioneer Memorial Church finance committee. She has been a member of the Michigan Conference Executive Committee and the Lake Union Women's Ministries Board.

She is a sought-after speaker for both professional and lay audiences. For five years she wrote the popular "Money Talks" column for *Women of Spirit*.

Lily Wong

Family Life

When Lily Hok-Neo [now Wong] became a Seventh-day Adventist in her early teens, she memorized the text, "Suffer little children to come unto me for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Today, she has spent more than three decades being their advocate around the world.

"She's an evangelist at heart," writes Lee Ki-Plin Elton, Jr., her pastor in Singapore. "More than a principal and teacher—she connects, inspires, and cares deeply."

Wong is a woman with clear opinions and strong convictions. One conviction was that God wanted an Adventist educational presence in Singapore to continue. When the government acquired the property of Southeast Asia Union College (SAUC) in 1996, denominational leaders voted to relocate the Adventist college in Thailand.

Wong, who was on the faculty of SAUC, stayed in Singapore and developed plans for Advent-Link-SAUC. It is now a highly respected program for training preschool teachers and principals that is accepted by the Singapore government. She sought—and got—affiliation with Edith Cowan University in Perth, Australia. Advent-Link-SAUC enrolls 300 students and is healthily in the black under Wong's leadership.

Children's Expert Ally

In addition to 30 years of service in Adventist educational institutions from elementary through college, Wong is also internationally recognized as an authority and consultant in early childhood education. She has presented at professional conferences in Asia, Australia, and the United States. Fearless in her pursuit of advocacy for children's rights and policy development, she has often succeeded in advocating for government-supported continuing education for all child workers in Singapore.

Wong was born in Malaysia and has lived in Singapore, the Philippines, Hong Kong, and the United States. She's traveled twice to Vietnam to implement a national preschool curriculum.

When she's not traveling, Wong regularly brings students to her home church—the Seventh-day Adventist Community Church in Singapore—and her cell group. She visits and prays for the sick and troubled. Because it is always open to them, many young Singaporeans refer to the home of Lily and Yew Chong Wong, her husband of more than 30 years, as "central station."

Cari M. Dominguez

Outstanding Achievement

Twelve-year-old Cari M. Dominguez and her mother immigrated from Cuba to the United States. Five years later her father and older brother joined them.

It was imperative for Dominguez to work, even as a youngster. One of her first jobs in the U.S. was in housekeeping at Columbia Union College (CUC). She dusted pianos in the music department. This spring she returned to CUC as the guest speaker at baccalaureate—honored as the newly sworn-in chair of the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC).

Committed National Leader

Dominguez was nominated by President George W. Bush and unanimously confirmed by the Senate. She's fulfilling a five-year term as chief executive officer of the five-member commission. As a lifelong Adventist, she brings to the EEOC a well-established commitment to equal opportunity—including non-discrimination on the basis of religion—and a strong commitment to diversity.

"There could be no better place for an Adventist to serve than in a role where issues of employment and religious practices clash. She brings a unique perspective as a Seventh-day Adventist Christian to her responsibilities as chair of the EEOC, and she has the professional credentials to make a difference in this important governmental setting," according to Randal R. Wisbey, president of Columbia Union College.

Dominguez earned both B.A. and M.A. degrees from the American University's School of International Service in Washington, D.C. She is a Fellow of the Advanced Study Program in Public Management of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Dominguez has a track record in effective, innovative leadership in helping people reach common ground on complex employment issues. She received the Bank America CEO's Eagle Award, the highest corporate recognition for excellence. In 1999 she founded a consulting firm to focus on senior management recruitment, diversity evaluations and workforce preparedness assessments.

Dominguez also served during the previous Bush administration. As Under Secretary of Labor, she developed the concept and authored the glass ceiling model initiative. It was designed to remove barriers in the workplace affecting the advancement of individuals on the basis of race, gender, or disability.

Margit L. Süring

Lifetime Achievement

Finland, country of wide-open spaces, Northern Lights, and reindeer, is also a world leader in women's issues. Women in Finland were granted the right to vote with no restrictions in 1906, 14 years before their sisters in the United States. And the Adventist Church in Finland has also led in broadening the role of women.

One outstanding example is Margit L. Süring. "First, Margit is a pioneer. . . . Secondly, Margit is a scholar. . . . Thirdly, Margit has been—and still is—a mentor. Her greatest contribution is as a role model of Christian grace and perseverance," writes Stella Greig, a professor at Andrews University.

Just as World War II was ending, Margit L. Süring began pastoring in Sweden under the title of "Bible worker." For the next four decades she was a leading light in the church in Finland and Sweden. She was women's dean, pastor, theologian, and teacher and principal of the Toivonlinna Theological Seminary.

Three times during her career she left the comforts of her homeland to study at Adventist centers—in the 1950s at Newbold College in England where she was the first woman to receive a B.A. in theology (1958), in the 1960s at the Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University, where she was the first woman to receive an M.A. in theology (1964) and the first to receive a B.D. degree—similar to today's M.Div. degree—(1966). Again heading to the seminary at Andrews University, she was the first woman to earn a Th.D. degree there (1980).

Lifelong Scholar

Süring researched the role of women in the Northern European Division, and is currently putting the finishing touches on a commentary for the layperson on the Gospel of John. "She is passionate about study not just for herself, but always encourages others to dig deeper into God's Word," Greig writes.

When reflecting on a unique and long career, Süring says that she is most pleased with having taught the Word of God. She has found deep satisfaction and challenge in writing and revising the John commentary.

In 1993 Süring received the "mark of honor" from the Finnish Seventh-day Adventist Women's Association. Earlier this year she returned to Andrews University during the university's centennial as one of 100 Outstanding Andrews University Women of the Century of Place and Purpose.



President's Message

Belonging

I am going there on purpose to prepare a place for you (John 14:2, NEB)

by Patricia J. Foster
AAW President

Even though it happened several years ago, I still remember the incident vividly. I had arrived a little late for a big dinner in Los Angeles. As I walked into the cavernous ballroom with what seemed like hundreds of tables, all filled with well-dressed people in animated conversation. I suddenly felt very lonely. Where was I going to sit? The person I was to have come with had a sudden change of plans so I had driven in alone.

I gazed anxiously over this sea of faces. I couldn't see very distinctly. Then I saw a hand waving—about three tables over on the left. I blinked and recognized a good friend I hadn't known would be there. She waved me over, motioned to the empty seat at her

table—and I had a perfectly marvelous time. What I had feared would be an uncomfortable evening turned out to be a very enjoyable experience with one old friend and several new ones. My friend had given me a remarkable gift—that of belonging, of having a place.

Belonging provides security. It makes us more confident and comfortable with our surroundings. It gives us a "place" to be more really ourselves. What belonging does, is to take what we have, and are, and change them into something better. Belonging transforms the limited gifts and skills that we bring to a situation. It changes both the gifts and the giver into much more effective instruments than they were just moments before.

God has given us a "place," where we belong—not just in the



Pat Foster, Association of Adventist Women president.

world to come (John 14:2-3), but in the here and now. He has given us a name (Isaiah 56:5). We are His children. Paul Tournier said "Those who already have a place can move on . . . but we need to have a home before we can leave it." In this present world of uncertainty we might change our earthly home, but our "permanent" home or place remains constant.

By knowing who we are, where we belong and where we're going, God gives us the motivation, the purpose, and the power to really be the persons we can be (Psalm 68:35).

At the Conference to Overcome Violence Against Women

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policies and procedures to deal with harassment and abuse in church institutions, and to integrate them with programs to train pastors and leaders in sound theological principles and gender awareness.

Karen's material, professional in both content and presentation, was seen as a model by many delegates, most of whom previously knew little or nothing about Seventh-day Adventists.

In spite of good news from around the world, participants spoke out clearly about the enormous challenges confronting churches seeking to be credible witnesses to their calling as peacemakers in a world of violence against women. It was clear that in all communions much more remains to be done if churches around the world are to become places of safety, compassion, and justice for all women.

The consultation was a wonderful encounter for sharing, listening, learning, and friendship. Regardless of major differences in theology, geography, social, and church circumstances, the women who met in Dundee found common cause and mutual inspiration—in worship and relaxation as well as in working together. The intention was not to impose false uniformity, but to promote a firm and fundamental Christian commitment to overcoming violence against women so that churches will truly be sanctuaries of welcome and courage.

The delegates agreed to 10 principles (see page 1) as the basis for any action on this issue, and committed themselves to practical steps, as appropriate in different contexts, to move toward fulfillment of these objectives.

—Helen Pearson is Director of Contact, Newbold College Counseling Service, England

Association of Adventist Women

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.

Membership / Change of Address

By joining the Association of Adventist Women, members will:

- ✓ Support the mission of AAW
- ✓ Participate in networking opportunities
- ✓ Receive a subscription to *The Adventist Woman*
- ✓ Stay up-to-date on Adventist women's progress and opportunities.

To join AAW, please send this form along with your dues check in US funds to: Association of Adventist Women—Memberships, La Sierra University Campus Box 337, Riverside, CA 92515-8247.

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- I am enclosing \$20 for one year.
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- I am making a \$1,000 contribution for a lifetime membership. (May be paid in four consecutive yearly installments of \$250.)
- My tax-deductible contribution of \$_____ is also enclosed.
- My address has changed as follows.

name

address

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 or him 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 more than 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*.)

New membership Information

The national board of directors of the Association of Adventist Women has approved the membership discounts and list of benefits suggested by the membership committee, chaired by Janet M. Webb. These are now reflected in the Membership/ Change of Address form on this page.

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

NO. OF PERSONS	EACH	TOTAL
_____ \$60	\$60	_____
_____ \$30 Students (include copy of ID)	\$30	_____

AAW Conference, Thursday evening through Sunday Morning

NO. OF PERSONS	EACH	TOTAL
_____ \$125 —includes Friday dessert, Sabbath lunch cruise, and Women of the Year Banquet	\$125	_____
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