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## Garden Grove Recognizes Another Woman in Ministry

Following several months of discussion, the Seventh-day Adventist church in Garden Grove, California, conducted an ordination for two pastors on its staff—Margo Pitrone and Jared Fulton. The July 6 ceremony, held at 4 p.m., attracted more than 500 worshippers for a joyful two-hour celebration. Pitrone is the church's administrative pastor, and Fulton is youth pastor.

The decision to ordain the two candidates locally was prompted by a survey of the congregations that make up the two-campus church body (Garden Grove and Irvine). Eighty percent supported the initiative. About 25 ordained male ministers from the Southeastern California area joined senior pastor Duff Gorle as participants during the ordination prayer.

Not eager for publicity, the Garden Grove church did not announce the ordination date until two weeks before the event. However, the Los Angeles Times religion page did carry

a short article about it in the July 6 issue.

During the ceremony, both Pitrone and Fulton referred to the news article, rejecting the idea that their ordination was being held as a "protest." The senior pastor emphasized that the congregation had taken this public step to celebrate God's gifts to the church and to formally validate the ministry that the two pastors are providing.

Throughout the service numerous individuals testified to having observed both candidates over a number of years and endorsed them as successful Adventist ministers.

Margo Pitrone is the seventh Adventist woman to be recognized for her pastoral ministry by a local church. She has been a pastor in the Southeastern California Conference since 1987 and has met all conference requirements for being ordained.

She completed her bachelor's degree in social work, religion, and psychology at Andrews University in 1984 and subsequently earned an M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary. After completing internships in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and the University Church in Loma Linda, Pitrone took pastoral assignments in San Diego at the Paradise Valley and the Tierrasanta churches. Jared Fulton graduated with a de-



The community of faith in Garden Grove, California, celebrates the call to ministry of Margo Pitrone and Jared Fulton.

gree in theology from Loma Linda University in 1989. In addition to being a pastor, Fulton was dean of men at San Pasqual Academy for three years. He has begun a graduate degree in counseling. In the fall of 1995 he accepted a call to become youth pastor at Garden Grove/Irvine. Currently, the Seventh-day Adventist Church allows women to

perform many of the essential duties of a minister such as serving communion, baptizing, and marrying. The ordination certificate, however, is reserved for males and is recognized by the world church. Women pastors who meet the requirements for ordination and participate in an ordination/commissioning service are the "commissioned."

### Words of Hope

"Carry each other's burdens,  
and in this way you will fulfill the  
law of Christ."

Galatians 6:2

## WWC Church Holds Equality Service

More than 1,400 members of the Walla Walla College church gathered September 28 on the first Sabbath of the new school year for a worship service focused on achieving equality in ministry.

"When we speak of the gospel of Jesus Christ, we are talking about equality and inclusiveness," asserted Ralph Martin, speaker at the worship service and president of the Columbia Union Conference. "It is the DNA of the gospel story." Martin's comments followed a liturgy that highlighted each member's responsibility for promoting the equality that leads to personal mission.

"The church grows through the struggle to find justice and equality. It grows strong in the process, and eventually the inner core of character of the church and strength of the church develops so that it fights for right and justice on all fronts," said Martin. "Even God-fearing people are influenced by the society of their age. . .

The gospel must work inwardly and forcefully even on God-fearing people in order to cause them to treat others as equal."

Platform participants included W. G. Nelson, WWC president; Ernest Bursey, WWC professor of biblical studies; John Brunt, WWC academic vice-president; Beverly Beem, professor of English and chair of the English department; and Helen Thompson, chair of the church's steering commit-

tee on equality in ministry. David Lennox, assistant professor of English, led a group of students and faculty in readings of biblical passages specially arranged for the service.

The 90-voice Collegiate Chorale led by Bruce Rasmussen performed works by John Ness Beck and David Guion. Other participating musicians were Heidi Ham, harpist, and Kraig Scott, organist.

The service culminated with many members of the congregation laying hands on both the female and male members of the College church pastoral staff. "This act symbolizes our recognition of their functional equality," said Ernest Bursey, College church head elder. Pastors recognized in the service were Leslie Bumgardner, John Cress, Henning Guldhammer, Bill Knott, and Gordon Pifher, who recently was elected executive secretary of the Upper Columbia Conference.

Attending the service were members of the Upper Columbia Conference administrative team, including Max Torkelsen II, president; Ted Lutts, treasurer; and Gerald Haeger, ministerial director.

The special day of worship and discussion emerged from an eight-month discussion by the congregation about how to achieve gender equality in ministry. In a church business session in May 1996, the congregation voted to hold this service and pursue the goal

of a common credential for members of the pastoral staff. This request has been forwarded to the UCC Executive Committee, and a response is anticipated by early 1997.

An afternoon Festival of Ministries sponsored by the church's Ministries Operations Board linked equality in ministry with each member's personal involvement in service. Among the 22 booths on the campus mall were displays from civic and church organizations such as the Christian Aid Center, Walla Walla Valley Hospice, American Red Cross, youth ministries, children's worship services, Positive Life Radio, and the campus small-group movement.

A 2 p.m. symposium sponsored by the church focused on strategies for achieving equality in ministry. Panel participants included Penny Miller,

professor of nursing at Loma Linda University and chair of the Southeastern California Conference Gender Inclusiveness Committee; Ralph Martin; Pat Habada, chair of T.E.A.M. (Time for Equality in Adventist Ministry); and Holly Blackwelder, a sophomore theology and music major at WWC.

Suggestions discussed at the symposium ranged from the appointment of a woman associate ministerial director for the North American Division to the value of current efforts to achieve a common pastoral credential that does not discriminate on the basis of gender. There was wide agreement on the need for intensive education across the division in such areas as biblical hermeneutics, work opportunities for qualified women, and proactive steps to increase female participation in pastoral and departmental roles.

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Communique

## Planning for Partnership

*"Bite off more than you can chew and chew it  
Plan for more than you can do and do it  
Hitch your wagon to a star  
Keep your seat and there you are!"*

Hardly a family worship ended without my father saying this rhyme to my little brother and me. Another favorite worship ending was:

*"...now find a mountain and climb it!"*

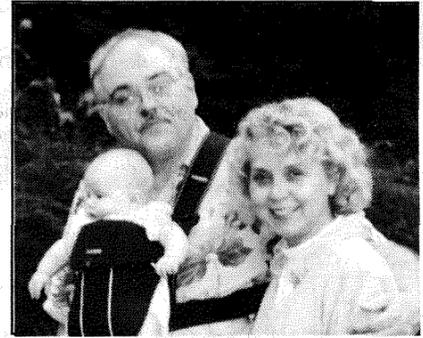
The Association of Adventist Women planned for more than we could do when at the first organizational meeting we endorsed a national newsletter and later that same year held the first annual AAW conference. We bit off more than we could chew when we started the Adventist Woman of the Year awards and the Women in Ministry project. We did it!

And, we continue to do it.

AAW started climbing a mountain (that should not even exist), and we cannot afford to turn back. We started with our eyes on the goal of making women full partners in the church a reality, and we cannot stop now.

For the past nine months, the strategy committee of the national board of the AAW has studied the issue of where do we go from here? With less than enthusiastic support from the General Conference president regarding women in leadership roles within the Adventist Church, do we fold our tents and slip quietly off into the darkness? We think not.

Strategy for the next four years includes increasing the quality of the newsletter, the timeliness with which you receive your copy, and branch-



Elisabeth Wear with husband, Douglas, and grandbaby, McKenna.

ing out to new readers. We are committed to hiring a part-time secretary to assist in fund raising. A new computer is in the budget—one that will allow us to expand to the Internet as well as to better track our donors and subscribers. We are raising money to hire a project coordinator that will enable us to develop the overseas Sister Share program and to increase support of the Women in Ministry project.

Betty Holbrook, first woman director of the Family Life Department and first chair of the Women's Advisory Committee at the General Conference, gave the church a model of the excellent contribution that women can make to the denomination. We mourn her death early this summer. She was with us much too little time. In Betty's memory we hold our commitment to the Seventh-day Adventist Church and our determination to serve as full partners in the work of Christ, finishing together so that we can soon unite with our loved ones in our heavenly home.

Yes, we have planned for more than we can do. But with your prayers and your support, we will uphold the efforts of those in our church who like Betty are working to make women full partners.

—Elisabeth Wear, Chair  
AAW Strategy Committee

## The Short, Simple, Biblical Case for the Ordination of Women in the Seventh-day Adventist Church

by Elden Walter

In a few minutes we can set forth the essence of this discussion. It really does not need all the complex and confusing treatment it has often generated.

First, those who oppose the ordination of women have gone to great lengths and tortured logic to wrest from the Scripture what we will call "A Theology of Headship, Leadership, and Authority That Excludes Women." You have read it in their books and papers, heard it on their tapes and read about it in Dr. Damsteegt's speech in Utrecht. It sounds quite impressive to the masses, I suppose. But in their effort to sustain the argument, they must ignore the plainest teaching and evidence of the Bible.

If, as they say, God has such a "principle," which they call "God's Order," it is quite impossible to explain why God Himself violated it so often! For instance, God called Deborah to be judge and prophetess in Israel (Judges 4). Now Deborah wasn't "elected" to that office by a majority vote in Israel, with a majority of the population of Israel being women. She wasn't appointed by a committee having a majority of feminists on it. No, she was called by God Himself. Surely God could have called a male, if indeed He had a "principle" of excluding women from headship, leadership, and authority roles in His Old Testament church. But the fact

is that God Himself called a woman to the highest civil and military authority, the highest spiritual headship, and the highest judicial leadership. Then she recruited another woman, Jael, whose leadership was credited for the military victory that followed an encounter with an enemy! Obviously, the theological invention which says that God excludes women from these callings is an abandonment of the principle of biblical authority in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. It saddens me that they don't take the Bible just as it reads. Such a concocted theology is in danger of destroying the unity in the church and creating division!

A little later in the Bible story we find the account of the prophetess Huldah. She was called by God to fill not only the highest spiritual headship, but also a top leadership role in the reformation crisis of the hour. If you question that she was called to a role of leadership and authority, read what she told King Josiah (2 Kings 22:15).

The Bible makes it clear that the role and function of the prophet/prophetess is a role of the highest authority and leadership in God's church. It is second to none. Prophets speak with unquestioned authority to all other heads and leaders, including kings, priests, and generals. They do not need, nor do they seek any permission or approval of their message. They are not in submission to nor do they operate under the umbrella of male authority of any kind or station. Plus,

Deborah was also judge in Israel, the highest civil and judicial authority. Let me emphasize again that these women were chosen and called by God Himself. They were placed in these roles of headship and leadership by His will and His choice. He could have chosen either gender, but He chose women. How can anyone claim, if he/she accepts the authority of the Bible, that God's order excludes headship and leadership roles of authority for women? Surely, to teach such an unbiblical theology undermines the historic position the Seventh-day Adventist Church has given to the Word of God!

When God expressed His intention to baptize the world with His message, under the power of the Holy Spirit, preaching His gospel with mighty eloquence, He said He would call women as well as men to that last day appeal (Joel 2:28, 29 and Acts 2:17, 18): "Your sons and daughters...both men and women" (NIV). When Peter said these words on the day of Pentecost, surely he was applying this word of God to the work the disciples were doing at that very moment, and to the work of the gospel in the New Testament church. To suggest otherwise is to do violence to the clear word of God! This inspired commission to preach the gospel to the world explicitly included women! Those who would reason otherwise are obviously not willing to take the Bible just as it reads!

The same must be said with regard

to all the gifts of the Spirit, as listed in various letters of the New Testament. Nowhere is it even hinted that some gifts are exclusively for men, but others could be enjoyed by women, or by both genders. Indeed the passages on the gifts of the Spirit, which include apostles, pastors, evangelists and teachers, mention not a word about gender exclusiveness. Such a notion is utterly unbiblical. Those who are willing to submit to the authority of Scripture will gladly encourage women into all the callings the Holy Spirit offers.

We should take time to point out that the New Testament also specifically mentions women in the role of prophetess, as well as other church leadership roles—Anna, holding the baby Jesus and proclaiming His Messiahship, the four daughters of Philip, and several others mentioned by Paul in his letters (Rom. 16:1-8; Phil. 4:2, 3).

Clearly, a theology that teaches that God's order excludes women from roles of headship and leadership in his church dishonors the Bible and parrots instead the sentiments of the Roman church's priesthood theology. We should take our stand on the historic Seventh-day Adventist position of basing our theology on the authority of the Bible. The Roman church does not teach the truth on this subject. Why should we imitate their views?

Elden Walter is a pastor in Oregon.

# Adventist Church Issues Statement On Marriage

By Ron Flowers

The General Conference Administrative Committee has approved a document entitled "A Seventh-day Adventist Statement on Affirmation of Marriage." From time to time statements have been released that address current issues and are designed to be informative to the public around us and instructive and inspirational to our members. Among other topics addressed have been abortion, assisted human reproduction, abuse and family violence, smoking and tobacco, literacy, and the environment.

It is timely to declare again our convictions about marriage, to express the divine design for marital union and for human sexuality, which plays such a central role in the marriage relationship. Statistics show that the incidence of premarital and extramarital sex is rising rapidly. Divorce has reached epidemic proportions. The current discussion surrounding same-sex marriage, which has made its way into the media as well as legislative and judicial halls, affords an opportunity for Seventh-day Adventists

to affirm our beliefs about marriage at a time when many ears are receptive.

Marriage is an institution that has both social and religious aspects. While the state with its power to legislate laws has authority over the social side, as a church we have an obligation to uphold that which divine revelation has made known to us about marriage as God designed it and to help and encourage individuals to experience marriage as the Creator planned. At a time when legislatures and courts are debating the meaning of marriage and making judgments regarding who they believe may marry and partake of the legal, social, and financial benefits of this institution, the religious and spiritual aspects of marriage and the divine perspective on who may marry deserve to be proclaimed as well.

The *Statement on Affirmation of Marriage* presents marriage as an institution created by God and affirmed by Jesus Christ. It describes the heterosexual characteristic of the marriage institution and the

unitive and procreative purpose of that attribute. The document presents the notion of friendship of human beings with one another as an additional means of finding fellowship and emotional fulfillment and for knowing the experiences of being family. However, genital or related intimate sexual expression are reserved for marriage and excluded from such friendships. Finally, the statement calls for a restoration of the creational ideals of marriage and presents the gospel as a means for restoring the purity and beauty of marriage.

As a denomination, Seventh-day Adventists find their mission in the proclamation of the everlasting gospel with its call to "fear God and give glory to him, for the hour of his judgment is come and worship him who made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters" (Rev. 14:6). At the core of that angelic call is a message to exalt the Creator/Redeemer and to recognize that our lives and our morality, the way we relate

to Him and that which He has created for us, the way we implement His plans for our human relationships of which marriage is the centerpiece, for all this we are accountable to Him. There is nothing more central to Seventh-day Adventist belief than the exaltation of Jesus Christ as Creator and Redeemer. Our rest on the weekly seventh-day Sabbath symbolizes our spiritual rest in Him and allegiance to Him as Creator. Marriage is a twin institution descending to us from Creation for the glory of God and the benefit of humanity (Ellen G. White, *Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing*, p. 63). We truly worship Him, bring glory and honor to Him, when we affirm marriage as He created it and, through the blessing and empowerment of His Spirit, conform our lives to His design for marriage.

Ron Flowers is Family Life Director at the General Conference.

## La Sierra University Opens Women's Resource Center

La Sierra University is searching for a director for its newly established Women's Resource Center. It is projected that the position will be available in October 1996.

### Mission Statement:

The mission and passion of the La Sierra University Women's Resource Center is to celebrate the accomplishments and contributions of Seventh-day Adventist women to their world and church. The center wishes to recognize the diversity of the gifts and talents of the women of the past, acknowledge the variety of the voices of the present, and offer encouragement and support for those of the future. The center will serve as a strategic resource to advance understanding of the world in which we live, nurture and prepare young people for service, preserve our Seventh-day Adventist heritage, and promote participation in church. Recognizing the gospel commission to spread the healing gospel, the La Sierra University Women's Resource Center will provide an environment that empowers individuals to share the "good news" with a complex world.

### Goals:

The purpose of the La Sierra University Women's Resource Center (LSUWRC) is to enhance the quality of LSU students' lives. The LSUWRC will support and promote LSU in implementing its mission and drive toward excellence.

- Helping students understand the world in which they live and work, particularly the social, political, and economic issues that shape women's lives.

- Promoting awareness of multicultural richness and appreciation of diversity.

- Nurturing a mature sense of full personhood through the development of appropriate self-esteem and self-direction as well as significant interpersonal relationships.

- Preparing women for the realities of employment and social contexts, and encouraging them to question, reflect, and choose what is in their best interest.

- Familiarizing students with their Adventist heritage and commitment.

- Providing a framework for moral values and lifestyles.

- Developing a basis for social consciousness and public services.

- Additionally, the LSUWRC will be

part of LSU's commitment to serving its various communities through adult education, resource centers, cultural events, publications, and consultation.

### Position Description:

Working with an advisory board and a governing board, the director is responsible for administering and coordinating the programs and services delineated in the mission and objectives of the LSUWRC as approved by the board of trustees on September 25, 1995. As the first director of the center, the successful candidate will lead the center in prioritizing its objectives and implementing its mission.

### Overall functions of the director include:

- Establish priorities for the LSUWRC in consultation with the advisory and governing boards

- Develop programs and services as approved by the governing board

- Provide day-to-day operational supervision for the execution of LSUWRC services

- Oversee budget of the center
- Develop an annual budget for presentation to the governing board

- Activities in collaboration with the director of development to coordinate fund raising

- Assess the needs of the constituent groups

- Review the center's activities and prepare the annual report

- Establish constructive relationship with students or groups of students and assist in their programming needs

- Participate in university task forces and committees including membership in the Gender Studies Advisory Committee.

- Establish and maintain relationships with organizations and professional associations that further the mission of the women's center

- Initiate and maintain relationships with key faculty and offices that are dedicated to equality and nondiscrimination on campus

- Assure that Women's Resource Center staff are highly visible at events organized by other student groups or academic departments

- Serve as instructor or speaker on women's issues for presentations in classrooms, at events, workshops, and confer-

ences (as time permits)

- Be a resource for the Gender Studies minor

- In collaboration with university departments, assist in providing volunteer placements, learning possibilities, and internships for students interested in working on women's issues.

**As the center begins operations, it is expected that a great portion of the director's effort will be centered on:**

- Fund raising through personal solicitation and grant writing in order to ensure the long-term financial stability of the center.

- Support of faculty efforts by providing information and resources that will aid them in regards to gender issues in research and teaching.

- Gathering archival material concerning the experiences, services, and contributions of women, with particular emphasis on their historical participation in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

### Qualifications:

Minimum qualifications for the position are a master's degree in a field directly related to the objectives of the center and/or appropriate work experience. A degree in women's studies or in theology and qualifications for faculty appointment are highly desirable. Other qualifications include: strong interpersonal skills, teaching experience, research experience appropriate for the objectives of the center, and grant writing experience. La Sierra University is a religiously qualified, equal-opportunity employer. Applications are especially encouraged from women, minorities, and the handicapped. Faculty and staff are recruited with specific attention to their membership in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

### Salary:

Salary will be commensurate with education and experience. Current funding is for a half-time position.

### Application Procedure:

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Send nominations and application, including a personal statement of feminist philosophy, a resume, and three references with phone numbers to: Adeny Schmidt, chair; Search Committee, Women's Resource Center, La Sierra University, 4700 Pierce Street, Riverside, CA 92515

## A Seventh-day Adventist Statement on Affirmation of Marriage

"Issues related to marriage can be seen in their true light only as they are viewed against the background of the divine ideal for marriage. Marriage was divinely established in Eden and affirmed by Jesus Christ to be both monogamous and heterosexual, a lifelong union of loving companionship between a man and a woman. In the culmination of His creative activity, God fashioned humankind as male and female in His own image; and He instituted marriage, a covenant-based union of the two genders physically, emotionally, and spiritually, spoken of in Scripture as 'one flesh.'

"Arising from the diversity of the two human genders, the oneness of marriage images in a singular way the unity within diversity of the Godhead. Throughout Scripture, the heterosexual union in marriage is elevated as a symbol of the bond between Deity and humanity. It is a human witness to God's self-giving love and covenant with His people. The harmonious affiliation of a man and a woman in marriage provides a microcosm of social unity that is time-honored as a core ingredient of stable societies. Further, the Creator intended married sexuality not only to serve a unitive purpose, but to provide for the propagation and perpetuation of the human family. In the divine purpose, procreation springs from and is entwined with the same process whereby husband and wife may find joy, pleasure, and physical completeness. It is to a husband and wife whose love has enabled them to know each other in a deep sexual bond that a child may be entrusted. Their child is a living embodiment of their oneness. The growing child innervates in the atmosphere of married love and unity in which he or she was conceived and has the benefit of a relationship with each of the natural parents.

"The monogamous union in marriage of a man and a woman is affirmed as the divinely ordained foundation of a family and social life and the only morally appropriate locus of genital or re-

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## Woman of the Year—Lifetime Achiever



Dr. Helen Ward Thompson

### Dr. Helen Ward Thompson - Lifetime Achievement

Dr. Helen Ward Thompson has spent her life reaching mileposts and aiming toward even higher goals. Throughout her career, she has been a trailblazer for women in Adventist higher education. In addition to breaking barriers, she has been a mentor and an influence for change. Whatever the task, she never lost her vision for high standards.

As a trailblazer for women, she was the first woman to serve as academic dean at Southwestern Adventist College, the first female Vice-President for Academic Affairs at Southwestern, and the first woman to serve as vice president for academic administration at Loma Linda University.

She demonstrated her integrity and professionalism when she experienced the sting of discrimination. With a Ph.D. from Stanford University and as chair of the English Department at Walla Walla College, she was required to pay a salary higher than her own to a man ten years her junior who only had a master's degree.

As a mentor Dr. Thompson has challenged students and colleagues to reach high standards. She helped establish English as a rigorous discipline in Adventist education. She heightened the awareness of her students in their quest for knowledge in a way that opened their hearts, minds and souls.

As a professional educator she has made an impact that continues to this day. While chief academic officer at SAC, she hired new faculty members (many still serve today), initiated an adult degree program and a B.S. in nursing, and sought to elevate academic standards. Dr. Thompson has been called the consummate professional: she sees the big picture yet no detail slips through the cracks.

At LLU she was seen as a risk-taker, working for a comprehensive university with a full range of course offerings from the sciences to the humanities as well as the professional schools. She wanted a place where Adventist young people could find a comprehensive set of high-quality departments.

Throughout her life she has maintained a rigorous schedule and excelled in it. In retirement she serves as the director of the alumni center at WWC. She continues her commitment to Adventist higher education by teaching what it means to be alumni and to provide support to one's alma mater.

### Dr. Leona Glidden Running - Lifetime Achievement

Dr. Leona Running early understood the need for gender equality. Blessed with extraordinary intellectual gifts, she devoted her



Dr. Leona Running

life to education. She lived out her professional life during a time when the church discriminated against women. Despite the obstacles, she pursued her vision of excellence. Dr. Running is a solitary woman with an intense mind and remarkable memory.

Dr. Running has lived her professional life in a time when the church implemented discriminatory policies against women. Through the years, she has vocally and financially supported the idea of women in ministry. For many years, she was the only woman on the seminary faculty. Now, the Leona Glidden Running Scholarship has been established at the seminary as a way to enable women to study for the ministry.

She set a pattern in her life when she completed a major in French at Emmanuel Missionary College with minors in German, English, and education. Her teaching career began at Laurelwood Academy in Gaston, Oregon, where she taught French and German.

After marrying Leif Running in 1942, she put her language skills to work in the foreign language division of the Voice of Prophecy. There she worked on scripts in Spanish and Portuguese, on pilot programs in French and Italian, and German Bible lessons.

She joined the General Conference staff as copy editor of *Ministry* magazine in 1950, after her husband's untimely death. She completed an M.A. in Hebrew and Greek at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, and then joined the faculty.

During the early 1960's, Running pursued a Ph.D. in ancient semitic languages at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. She studied under William F. Albright, the renowned biblical archaeologist. She became the protégé of this towering twentieth century figure and eventually wrote his biography together with David Noel Freedman, another dominant personality in the field.

She developed an approach to learning Hebrew that has shaped the exegetical skills of large numbers of Adventist pastors and theologians. Her professional accomplishments led her to be the first woman elected president of the Chicago Society of Biblical Research, the nation's oldest professional organization in Biblical scholarship.

In retirement Dr. Running continues to teach one class a quarter. She enjoys the respect and admiration of a host of former students and colleagues who realize that she has contributed to their understanding and competence.

### Dr. Hertha Ehlers - Lifetime Achievement

A consistent advocate of women's rights,



Dr. Hertha Ehlers

Dr. Hertha Ehlers has been an inspiration to young women in medicine, including Lyn Behrens, M.B.B.S., currently president of Loma Linda University. She envisioned, practiced, and taught pediatric medical care of the highest quality.

Following in her father's footsteps, Ehlers graduated from the College of Medical Evangelists (now Loma Linda University) in 1934. She completed a pediatric residency at Los Angeles County Hospital and joined the staff of the White Memorial Hospital.

She headed the pediatrics department at LLU during the years most of the clinical training was located at White Memorial. She struggled to build the pediatrics program, scheduling office hours to accommodate working parents and recruiting pediatricians from the city to be attending physicians and train medical students.

Dr. Ehler lived near the hospital during World War II. She would go home to fix supper for her four children, and then return to the hospital for evening rounds. Those were the days before antibiotics, and she took constant risks treating peritonsillar abscesses, meningitis, TB, diphtheria and polio.

In 1977, Dr. Ehlers was named emeritus professor of pediatrics by LLU. She is the only woman included in the 1994 publication 'Giants of CME' which includes sketches of 73 individuals who served on the faculty during the 1950s.

She was a pioneer in the study of pediatric nephrology, including a year in research at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA). Years before nephrology was recognized as a subspecialty, she developed an expertise in the diagnosis and treatment of kidney diseases.

Dr. Ehlers continued to practice medicine until age 75. Today, the most prestigious award given to pediatric residents at LLU is the Hertha Ehlers Resident Award of Excellence for Meritorious Clinical and Academic Performance.

### Erna Steinmann Kruger - Lifetime Achievement

Erna Steinmann Kruger put tragedy behind her to provide a productive life for others. When she was hurting, she used her medical knowledge and training to make a difference in other lives.

Born in Coburg, Germany, in 1907, Erna Kruger's life spans most of the twentieth century. She completed nurse-physical therapy training in 1927 at the Sanatorium and Klinik Waldfriede, the Adventist hospital in Berlin.

She went with her husband, Emil, as missionaries to Egypt in 1932. Two years later, after harassment by the Nazis, dif-



Erna Steinmann Kruger

iculties serving as a male nurse in the context of Islamic culture and the cut-off of financial support by the church because of government restrictions, Emil committed suicide.

Left with a three-month-old son, Mrs. Kruger continued her work in Cairo. During the day she treated government officials and the wealthy in order to fund the clinic, and in the evenings she went into the neighborhoods to treat the poor, fitting her bicycle with a pedal-powered generator to provide lights.

The Egyptian government threatened to close down the Adventist mission unless it established a credible humanitarian institution, so a plan emerged to begin an orphanage. Mrs. Kruger was the first director of the Matariah Mercy Home. Soon a school was organized as part of the institution.

Over the years she cared for more than 300 orphans. Many became teachers, physicians, pastors and business executives. She returned to Germany at the age of 81. "Luckily, I got a pension," she reports. She says she "couldn't use all the money," so she paid for the college education of two young men who were still dependents of the orphanage.

### Dr. Otilie Frank Stafford - Lifetime Achievement

Possessing the uncanny ability to cut through irrelevant details, Dr. Otilie Stafford is respected by her colleagues and students for her incisive mind. A voracious reader, her breadth of interests is amazing. She is concerned with the interrelationships of all knowledge and constantly reminds teachers and students that knowledge cannot be fragmented and compartmentalized. It is not possible to be just an educated scientist or musician or linguist or preacher. She believes the role of education is to stimulate every facet of the intellect toward continuing development.

Although most people associate Dr. Stafford with Atlantic Union College, where she has been a faculty member since 1952, she has also taught grade school in New York and North Carolina and secondary school in Philadelphia, Phoenix, and Boston. In addition, she taught English at Southern College and served as a visiting professor at LLU and Andrews University. She completed a Ph.D. in English history and literature at Boston University.

Dr. Stafford is a dynamic presence at AUC—a magnet for bright students who feel she values them intellectually. She challenges her students to think clearly, to respect ideas and words, and to avoid complacency. She is continually revising

## ment Awards



Dr. Otilie Frank Stafford

and creating classes, and pushing college-wide experiments and curriculum reform.

She is a trailblazer among Adventist educators, helping to create the Adult Degree Program at AUC in 1974. She has also been a major contributor to AUC's Summer Advantage, Honors Core, and General Studies programs.

Dr. Stafford is a feminist who encourages the role of women in the church, and she has never been afraid to risk an unpopular stand. After retiring in 1996, she has been appointed chair of the Honors Core Program at AUC and continues to carry a full teaching load. She also looks forward to teaching graduate English classes at AU in the spring of 1997.

### Dr. Patricia Breedlove Habada - Lifetime Achievement

Dr. Habada's life has been committed to women's issues in the Adventist Church. She is a woman of stature and wise counsel, and her courage, passion and integrity have touched all who have crossed her path.

Starting her career in a one-room church school in northwestern Pennsylvania, she served in that conference for 16 years, as a teacher, a principal and associate superintendent of schools. Her three daughters were among her students.

She received a Ph.D. in curriculum and supervision at the University of Pittsburgh in 1980. As part of her graduate studies, she developed a mobile curriculum library that traveled the state providing enrichment resources for many teachers in small church schools.

She spent seven years as chief editor of the denomination's reading textbooks



Dr. Patricia Breedlove Habada

for grades K through 8. A generation of students has already benefited from this well-received series, and they are still used in almost all Adventist schools in North America.

Currently, she is curriculum coordinator for the Sabbath School and Personal Ministries Department of the General Conference.

An unflagging champion of justice and equality, Dr. Habada has done much to encourage and nurture young women who feel called to pastoral ministry and other non-traditional roles in the church. Out of this interest and her conviction about biblical equality came her efforts to organize an AAW committee to study the ordination of women. Prior to the 1990 GC session, the committee separated from AAW and became Time for Equality in Adventist Ministry (TEAM).

TEAM serves as a support network for women in pastoral ministry, awards scholarships for women in ministry, and publishes material about the role of women in the church. Dr. Habada's leadership, networking and problem-solving skills have enabled her to participate effectively in numerous denominational committees, the latest being her inclusion on the NAD President's Commission on Women in Ministry.

Those close to Dr. Habada witnessed her strength during the illness and death of her youngest daughter, Jo. Her friends saw a tireless and compassionate woman with a deep personal connection to Christ. They were inspired by her abiding faith in God, and her ability to continue supporting AAW despite her personal crisis.

## WASH Continues to Educate

Women and Men Against Sexual Harassment and Other Abuses (W.A.S.H.) was formed at the 1992 Conference of the Association of Adventist Women (AAW) to address the issue of abuse in the Seventh-day Adventist Church in a way that promotes healing and restoration for victims. A variety of materials have been collected, including an extensive list of books, films, and videos on the subject of abuse, treatment, and information. Seminars on abuse have been presented for various church groups including information on *SDA OnLine* on CompuServe.

The hummingbird was chosen as the symbol for W.A.S.H. The first Hummingbird Award was presented to Oregon Conference Family Life Abuse Taskforce

leaders for their outstanding efforts in addressing abuse through seminars and training sessions for pastors and other church leaders.

The W.A.S.H. board is chaired by Peggy Harris and includes board members from the U.S. and Canada. One of the W.A.S.H. board members, Bobbie Drake, has published the first educational child abuse prevention book with a Christian perspective for children. It is titled *Friends, Good, Bad, & Secret*. Betty Rayle, Women's Ministries Director for the North Pacific Union, did the artwork. The book is available through Adventist Book Centers.

Materials on the subject of abuse have been given out at the W.A.S.H. display at AAW conferences, ASI conventions,

## Letter from Europe

Courtesy of my press badge, I sat on the front row during the vote on women's ordination in Utrecht one year ago. I was saddened that Gerard Damsteegt, a theologian from Europe, should betray, in letter but especially in spirit, not only the best in Adventist biblical scholarship but also the prophetic, egalitarian tradition of European Protestantism. But Raoul Dederen, speaking in favour of the ordination of women, is also a European. In the past year, my experience as an individual laywoman here in Europe (and it is that personal experience rather than any institutional overview that I am sharing here) has been that the struggle for justice for Adventist women that those two European theologians personified on that black Wednesday afternoon goes on. In Europe it may not take the form of a struggle for ordination. Instead, I see it as a continuous process where the way women are seen both by themselves and by the men in the Adventist Church is changing. As you say in the U.S. - "The game's not over till the fat lady sings."

The process of change was a reality among those Adventist women and men who shared honey cake and experience at the AAW supper in Utrecht. I was inspired then as I am repeatedly by the spirituality of Adventist women and their male supporters in the face of church politics. I've been encouraged during the year by the sense of renewal and communal joy expressed in the Sligo ordination video and in the reports of the West Coast ordinations. But some of my encouragement originates on this side of the Atlantic.

During Easter weekend, my husband and I were the guest speakers at a weekend on Theology and Media run by the Italian Adventist Students' Association and sponsored in part, we were told, by the Italian Union. Here we found between 50 and 60 young professional people working seriously at the task of seeing God in all aspects of their lives - the work of spirituality. The relationships between the men and women in the group were positive and mutually respectful. During the weekend, they elected as their president for the next three years an able young woman who teaches at *Istituto Adventista*, the Adventist junior college. As we discussed the media view of women, the young women and men revealed obvious awareness of and readiness to discuss gender issues. The issues of who holds the camera, or creates the perspective, and how women are portrayed in the media were debated thoughtfully and openly. These young people were not discussing the ordination of women, but they obviously recognized the implications for the Christian life and the Christian community when women's lives and women's views of the world are seen as less valuable than men's.

Later in April, I contributed to a weekend hosted by the Newbold Women's Ministries Committee entitled *Towards Wholeness: How Women Can Lay Claim to Full and Balanced Lives*. On Friday evening, Newbold pro-

fessor Penny Mahon co-ordinated *A Liturgy of Bread* - a programme written originally by Adventist women in Finland. In the service, women and men from Newbold's international community illustrated in words and music - and with different kinds of bread - the life and work of women around the world. Sabbath began with prayer breakfast groups in staff homes. The speakers at all of Newbold's three morning services were women - including Drene Somasundram, Britain's only woman pastor. The afternoon offered nine seminars on women's issues including subjects such as: *Dealing with Adolescents*, *Managing Your Time*, *On Being Single*, and *Discovering Your Vocation*. Both seminar speakers and the visitors for the weekend included women from the local community. This is the third of such annual weekends at Newbold. One particular gratifying aspect of the weekend is how many men are to be seen joining in the activities. The community of men and women at Newbold thrives.

The last weekend in May, my husband and I were invited to the meeting of the German Adventist Forum where my husband spoke on Sexuality and Spirituality. The subject itself raised the issue of gender roles and we met a number of women and men who are concerned about the church's treatment of women, and particularly of women pastors. Of particular interest was Karin Lobermann, a trained Adventist minister who has worked as a pastor but does so no longer. Her story and her feelings would, I know, be understood by many other gifted Adventist women whose service seems to be seen as an inconvenient distraction to administrators in their church. But the spirit of Karin and other European Adventist women and their supporters thrives on community. They find their own ways of receiving spiritual nurture and support. Women and men support each other.

My sisters in the Anglican Church are finding that despite their victory in winning ordination in 1992, many of them are still being found unacceptable as priests in their church. Discrimination against women priests in the Anglican Church has generated discussions concerning the reactivation of the Movement for the Ordination of Women - to provide support for women, both lay and ordained within the Anglican communion, and further education concerning the role of women in the church. I believe that in struggling for ordination - a "winnable" battle - we Adventist women should not take our eyes off a more significant goal, which is to change the bias in the church against not individual women but the status of femaleness itself. My individual experience in Europe during 1996 is that the status of femaleness within Adventism is changing slowly. That gives me courage - and hope.

Helen Pearson

and other church activities. In the process of gathering information about abuse help organizations, networking has been done with several of them. Currently a list of names and addresses is being gathered for the *W.A.S.H. Line* publication.

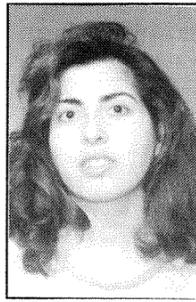
If you are interested in W.A.S.H. materials and the *W.A.S.H. Line*, please contact Peggy Harris, W.A.S.H. Chair, 4309 Sandy Spring, Burtonsville, MD 20866-1139 or phone: 800/433-9274 or E-mail: CompuServe 74532,750.

# Scholarships for Women

Editor's note: More scholarship opportunities are opening for women. If you know of a woman who might qualify, contact the granting organizations for details about how to nominate a candidate.



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## TEAM Awards 13 Scholarships

During 1996, Time for Equality in Adventist Ministry (TEAM) awarded 13 scholarships totaling \$15,000. Six of the awardees plan to serve the church outside North America. Many of them represent countries where female students are not traditionally encouraged to pursue a goal of formal ministry. Last year eight of the 22 awards went to non-North American women.

TEAM scholarships ranged from \$500 to \$2,500, and were awarded based on equal consideration of financial need and merit. The Women in Ministry Scholarship Fund is supported by private contributions from those who believe the Seventh-day Adventist Church needs to recognize, affirm, and use the spiritual gifts of women in formal ministry. Since the program was established in 1991, 52 women have benefited from scholarships totaling \$60,000.

For more information about the scholarship program or to request 1997 applications, write to Rebecca Brillhart, P.O. Box 7816, Langley Park, MD 20787-7816. Requests can be faxed 24 hours a day to 410-992-0003.

Recipients of the TEAM Women in Ministry Scholarship Fund:

- Siran Delice (Turkey), pursuing an M.Div. degree, SDA Theological Seminary, Andrews University
- Tina Delice (Turkey), pursuing an M.Div. degree, SDA Theological Seminary, Andrews University
- Reina Rojas (Bolivia), pursuing a master's degree in pastoral counseling (marriage and family), Montemorelos University, Mexico
- Lucia Flores (Bolivia), pursuing theology

training, Universidad Adventista de Bolivia

- Femma Lewis (Grenada), pursuing M.A. in religion, SDA Theological Seminary, Andrews University

- Sally Kiasiong-Andriamiarisoa (Mauritius), pursuing a doctorate in religion, SDA Theological Seminary, Andrews University

- DeAnna Chopin (USA), pursuing M.A. in religion, SDA Theological Seminary, Andrews University

- Alicia Worley (USA), pursuing M.Div., SDA Theological Seminary, Andrews University

- Teresa Reeve (USA), pursuing M.Div., SDA Theological Seminary, Andrews University

- Karen Abrahamson (USA), pursuing master's degree in community counseling and marriage and family therapy, Andrews University

- Denise Ropka (USA), pursuing master's degree, Fuller Theological Seminary (Pasadena, California)

- Anne Freed (USA), pursuing doctorate in leadership and ethics, Fuller Theological Seminary (Pasadena, California)

- Mitzi Jane Smith (USA), pursuing M.Div., Howard University School of Divinity (Washington, D.C.)

## GC Women's Ministries Funds Scholarships

The General Conference sponsors a *Women's Ministries Scholarship Program* which benefits each world division with an established women's ministries director and program. This program is funded by profits from the sale of a series of women's devotional

books since 1993, and contributions from businesses, private organizations, and individuals.

For more details, contact the Women's Ministries Department of the division in which you permanently reside.

## NAD Women's Ministries Sponsors Scholarships

The North American Women's Ministries Department has established the *Thesba Johnston Scholarship Fund* and awarded seven scholarships totaling \$3,000. The first recipients are

- DeAnna Chopin (pursuing an M.A. in religion, Andrews University),
- Anjer Rollins (pursuing an M.A. in religion, Andrews University),
- Clarissa Worley (pursuing an M.Div., Andrews University),
- Alicia Worley (pursuing an M.Div., Andrews University),
- Dawn Lloyd (pursuing a B.A. in theology, Walla Walla College),
- Corin Nickolatos (pursuing a B.A. in theology, Walla Walla College), and

- Carol Young (pursuing a B.A. in theology, Southwestern Adventist College).

Funds are awarded to North American constituents (proof of citizenship required) who are full-time students entering their junior or senior year of undergraduate study in religion/theology or who are attending graduate school at a Seventh-day Adventist institution. Nominees are evaluated by academic performance, leadership skills, commitment to the church's mission, and financial need.

For more information, contact the Women's Ministries Department, North American Division, 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20904, 301-680-6422.



DeAnna Chopin



Dawn Lloyd



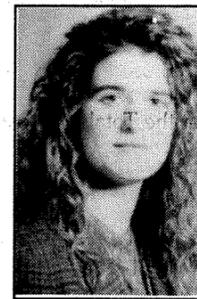
Corin Nickolatos



Anjer Rollins



Alicia Worley



Clarissa Worley



Carol Young

## New Scholarship Established at the SDA Theological Seminary

The *Leona Glidden Running Endowed Scholarship* has been established by the Women's Scholarship Committee (ASC) at Andrews University. It is to benefit women attending the SDA Theological Seminary at Andrews University. This scholarship program honors Dr. Leona Running who has taught biblical languages and biblical interpretation at the seminary for 40 years. She has influenced hundreds of ministers serving around the world.

A tribute to Dr. Running captured the essence of her influence. "Beloved for her teaching skills and devotion to her students—especially those in need—Dr. Running is also known for championing the cause of women in ministry as both a scholar and a friend. She has supported and encouraged the women who braved the seminary during uninviting times..."

The Adventist Heritage Center has been the recipient of her extensive library on women's issues, a collection she continually adds to. Although retired, Dr. Running still teaches Semitic languages at the seminary."

ASC has set up and continues to manage several types of scholarships to "help women from around the world reach their potential for service." Twenty-eight scholarships have been awarded to date. For more information, contact the Women's Scholarship Committee, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI 49104, 616-471-3592.

## La Sierra Begins Scholarship Program

The La Sierra University School of Religion has begun the *SDA Women in Ministry Scholarship Endowment Fund* in response to the plea of NAD president Alfred C. McClure "to marshal all the gifts of your church" and "affirm the women whom God has called to ministry." This endowment will help put the School of Religion's ministerial training within reach of women answering the call of God.

For more details, contact School of Religion, La Sierra University, 4700 Pierce Street, Riverside, CA, 92515-8247, 909-785-2470.

## Magazine Launched for Adventist Parents

Nampa, Idaho—Pacific Press Publishing Association has launched *ParentTalk*, a new bimonthly magazine for Seventh-day Adventist parents. This new publication is designed to help Adventist parents, grandparents, and caregivers raise happy and spiritually healthy children.

"Right now is the most important time parents have with their children," says Randy Maxwell, who co-edits the magazine with Glen Robinson. "We want the best of everything for our kids, and we intend for *ParentTalk* to be a practical resource to help out parents."

Randy Maxwell brings diverse knowledge to *ParentTalk*. In addition to co-editing and co-marketing *ParentTalk*, he markets *Divine Appointments*, a monthly men's devotional. He has also served as the director of advertising at Pacific Press for three years, assistant book editor for Pacific Press for three years, and is the author of three books: *Weight on the Lord*, *Loving Is Fundamental*, and *If My People Pray*. Randy has spoken at many prayer conferences across the U.S. and Canada. He has three daughters.

As co-editor and co-marketer for *ParentTalk*, Glen Robinson has a strong editing background. At the same time, he is the managing editor of *Divine Appointments*. Glen also wrote *52 Things to Do on the Sabbath* and three children's books. He was an associate book editor



for five years at Pacific Press. Glen has two teenage children.

*ParentTalk* will cover topics related to health, values, relationships, discipline, and spirituality. Realistic approaches will be taken to sensitive lifestyle and spiritual issues such as diet and the Sabbath. Objective reviews of popular videos, music, and computer games will help parents decide what their children should or should not be seeing or hearing.

Tips, advice, and opinions from readers and other parents can be found in the regular column, "My Turn," along with personal stories from real moms and dads in "Family Portrait."

Authoritative advice from family-life professionals like Donna Habenicht, Linda Dulan, Sandra

Doran, Ron and Karen Flowers, and others, will be featured in columns such as "Three Generations," "Education," and "The Wonder Years (the wonders of watching children grow up through the developmental stages)."

In addition to positive, nonjudgmental counsel on how parents can raise spiritually healthy children, the magazine also will emphasize healthy and fun nutrition. "Kitchen Notes" will feature healthful, fast, and fun recipes.

To try a complementary copy of *ParentTalk*, call 1-800-765-6955.

## Joy in His Service

by Veneracion G. Cabana, Ph. D.

When I volunteered to join an evangelistic crusade in my native country, the Philippines, I wondered if there was anything I could contribute as a woman from a traditionally male-dominant culture. In God's service, men and women have equal responsibilities to use the gifts given them by God.

I joined as the health lecturer for the Total Health and Happiness Expo '96 crusade at Malolos, Bulakan, Philippines, from March 30 to April 13, 1996. The crusade was held in conjunction with the Voice of Prophecy 50th Anniversary Target 50,000 Evangelistic Campaign. Teams of pastors and volunteers from North America had been invited to conduct crusades throughout the Philippines with a target of 50,000 baptisms by the end of 1996. Daniel Botabara, senior pastor of the Hinsdale, Illinois, Fil-Am SDA Church, where I am a member, led the Malolos team.

Volunteers were expected to pay their own expenses. Plane tickets were more than \$1,300. I told God, "Lord, you know I do not have much money. The plane ticket is so expensive." Soon after, a friend called to tell me her family was giving the church \$500 for my travel expenses. "Lord, thank you for such generous children of Yours," I prayed. More funds came unsolicited. I purchased materials for the lectures. The plane ticket was secured at a reduced rate of less than \$900. I was on my way to Manila.

The crusade was held at the Hiyas Ng Bulakan Convention Center in the historic city of Malolos, a devoutly Catholic community in the province of Bulakan, just outside of metropolitan Manila, where huge cathedrals are within walking distance of one another. Among these are the impressive Malolos Cathedral and the historic Barasoain Church where the Philippine independence document, the *Pact of Biak Na Bato* was drafted and where the first Philippine president, Emilio Aguinaldo, and the Filipino revolutionaries had their secret headquarters during their fight for independence from the 400-year colonial rule by Spain. Barasoain Church's image is imprinted in the Philippine 10-peso bill. Such was the setting of our target city.

But I was caught in the excitement of the crusade. A motorcade through the city of Malolos led by officers of the Land Transportation Commission of the provincial government announced the meetings. On opening night, crowds made their way to the convention center. Although most of the population of Malolos are devoutly Catholic and the meetings were held during the Holy Week, more than a third of the nightly attendance (about 400 people) were non-Adventists.

I gave the nightly health lectures before the evangelist spoke. A woman lecturing! In Tagalog! The audience was captivated. I know it was God's doing. For it is not easy to

convey scientific information in lay language, much less in a tongue that I had not used formally since I left the Philippines 28 years ago. The burden of conveying God's love through the health message was almost overwhelming. Only if God was able to speak through me would the message be understood. But God really blessed. The health message became an opening wedge both to the crowd at the convention center and to other non-Adventist audiences as well, especially the educated and elite who did not attend the meetings.

Good will was created by the health lectures. The seminar on diet and stress management was much appreciated by the provincial government officials of Bulakan. As a result, the last night at Hiyas was given free instead of the nightly rental of 2,500 pesos. The members of the Worldwide Church of God asked for a health lecture. Also, nutritionists from around Manila matriculated in my continuing education seminar, which was accredited by the Nutrition-Dietetics Association of the Philippines. A nutritionist working at the hospital run by the oldest Catholic university in Manila expressed her wish to have a similar health seminar conducted at her workplace. Surely the Lord is opening ways to lead people to Him.

Other blessings included our free housing in a showcase Acapulco-type villa owned by an attorney. And what more tangible evidence of the Lord's protection than when my purse was inadvertently left in a restaurant? It held all my money, passport, plane ticket, driver's license, and other documents needed for unhindered travel. Although the purse was conspicuously sitting by the leg of a chair, it remained untouched until I returned—unheard of in a crowded city with its share of pickpockets and purse snatchers. Participating in the crusade gave me a firsthand experience of God's goodness.

Working with the members of the team was a pleasure. Lydia Roda of the Loma Linda University church and widow of the late Philippine Union College president Alfonso Roda was the crusade nurse. She also supervised and financed the cooking classes. Her foresight and inspiration led to the health lectures and cooking demonstrations being held at the Malolos crusade. We enjoyed many hours together. Maribel Cruzata, assistant professor at the School of Nutrition of Philippine Union College conducted the cooking demonstrations. Shayne Mapa, a student at the Pasay City Academy, was the singing evangelist. Shayne possesses an exquisite voice and at the age of 15 has thrilled audiences around the world, including at the General Conference session in Utrecht, Netherlands, in 1995. Every night she transformed the hall into a cathedral of praise as she sang the wonders of God's love. Also, women from the Malolos church made sure we were fed and housed comfortably. Women, young and old, contributed their individual gifts to the preaching of the



## Women of Spirit Being Published Bimonthly

Beginning with the July/August 1996 issue, *Women of Spirit* is being published six times a year, one issue every two months.

"Increasing the number of issues of *Women of Spirit* is our response to popular demand," says Penny Estes Wheeler, editor. "We're solving the only complaint readers have—that *Women of Spirit* doesn't come out often enough. We want to fulfill our purpose of being a friend and mentor to Adventist women. If the ties we're developing by sharing each others' lives are strengthened by producing *Women of Spirit* two more times a year, it's worth it."

"With *Women of Spirit* coming every two months, it'll be easier for readers to know when it'll arrive in the mail," adds Heide Ford, assistant editor.

If two more issues of *Women of Spirit* are a reason to celebrate, a special offer for a gift subscription is even better. For a limited time a gift subscription may be purchased for almost half price, \$8.50, with the purchase of one regularly priced subscription at \$16.95. Call 1-800-765-6955 to order gift subscriptions of *Women of Spirit* for your friends and to reserve your own.

gospel of our Lord Jesus.

The men were a joy to work with, including Pastor Botabara, evangelist; Pastor Nestor Santos, coordinator of the field school and head of the school of theology at Philippine Union College; and Pastor Jemuel Abcede, coordinator of the crusade, and a district pastor in Bulakan. The field school students from PUC did the footwork, while the church elders and youth of the Malolos church provided crucial support.

Fifty-six people from Malolos were baptized with another 400 people in the Olympic swimming pool at the Rizal Memorial Stadium in Manila. Among them was 16-year-old Vicky, truly a "firebrand snatched from the burning" (Amos 4:11). A couple of weeks before the crusade, she was invited to a graduation party at the Ozone Disco in Quezon City, on the outskirts of Manila. Having failed to obtain permission from her mother, Vicky slipped out to join her friends after her mother went to bed about 9 p.m. Upon reaching the meeting place, she discovered that her friends had left her, assuming that she was not coming. She went swimming instead. The next morning she heard the horrifying news that the Ozone Disco had burned to the ground, with her friends among the 158 dead. "The Lord has a plan for me," concluded Vicky.

There was also Gilbert, a man from the neighboring province of Pampanga. Domestic violence sent his wife and children into hiding, leaving him devastated and alone. Because his wife was from Malolos, he went there to look for his family. That day the motorcade was held to announce the meetings. At the highway crossing, his attention was caught by a shiny piece of paper on the bus floor. It was a flier inviting people to meetings at the convention center. He went and decided to be baptized. He found reconciliation with his Saviour and the start of reconciliation with his family.

Many others have found the joy of salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ. I have been blessed with real joy in His service.

# PEOPLE AND PLACES

**Lisa Isensee**, a recent graduate in theology from Andrews University, has begun an internship in the Ohio Conference, where she will be associate pastor at the Worthington church.

Congratulations to **Karen Flowers**, GC Family Ministries Department Co-director, on the completion of her master's degree at Andrews University. Karen "likes" school so much, she has already begun a doctoral program.

Formerly the senior pastor of the Boston Temple in Massachusetts, **Hyveth Williams** has accepted a similar position at the Campus Hill church in Loma Linda. A busy person who is much in demand as a speaker for special events, Hyveth has managed to pursue doctoral studies at Boston University in addition to her pastoral responsibilities.

**Tricia Trefl**, a theology graduate of Andrews University, has now completed CPE training and is beginning a chaplaincy internship at Porter Hospital in Colorado.

Congratulations to **Esther Knott** and **Margo Pitrone**. Esther was commissioned at an ordination/commissioning service at Potomac Conference camp meeting in June. Margo and her associate, Jared Fulton, were ordained at the Garden Grove/Irvine, California, Seventh-day Adventist church on July 6.

Special congratulations to AAW Past President **Nancy Marter** on becoming a grandmother. Born on June 16 (Nancy's birthday and also Father's Day) **Nicole Helaine**, eight pounds, eight ounces, was delivered by her father, a physician specializing in OB/GYN. Congratulations to Drs. Ross and **Lisa Marter**, proud parents, and to Nicole's paternal grandfather, Dr. Lyndon Marter, better known as Nancy's husband.

Joy spread from Andrews University all the way to Switzerland when **Viviane Haenni** called to tell her family that she had successfully defended her dissertation at the SDA Theological Seminary at Andrews University. Dr. Haenni plans to return to Europe where she hopes to establish *Paloma*, an institute of Christian studies.

From the Southwestern Union *Record* comes the report that **Hulda Crooks** recently celebrated her 100th birthday. In 1962, at age 66, when most of us would be thinking about retirement and settling into an easy chair, Hulda Crooks strapped on her boots and backpack and made her first climb to the top of Mt. Whitney. To date she has made the 14,495 foot ascent 23 times, astonishing younger hikers on the trail and inspiring others around the world with her healthful lifestyle and simple faith in God. On the occasion of her 100th birthday, *The Quiet Hour* released a book, *Conquering Life's Mountains*, in which Crooks shares her wealth of experience and keen observations of nature which reveal God's tender love.

Promotions in the Inter-American Division: **Mrs Beulah Peterson**, an associate treasurer, has been promoted to under-treasurer. Also, **Mrs. Susanne Arteaga**, formerly human-resources director, has been promoted to associate treasurer as well as the registrar of the Inter-American Theological Seminary. **Margaret Ramsarran**, former communication and education director for the Guyana Conference, has been elected treasurer for that conference.

**Iris Yob** has accepted an appointment as academic coordinator for the Living-Learning Center at Indiana Uni-

versity. The LLC is a university within the larger university where in-class and out-of-class learnings are mutually supportive, with a lot of student government. Her job will be to facilitate students as they set up their special classes and additional academic ventures like forums and visits to art galleries and the appointment of scholars in residence, etc., and to train teachers in the methods that reflect the philosophy of the center. About 500 students live and learn in the center. As part of her assignment, she is expected to maintain her own research program, *Living Words*, and many other projects already underway.

**Karen Miller** reports that more than 2,000 Seventh-day Adventist women gathered for women's meetings during August in Australia in the cities of Brisbane, Melbourne, Sydney and in North and South New Zealand. **Rose Otis**, general field secretary and director of the department of Women's Ministries at the church world headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland, and **Kendra Haloviak**, a Ph.D. student in theology at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California, were the speakers for the meetings. "Women were there for all the right reasons," says Otis, who sees Women's Ministries springing up worldwide, and catching on. After the meetings, Otis was interviewed in Sydney on one of the countries few religious broadcasts. Talk show host Gordon Moyes conducted the live nationally broadcast interview.

**Arllys Walter Qualley** died of cancer on August 27. She served for years as the head of the Voice of Prophecy correspondence school, among other assignments.

**Shannon Marie Bigger** from Walla Walla, Washington, was murdered in her apartment in Silver Spring, Maryland, one week before the end of an internship. The family has established a memorial scholarship fund to aid Christian Service Volunteers, with preference given to those who serve in Yap. The memorial fund is administered by the Advancement Office of Walla Walla College, 204 S. College Avenue, College Place, WA 99324.

**Betty Jarnes Holbrook** died in May at her home. She suffered from a rare disease called MSA, multiple systems at-



Betty and Delmer Holbrook at their retirement party

rophy. An author, teacher, and church leader, Betty influenced countless people. She taught from 1946-1965 in such places as Missouri, Nebraska, and Lima, Peru. From 1968-1980, she wrote "Especially for Women," a column that appeared monthly in the *Adventist Review*. In 1976 her book *I'd Pick More Daisies* was published. From 1975-1985 she was the assistant director for Home and Family Services, a department she helped create when she wrote the draft proposal which was voted at the GC session held in Vienna, Austria. In 1985 Betty was made director of the Family Life Department, associate director of the Personal Ministries Department, and chair of the Women's Ministries Advisory, out of which grew the Women's Ministries Department. After she and husband Delmer retired in 1988, they carried on their ministry to families in Europe. In addition, they appeared on radio and television in Europe, Africa, North America, and South America. Betty devoted her life to serving others. In a life packed with experiences, she set a shining example as a mother of Israel.

[Editor's note: We welcome contributions to this column. Send news from YOUR part of the world to *The Adventist Woman*, P.O. Box 7414, Langley Park, MD 20787.]

## AAW MISSION STATEMENT

"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them." *Genesis 1:27 (RSV)*

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

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1. To encourage communication,

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

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

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

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

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lated intimate sexual expression. However, the estate of marriage is not God's only plan for the meeting of human relational needs or for knowing the experience of family. Singleness and the friendship of singles are within the divine design as well. The companionship and support of friends looms in importance in both biblical testaments. The fellowship of the Church, the household of God, is available to all regardless of their married state. Scripture, however, places a solid demarcation socially and sexually between such friendship relations and marriage.

"To this biblical view of marriage the

Seventh-day Adventist Church adheres without reservation, believing that any lowering of this high view is to that extent a lowering of the heavenly ideal. Because marriage has been corrupted by sin, the purity and beauty of marriage as it was designed by God needs to be restored. Through an appreciation of the redemptive work of Christ and the work of His Spirit in human hearts, the original purpose of marriage may be recovered and the delightful and wholesome experience of marriage realized by a man and a woman who join their lives in the marriage covenant."