



The Adventist Woman

The Journal of the Association of Adventist Women

AAW Web Site Debuts

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(NEWS) A web site for the Association of Adventist Women (AAW) is now available for the first time. The web site is the work of the new AAW executive committee and can be found on the Internet at www.aaw.cc.

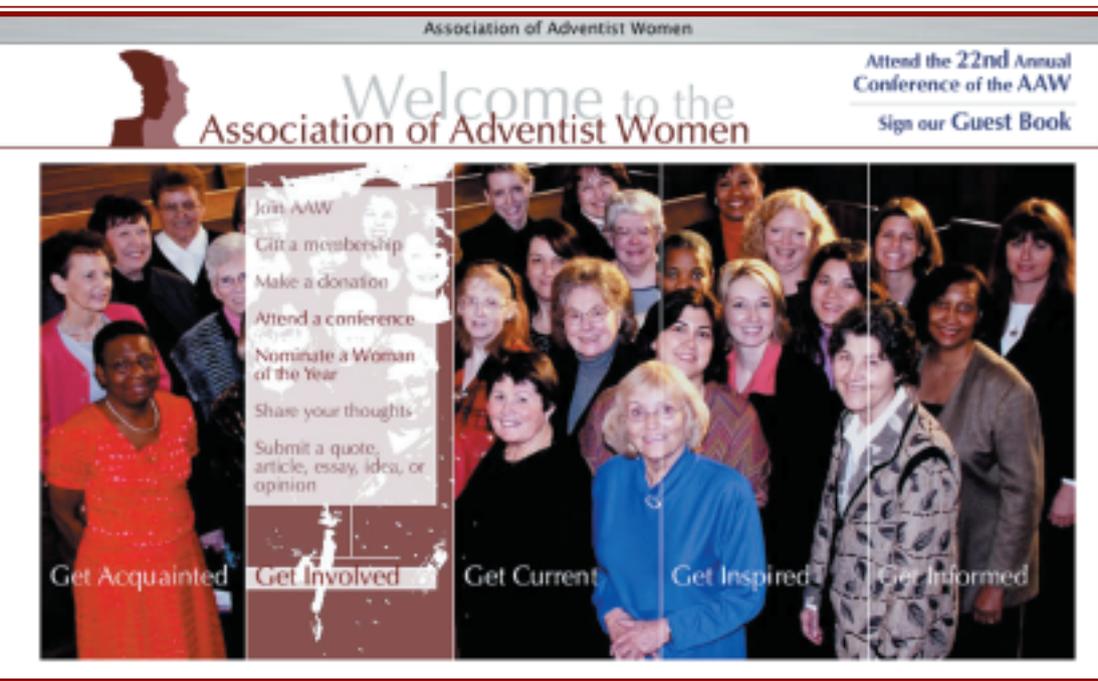
The web site is constructed around five categories that provide information on the goals, accomplishments and the history of AAW. The web site also allows Internet users to join AAW and offer feedback, as well as providing news, announcements, lists of publications by Adventist women, information on Woman-of-the-Year awardees and details about AAW's annual conferences.

The web site can perform many functions for the association, says Verla Michel-Kwiram, president of AAW. "We hope that subscribers will renew

"Your contributions will ensure the success of the site."

their memberships online, correcting their personal and mailing information there (which may lead to an AAW Directory), pay dues, and make monetary contributions. Through the

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AAW Headquarters Move to Northwest

Verla Michel-Kwiram assumes AAW leadership

(NEWS) The AAW Executive Team in Loma Linda, under the leadership of Dr. Patricia Foster, President, is taking a much deserved break. In January, 2004, headquarters for the Association were transferred to the Northwest, where Verla Michel-Kwiram has assumed leadership responsibilities.

Michel-Kwiram is a graduate of La Sierra University and Boston University. While attending Boston University, Michel-Kwiram and her husband, Alvin, were actively involved in the formation of the Association of Adventist Forums, which gave the Association of Adventist Women its start in 1982. Since 1994, Michel-Kwiram has served on the Board of Trustees of La Sierra University. She is a lifetime member of the Association of Adventist Forums and the recipient of the AAW Woman-of-the-Year Award in 2002. Since 1976, Michel-Kwiram has owned and operated an apartment house business in Seattle, WA.

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Meet the New Editor

AAW welcomes Nicole Batten as the new editor of *The Adventist Woman*



(NEWS) The Association of Adventist Women recently hired Nicole Batten as editor of the association's quarterly newsletter, *The Adventist Woman*. Batten replaces Kit Watts as editor.

"We appreciate all Kit Watts has done as editor, yet we are excited to have Nicole as part of the team. Her enthusiasm and knowledge will be an asset to AAW," says Verla Michel-Kwiram, president of AAW.

Batten is currently the publicity director at Pacific Press®—one of two publishing houses serving North America that is owned by the General Conference. She has a background in marketing, public relations, and fund-raising. She worked as communications director for VOAR—Canada's only Adventist radio station. While at VOAR she completed a three-year campaign expanding Adventist radio across Canada and turning VOAR into a radio network. Batten has also worked for Mount Pisgah Academy and Walla Walla College.

Batten is a communications and marketing graduate of Walla Walla College and has received extensive training in public speaking and fund-raising. Batten brings with her a wide variety of experiences in media writing that promise to benefit AAW.

"It is an honor and a privilege to work with such an important organization as AAW. I thank Verla for having faith in me and giving me the opportunity to edit this publication. I hope AAW members appreciate the new look and format of *The Adventist Woman*."

Batten assumed her duties July 20. 🐾

AAW 2004 National Conference

The Woman Next to Me: Different Paths, Common Journey

Come, meet the woman next to you.

(EVENTS) The smell of the grape harvest and the colors of the apple harvest will greet you as you arrive for this year's annual AAW conference in southwestern Michigan. The dates for the conference, to be held on the campus of Andrews University in Berrien Springs, are October 14-17.

The pre-session, Women & the Word, will meet from 8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m., Thursday, October 14, in the Seminary Chapel. A welcome station, where AAW pre-registrants may pick up printed programs and badges, and on-site registration will be open from 4-7 p.m. in the Whirlpool Room of Chan Shun Hall, which houses the School of Business. The opening session of the AAW conference is at 7:30 pm on Thursday evening.

This year's theme is "The Woman Next to Me: Different Paths, Common Journey." As humans we are all on a common journey of spiritual, personal and professional fulfillment. In planning this year's conference, the local group (co-chaired by Stella Ramirez Greig and Patricia Stewart) have explored the commonality of the journey as well as the different paths taken by women next to us—whether in the church pew, the marketplace, the family, a different culture, or in a different time. "Come, be the woman next to me; share your journey and share mine," says Greig.

Friday morning and Friday afternoon will each begin with a plenary session followed by a group of concurrent workshops. The morning plenary session has not yet been finalized, but the afternoon plenary session will be, "The Woman Next to Me is the Future of the Church." A panel of college and graduate women students will discuss the ways they serve the church, as well as how the church can nurture and empower its young women (see sidebar for a list of workshops).

The focus of Friday evening's Agape Feast will be "The Spiritual Journey of the Woman Next to Me"—taking a look at the stories of the different paths

women take to join our common journey in Adventism. Sabbath morning there will be a special Sabbath School class from 10 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. called "Dialogue with the Woman Next to Me: Sharing the Journey."

Sabbath afternoon attendees have a choice of the following activities: a visit to "Still Waters," a

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Andrews University | courtesy Pat Spangler

Association of Adventist Women 22nd Annual Conference

The Woman Next to Me: Different Paths, Common Journey

October 14-17, 2004

On-site registration will begin October 14 at 4:00pm, Whirlpool Room, Chan Shun Hall.

Tickets	Event	Cost
REGISTRATION FEE		
___	Registration before October 1	\$95.00
___	Registration after October 1	\$115.00
___	Free for students, must include copy of ID	FREE
MEALS		
___	Meal Package (includes lunch Friday and Sabbath, Agape Feast, WOYA Banquet)	\$70.00
___	Sabbath lunch only	\$12.00
___	WOYA (Woman-of-the-Year Awards) Banquet only	\$35.00
EVENTS		
___	AU Symphony Concert - follows WOYA Banquet	\$10.00
___	Trip to Battle Creek, Adventist Heritage Center, lunch included.	\$30.00
WOMEN AND THE WORD PRE-SESSION		
Thurs., Oct. 14 (includes lunch)		
___	Before October 1	\$50.00
___	Between Sept. 16 and Oct. 10	\$60.00
___	After Oct. 10	\$70.00
___	Senior discount (\$10 off session)	- \$10.00
___	Student discount with ID (\$20 off session)	- \$20.00
AAW MEMBERSHIP		
___	One-year AAW membership renewal (includes newsletter subscription)	\$29.95
___	I wish to join AAW for one year (includes newsletter subscription)	\$29.95
___	DONATION TO AAW	\$ _____
___	GRAND TOTAL	\$ _____

Make checks payable to AAW.
If you prefer, you can pre-register on the AAW web site at www.aaw.cc. Credit cards accepted.

2004
Workshops

The Woman Next to Me is My Pastor Leslie Baumgartner will discuss the findings of her doctoral research concerning a dozen of the longest serving current SDA women pastors

The Woman Next to Me Needs to be Recognized A workshop in planning programs and events—large and small—that recognize women and their journeys.

The Woman Next to Me is An Artist Linda Mack, musician and music librarian, introduces you to women artists—musicians, vocalists, painters, sculptors, etc...

The Woman Next to Me: Caregiver, Care-needer A workshop for women who suddenly find themselves as caregivers to elderly parents/relatives/friends.

The Woman Next to Me: Me and Finances Presenter, Dr. Ann Gibson, dean of the School of Business. What every woman needs to know about personal finances.

AAW Salutes Dr. Patricia Foster

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(NEWS) Dr. Patricia Foster, President of the AAW from 2001-2003, and AAW Board member from 1998-2003, stepped down from her responsibilities in December 2003. During her tenure, Foster successfully fulfilled her mandate to publish *The Adventist Woman*, to coordinate conferences, to honor Woman-of-the-Year awardees and to clarify and enhance the mission of the AAW.

In 2001 the National Board of Directors and invitees from across the

nation participated in a structured process of self-assessment and planning. Some of the outcomes from these sessions

included a re-statement of the organization's mission and goals, which concentrates on supporting capable women's participation in active leadership at all levels of the church organization. In the following two years, the AAW, under Pat's leadership, continued to refine its message by formulating specific objectives to implement its goals and by discussing its mission with various internal and external groups. These ideas were circulated through essays in each issue of *The Adventist Woman*, which presented various aspects of the mission and goals statement.

The theme of the 2003 AAW Conference at Loma Linda was "Women and Leadership: Change, Choice, Commitment." The plenary and workshop sessions expanded this theme. The support of women in leadership in local, regional and national church organizations will continue to be goals of AAW.

Other developments during Foster's tenure include a detailed membership policy, a leadership development task force and the development of the "Champion of Justice Award" for men who have played a major role in supporting and facilitating the advancement of women in church leadership. The first award was presented to Dr. Lynn Mallery, president of the Southeastern California Conference, at the 2002 Woman-of-the-Year banquet. Dr. Larry Geraty and Elder Warren Banfield received this award in 2003.

Foster will be remembered for her superb organizational skills. She personally coordinated the annual conferences in 1998 and 2003 in Loma Linda, CA, and was Woman-of-the-Year Awards chair for 1999 and 2000. In addition, she was the liaison official for conferences in Florida (1999), Maryland (2001), and Oregon (2002)

"I am deeply grateful for all the wonderful people with whom I have had the privilege to work," Foster states. "We have had a most enthusiastic board—Cheryl Smith, Georgia Hodgkin, Jan Webb McQuistan, Kit Watts, Maxine Taylor, Penny Miller, Penny Shell, Ruth Burke—to whom I express my thanks, and a wonderful Advisory Board, who gave invaluable insights and advice." 📖

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spiritual retreat nearby, directed by Delcy Kuhlman; a brief Andrews University history tour of Berrien Springs; or a tour of Rose Hill Cemetery. Saturday evening will be the Woman-of-the-Year banquet from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. This will be followed by an opportunity to attend the University Orchestra's opening concert of the season in the Howard Performing Arts Center at 8 p.m.

Following a continental breakfast on Sunday morning, a special guest will speak to us about her spiritual journey into and in the Islamic faith. The session is titled "The Woman Next to Me is a Muslim." This will be followed by the AAW business meeting. Adjournment will be at noon. 📖

AAW Celebrates Leaders

Attracting people from as far as England and Singapore, the group convened on the Loma Linda University campus Oct. 16-19, 2003.

by Kit Watts



(NEWS) Focusing on leadership, the 21st annual conference of the Association of Adventist Women (AAW) featured seminars, plenary sessions and awards that recognized both women and men. Attracting people from as far as England and Singapore, the group convened on the Loma Linda University campus Oct. 16-19, 2003.

“One of AAW’s goals is to demonstrate open and collaborative models by working in complementary ways with other church organizations,” said Patricia Foster, AAW president, 2001-2003.

Keynote speaker Kendra Haloviak explored Mary Magdalene’s role among Jesus’ disciples and in evangelism. An assistant professor of religion at La Sierra University, Haloviak probed the topic of women in leadership by examining Scripture and historical research.

Lisa Beardsley, vice president for academic affairs at Loma Linda University, brilliantly moderated a panel of women who are successful in a “man’s world” of business, law, medicine, education and church administration.

Champions of Justice

Two men received the association’s Champion of Justice award for their leadership in urging the Church to practice fairness and equality. Larry Geraty, president of La Sierra University (LSU), was cited for his courageous actions on behalf of women in educational leadership and pastoral ministry. “He has been an effective member of the Southeastern California Conference’s (SECC) Gender Inclusiveness Commission (GIC). He also helped establish the LSU Women’s Resource Center in 1996, a first in our church,” said Penny Miller, GIC chair and an AAW board member.

Warren Banfield set up the first on-going women’s commission. The commission’s work, guided by his vision and that of his successor, Rosa Taylor Banks, led to establishing the NAD Women’s Ministries Department in 1990. “He also came to the second AAW conference when no one else at the General Conference would listen to women,” said Kit Watts, co-director of the 1984 event and an AAW board member.

Woman-of-the-Year

Continuing a 19-year tradition, AAW presented Woman-of-the-Year Award recipients during a Saturday night banquet. To date, the association has highlighted the leadership skills of 130 Adventist women.

The nine honorees for 2003 were: Josephine Benton, retired pastor and chaplain; Pat Gustin, director, General Conference Institute of World Mission; Norwida Marshall, former associate director of education, Southern Union; Alberta Mazat, first chair of the marriage and family department, Loma Linda University; Beatrice Neall, former missionary to Southeast Asia and religion teacher at Union College; Rose Otis, first director, GC Women’s Ministries Department; Kathlyn Severance, community volunteer organizer, Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas; Irma Vyhmeister, pioneer dietetics teacher and researcher; and Mae Watson, childcare professional, Tennessee.

Women and the Word

SECC sponsored more than 30 pastors and administrators to participate in “Women and the Word,” an all-day pre-session to AAW. In a key presentation, Stella Greig, professor of English at Andrews University, challenged both male and female leaders to use inclusive language in classes, sermons, hymns and prayers. “When we are inclusive, we emulate God’s character,” she said.

For recordings from AAW and “Women and the Word” call 909-785-2470 or write WRC, La Sierra University, 4700 Pierce Street, Riverside, CA 92515



Larry Geraty receives “Champion of Justice” award.

AAW 21st Annual Meeting

The Association of Adventist Women submits the following recommendations to:

All Seventh-day Adventist colleges and universities:

To continue to improve conditions in the church that will attract and retain women as students, church members, financial supporters, volunteers, and employees, it is recommended that each Adventist college or university in North America:

- Choose women student leaders to send expenses-paid to the Annual Meeting of AAW, at least one per college or university, and
- Choose a woman faculty member to attend the Annual Meeting of AAW at the expense of each of the colleges or universities.

All divisions of the world Church:

To recognize the talents and abilities that God has freely given to Adventist women as well as to men,

- It is recommended that congregations throughout each division elect, encourage, and empower women to serve as elders of their local churches;
- Wherever possible, purchase and use gender-inclusive language Bibles for scripture readings and responsive readings in all public gatherings; and
- Seek out and employ women pastors to serve the pastoral needs of Adventist members, both women and men.

The General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists:

- To take concrete steps to implement Fundamental Belief #13 (Unity in the Body of Christ), and to symbolize the shared responsibilities that women and men have

in caring for and instructing the flock of God, it is recommended that in those areas employing men and women in leadership and pastoral ministry, the church grant a common ministerial credential to them.

- To recognize Adventists' prophetic vision of God's promised intervention in history in the last days, it is recommended that the Church affirm its historic understanding of Joel 2 and Acts 2 in which prophets foretold that men and women, young and old, wealthy and poor, would be set apart by God's spirit to undertake ministry.

It is further recommended that administrators at all levels of Church governance be proactive and intentional in educating church members regarding the appropriateness of recognizing God's call to qualified women to ministry.

- To encourage thoughtful study and interpretation of Scripture on gender issues, it is recommended that the Church affirm the work of a majority of the scholars and faculty members at the Andrews University Seminary by widely distributing copies of their book, *Women in Ministry: Biblical and Historical Perspectives*. Published in 1998 it is largely unknown to most Adventists.

- To support and encourage the ongoing contributions, ministry, and soul-winning work of women in the church, it is recommended that the position of director of women's ministries (in conferences, unions, and divisions) be recognized as part of the church's organizational structure and outreach by providing full salary, benefits, and voting privileges as is accorded to directors of other departments;

- To provide continuing education for directors of women's ministries, it is recommended that local conferences, unions, and divisions, make provisions for these directors to participate in annual meetings of the Association of Adventist Women and the pre-session, *Women & the Word*.



Recommendations and Commendations approved at the 21st annual business meeting on October 19, 2003

- To provide continuing education for women pastors and administrators in local conferences and unions, it is recommended that these entities assist those employed in these responsibilities to attend Women & the Word and the annual meetings of the Association of Adventist Women, when these events are held in their geographical area.

- To more clearly indicate that women are valuable members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church along with men, it is recommended that the Church hymnal be revised with gender-inclusive language in the hymn lyrics and in the responsive readings.

The North American Division:

As the number of effective women pastors and leaders increases throughout the division, it is recommended that the North American Division recognize the significant work of Dúane Schoonard and expand the office she holds of associate ministerial secretary to a full-time, paid position.

It is also requested that the division leaders revisit the recommendations of the 1996 NAD President's Commission on Women in Ministry and implement the 34 recommendations made.

The Association of Adventist Women commends the following:

(1) The AAW 2003 conference planning committee; the chair, Pat Foster; and all others who served as volunteers, for producing a superb conference, October 16-19, in Loma Linda, California. Its title was "Women in Leadership: Change, Choice, Commitment."

(2) The Southeastern California Conference for continuing to implement a common credential for all ministers regardless of gender.

(3) The Northern California Conference constituents for asking their

conference officers to give positive study to common credentials for their ministers.

(4) The Upper Columbia Conference executive committee for studying the merits of issuing a common credential to men and women who serve as ministers in its congregations.

(5) The Church in Fiji for appointing Suruj Deo as treasurer, the first woman to serve in that office.

(6) The Church in Finland for electing Audrey Boyle Andersson as secretary, the first woman to hold the number-two church administration post in that country.

(7) The Southeastern California Conference for seeking to increase the number of women pastors to 20 percent of the pastorate in the conference.

(8) The General Conference for funding the evangelistic series in India led by GC Women's Ministries Director, Ardis Stenbakken, in which 1119 women and men were baptized.

(9) The Loma Linda University Church for hiring Leah Jordache as an associate pastor. Until recently she was studying at the Andrews University seminary.

(10) The Southeastern California Conference for sponsoring more than 30 pastors and administrators to participate in the AAW pre-session, "Women & the Word."

(11) The La Sierra University School of Religion and the Campus Ministries Office for each sponsoring students to attend "Women & the Word" on October 16.

(12) The Women's Resource Center of La Sierra University for coordinating "Women & the Word" as well as the Sabbath afternoon program surveying the

history of women's ordination in the Adventist Church, 1973-2003.

(13) Walla Walla College for funding the attendance of three women students at Women and the Word and the AAW Annual Meeting.

(14) La Sierra University for funding 14 women students to attend the Woman-of-the-Year Award banquet.

(15) Loma Linda University for funding 14 women students to attend the Woman-of-the-Year banquet.

(16) TEAM for awarding 708 scholarships to women students in Seventh-day Adventist colleges and universities totaling \$278,000 during the past 10 years, all of which was donated by individuals.

(17) Elder Warren Banfield, former director of the NAD Office of Human Relations, for instituting the on-going NAD Women's Commission in 1983 (leading to the development of the Women's Ministries Department under Dr. Rosa Taylor Banks), and for his interest in seeing the work of the Association of Adventist Women make a difference in the church. Elder Banfield was named a Champion of Justice during the banquet on Saturday night, October 18, 2003

(18) Dr. Larry Geraty, president of La Sierra University, for supporting gender equality in ministry, for opening doors of opportunity to women scholars and administrators in Adventist higher education, for being an active member of the SECC Gender Inclusiveness Commission, and for on-going support for the work of the Women's Resource Center. Dr. Geraty was named a Champion of Justice during the banquet on Saturday night, October 18, 2003. 📖

2004 Woman-of-the-Year

Meet the talented and dedicated year's Woman-of-the-Year Awards.



GEORGIA CARTER



DR. JASMINE JACOB



DR. LYNETTE
CARRINGTON COX

Church Life

GEORGIA CARTER

On the island of Bermuda where she was born 67 years ago, Georgia Carter has become a legend as a Christian servant to her community. Twenty years ago, when the AIDS epidemic frightened the world, and the medical profession struggled to establish all the means by which the disease could be transmitted, Carter put aside her fears and opened her home as a Hospice center to nurse seven AIDS patients. Nothing could more eloquently testify to her selfless Christian service ethic.

She has ministered in her local congregation in numerous traditional ways including Cradle Roll Leader, Youth Teacher, and Community Service Leader—a position she held for 22 years. The Bermuda church also has a Gourmet Committee of which she is an active contributor. But as if that were not enough, she also has found informal ways to serve, including providing cooked food

for the homeless and creating a telephone and visitation ministry to cheer people in Bermuda with few outside contacts, especially senior citizens to whom she gives hand-knitted comforters and slippers.

Her visitation schedule includes the small local prison where Carter takes a special interest in inmates from other countries and no family to visit them. She shares devotional material and monthly care packages.

Society has long recognized the selfless service of this godly woman, including the government of Bermuda, Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, the local Rotary Club, and the Melvin Jones Fellow International. A local Protestant minister once wisely observed: "The only fault I have encountered in her is that her modesty sometimes hides a woman of remarkable strength and rare abilities."

Outstanding Achievement

DR. JASMINE JACOB

In 1973 Dr. Jasmine Jacob co-founded REACH (Render Effective Aid to Children) International, a not-for-profit organization, presently serving 26,000 children in 24 countries. A most unusual journey brought her to this ministry. She was born in a very humble home in Sri Lanka, later moved to Spicer Memorial College for education, then to America to attend Andrews University and Michigan State University. After arriving in the United States, Jacob accepted various teaching jobs while continuing her graduate education, eventually serving as a Reading Consultant in the Benton Harbor School District, a poor neighborhood just a short drive from Andrews University.

In 1989 Jacob took early retirement with the State of Michigan and began working full-time for REACH International without salary. For thirty years, under her entrepreneurial

ear Award Recipients

women who will receive this



DR. PATRICIA J.
FOSTER



DR. ANDREA
LUXTON



DR. MARILYN
KUEFFNER SAVEDRA



RHONDA WHITNEY

leadership, REACH International has established its own schools, hostels, orphanages, and vocational centers for destitute children, now with branches in 24 countries. Through childhood education this organization has helped thousands of children break their inherited cycle of poverty. Because this is a ministry, not only an education program, these children are introduced to Jesus.

The REACH International Mission Statement proclaims it is a faith venture in partnership with God. With this commitment in mind, the founders and staff of the organization wrote: "We will not rush before the Lord but patiently, prayerfully await His bidding." With millions of children in the world in desperate need, REACH International remains open to new ways to approach the goal of feeding, both physically and educationally, as many children as possible, and seriously considers any request for help.

Dwight Nelson, Jacob's pastor, lauds Jacob for her outstanding commitment and courage and says, "Jasmine has cast her vision far and wide and today leads a global team of individuals who continue to expand this mission of mercy to earth's kids. She powerfully evidences the meaning of Christian and Christ-like leadership, all the while neither clamoring for recognition nor climbing for position and prestige."

Spiritual Leadership

DR. LYNETTE
CARRINGTON-COX

First among the many notable facets that characterize Dr. Lynette Carrington-Cox's life is the way she seamlessly integrates her personal faith and professional life.

Rarely do you see a physician offering Bible studies eagerly attended by university hospital administrators, medical directors, other physicians, nurses, and members from the full spectrum of

hospital employees. But as a member of the Columbia University faculty, the Director of the Urgent Care Center and Associate Director of the Emergency Department, at Harlem Hospital Center—an extremely active emergency department—she does this with ease and passion. In the process she has led many individuals to accept Jesus as their Savior.

Many in Harlem are poorly served by healthcare, and Carrington-Cox considers it her calling to serve them both at a physician/patient level, and as an administrator in the development of policies that enable them to gain access to the full range of health-care services.

On most Sabbath mornings you will find her worshipping at her Mount Vernon, New York, church where she is a Sabbath School teacher, chaplain in the children's chapel, and an Elder.

Born on the island of St. Vincent, Carrington-Cox took her undergraduate studies at Long Island University and gained her medical degree from New

York University. Her husband, Sterling Cox, is a lawyer. Together they have chosen New York City as their mission field.

Distinguished Service DR. PATRICIA J. FOSTER

Dr. Patricia Foster is Professor Emeritus of Nursing of the Loma Linda University. Since 1999, she has devoted her considerable organizational skills to the success of the AAW. For three years she led the AAW as president (2001-2003), using the executive skills honed during a long and successful career and in such leadership positions as President of the California Inland Empire Council of Nursing Educators. In addition, she has coordinated two annual AAW conferences, served as liaison office for three other AAW conferences, and chaired the Woman-of-the-Year Awards for two years.

While pursuing her academic career, Foster was also actively involved at the

Loma Linda University Church,

serving as Elder, member of the Church Board, and

Sabbath School Superintendent—a

key leadership role in such a large congregation.

For 40 years

Foster taught medical and surgical nursing, and served as a consultant to the

Montemorelos School of Nursing, and nursing schools and hospitals in Brazil,

Argentina, Paraguay, and Peru, and as

Nurse

Consultant on the Loma Linda Medical/Dental team that visited Guatemala.

The educational foundation for her four decades of distinguished service is a B.S. in Nursing from Loma Linda University, an M.S. in Nursing from Vanderbilt University, and a Ph.D. in Higher Education from Claremont Graduate School. Because of her expertise in general education, she also taught graduate students Teaching and Learning Theory, Curriculum Development, and the History and Philosophy of Higher Education and became Associate Dean of Academic Affairs for LLUSN. She has published research papers on Nursing Education in professional journals.

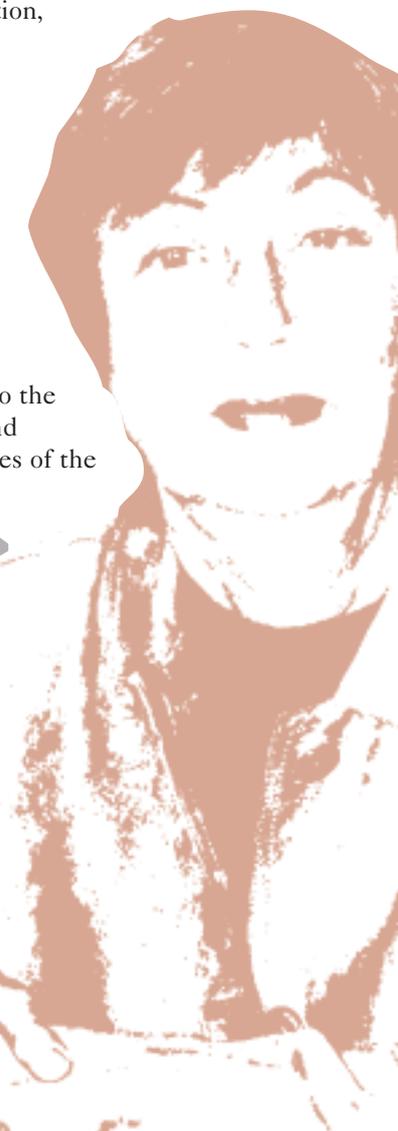
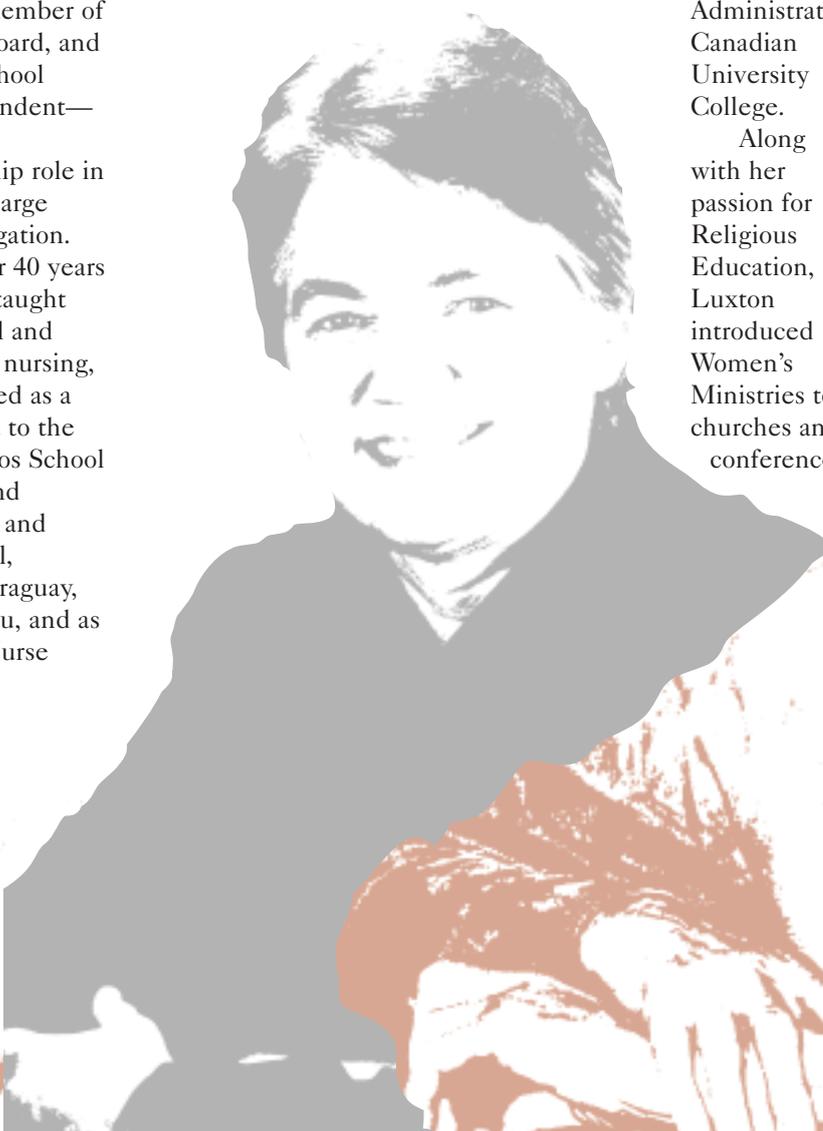
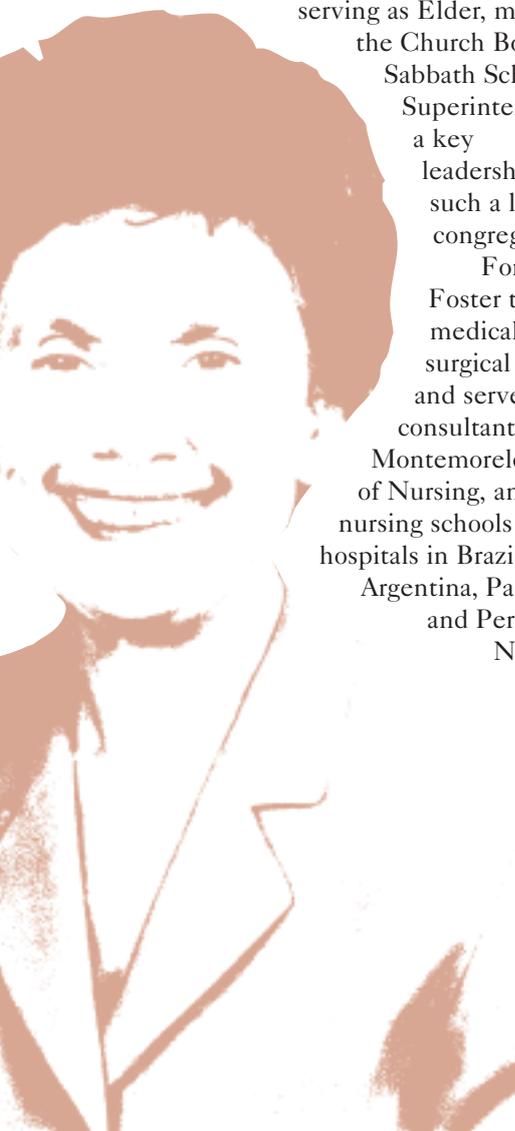
Foster was widowed three weeks after the birth of her fourth child in 1968. She returned to graduate school to study for her Ph.D. while mothering six children in a blended family. She and her husband, Glenn, are the grandparents of ten.

According to her daughter, Terri, “Pat is widely admired for her organizational skills, her superb interpersonal abilities, and her unrelenting pursuit of excellence.”

Professional Life DR. ANDREA LUXTON

The number of women who have followed in the footsteps of Jesus and accepted the calling to be teachers outnumber men. But only infrequently do these dedicated women have opportunity to lead Christian education. Over recent years Dr. Andrea Luxton has blazed a trail for Adventist women worldwide. Today she is Associate Director of Education at the General Conference. The settings where she gained the experience for this appointment include: Principal, Stanborough School and President, Newbold College in England; Education Director, British Union; Vice President for Academic Administration, Canadian University College.

Along with her passion for Religious Education, Luxton introduced Women’s Ministries to the churches and conferences of the



British Union, nurturing the movement during its infant years by preaching, conducting workshops, and creating resources to bring the movement to maturity.

Luxton is a careful writer who has published extensively in church publications. She served as the local editor for the *Collegiate Quarterly* at Newbold College, and at present serves as Chair of the Advisory Board for the *Journal of Adventist Education*.

In her present responsibilities, Luxton supervises accreditation for SDA colleges and universities around the world and gives special attention to four world divisions: North America, Trans-Europe, West-Central Africa and South Pacific.

Luxton was born in the United Kingdom, and received her education at Newbold College, Andrews University, and Catholic University of America. When she is home, she teaches a Sabbath School class at her home church, Sligo, in Takoma Park, MD.

researcher, where she was named a fellow of the Academy of Nursing. She is now Professor Emeritus of that University.

As an adjunct professor at Loma Linda University, Savedra helped develop the Ph. D program in the School of Nursing.

Savedra's mentoring spirit also blessed the Adventist church in Berkeley. Long before a pastor was appointed who was sympathetic to the unique challenges and interests of university students, she personally provided spiritual support for Adventist youth that came to study at UC Berkeley and other area universities by developing active campus ministries for them, opening her home to them for Bible study, food and conversation, and becoming their advisor and friend.

Savedra's professional accomplishments were never undertaken at the expense of church or family life. At her local church she serves on the board, as a lay pastor, fellowship coordinator, deaconess, and Sabbath School teacher at various times in children's, collegiate and adult divisions.

This incredibly active woman became a widow eight years ago after nearly 20 years of marriage and today is a devoted grandmother to four children.

household items in emergencies, and is a low-cost shopping facility for the community of the working poor. It generates up to \$14,000 a month to support PACS' community services.

This organization has become a model for other programs in Oregon, and Whitney is recognized as a resource person who serves on boards and committees across her state and the nation. She is a past member of the State of Oregon Food Bank governing board, and a member of the North American Division Community Services Steering Committee.

Before becoming Executive Director of PACS, Whitney served as Medical Staff Education Coordinator for the Adventist Medical Center in Portland.

Whitney is a member of the Tabernacle Adventist Church in Portland, where she serves as an elder, member of the board, and a trainer and participant in the church's Stephens Ministry program.

Lifetime Achievement

**DR. MARILYN KUEFFNER
SAVEDRA**

Dr. Marilyn "Lyn" Savedra is a specialist in pediatric nursing and maternal child nursing, recognized internationally as an expert on children's pain. She developed a pioneering instrument for assessing their pain which is used around the world.

For 19 years until her retirement in 1994, Savedra worked at the University of California, San Francisco, as professor and widely published

Community Life

RHONDA WHITNEY

When Rhonda Whitney became the Executive Director of Portland Adventist Community Services (PACS) in 1994, she redefined "community service," and revolutionized the delivery of care to the needy. She took a \$60,000 per year organization and transformed it into a \$2.3 million operation with a food warehouse, a thrift store, and a free health clinic utilizing the services of local physicians and nurses, a local hospital and nursing school. PACS now serves 174,000 people a year.

Whitney developed a new food delivery system that preserved the dignity of her clients by providing them with nutrition education and allowing them to choose their own food from a supermarket-type facility. The thrift store provides clients with clothing and



Book Review

Trible, Phyllis. *Texts of Terror: Literary-Feminist Readings of Biblical Narratives*. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1984.

by Beverly Beem

If you have come across any work by Phyllis Trible, it is likely to be her earlier work, *God and the Rhetoric of Sexuality*. There she turned her skills as a biblical scholar to examine the major stories in the Bible used to explain the role of women in society and how a close reading of these texts often turns these explanations on their head -- these are the major stories of Creation, the Fall, Ruth, and Song of Songs. Here women have a leading voice and determine their destiny.

In *Texts of Terror*, Trible turns her attention to the stories we don't want to look at. No love songs here, no happy endings, no community celebrations. These are the stories where chaos reigns, and if women have any voice at all, it is not heard. These are the stories of "Hagar: The Desolation of Rejection;" "Tamar: The Royal Rape of Wisdom;" "An Unnamed Woman: The Extravagance of Violence;" and "The Daughter of Jephthah: An Inhuman Sacrifice."

By a close reading of the text, Trible insists that we let the text speak for itself. She peels away all the things we thought the text said, but when we look at the text itself, we realize that we are remembering not the biblical passage but centuries of commentary and assumptions, much of it driven by an agenda very distant from the biblical authors. Trible insists we come to the story with new eyes and read it closely and ask of it its meaning. Why are these stories in the Bible? They are terrifying stories. We don't want to dwell on them? But we must. They are there.

We cannot dismiss these stories as tales of an ancient and primitive time. Trible says, we have only to watch the evening news to hear stories of the rejection suffered by daughters of Hagar, or encounter the bodies of raped and abused women crying out for justice, or see women sacrificed in the name of religion. We must not look away.

In her book, Trible looks at the structure of each story to see how the presence and action of women affects its meaning. For instance, the story of Abraham centers around the actions of two women, Sarah and Hagar. Though Sarah emerges as the chosen mother of Israel, still Abraham abandons her to protect his own interests, and God acts directly to restore her to Abraham. But Sarah is barren and attention falls on her Egyptian slave.

As the story of Israel is a story of flight from bondage to promise, so the story of Hagar is in itself a flight from bondage. Hagar, too, flees from her harsh mistress, and like Israel, she finds refuge in the wilderness. There, God finds her and tells her to return. The first words that Hagar speaks in the story, she speaks to God in direct answer to his question: 'From where have you come and where are you going?' God commands her to return and submit to her mistress, "a divine word of terror to an abused, yet

courageous, woman." God, who will later identify with the oppressed, seems here to identify with the oppressor, but he does not send her back without promise. To Hagar, God says "I will so greatly multiply your descendants, that they cannot be numbered for multitude' (16:10, RSV). While all the patriarchs of Israel hear such words, Hagar is the only woman



ever to receive them. And yet this promise to her lacks the covenant context that is so crucial to the founding fathers."

But God continues with a second promise. He promises her a son and tells her the name of the son and his future, because 'Yahweh has paid heed to your affliction.' Hagar will not be used to build up Sarah's line; rather, the child conceived will build up her house. But first Hagar must return to affliction under Sarah's hand. Trible says, "Suffering undercuts hope. A sword pierces Hagar's own soul. The divine promise of Ishmael means life at the boundary of consolation and desolation." But if Hagar must return and live under the hand of Sarah, "the hand of Ishmael will engage in ceaseless strife against such power. Indeed, 'against the face of all his brothers he will dwell' (16:12c). The word face builds upon his mother's action when she said, 'From the face of Sarai my mistress I am fleeing' (16:8). In Ishmael, Hagar's story continues."

But if Hagar first flees from Sarah, later she is sent out from Sarah's presence, she and her son, and they wander

in the wilderness, apparently doomed to die until God opens Hagar's eyes to life-giving water. There, in the wilderness Ishmael thrives, and Hagar's last act is to find him a wife from her home country of Egypt, an act that "highlights tension in Hagar's story."

In studying Hagar's story, Tribble sees "a symbol of the oppressed." She says, "Most especially, all sorts of rejected women find their stories in her": exploited maids, surrogate mothers, resident aliens, the expelled wife, the homeless woman, the welfare mother, "the self-effacing female whose own identity shrinks in service to others." As in her study of all of these texts of terror, she sees in them a call to moral responsibility. Those whose use and misuse of power have caused the powerless to suffer must bear the responsibility for the consequences. She concludes her study of Hagar by saying, "All we who are heirs of Sarah and Abraham, by flesh and spirit, must answer for the terror in Hagar's story. To neglect the theological challenge she presents is to falsify faith."

Reading *Texts of Terror* calls us to examine issues of power and powerlessness. The terror comes when we see the suffering that often goes unnoticed, and the terror intensifies when we see the responsibility of those who find themselves apparently favored by God. 📖

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web site, we hope to develop a comprehensive list of our members plus thought leaders who need to hear AAW's conversations," says Michel-Kwiram.

Nominations for Woman-of-the-Year Awards (WOYA) can also be made online. The nomination forms can be downloaded from the web site. In the future, we hope to have information on every Woman-of-the-Year Awardee on the web site, together with her photograph, says Michel-Kwiram.

The new web site will also link to sister organizations such as Time for Equality in Adventist Ministry (TEAM) and La Sierra University's Women's Resource Center (WRC), REACH, and other organizations run by SDA women.

"Your participation in building a meaningful set of materials for the site, such as news items, discussions of policy, historical articles of interest to Adventist women, book reviews and bibliographies, as well as gender inclusive liturgies and prayers, is vital," says Michel-Kwiram. "Your contributions will ensure the success of the site." 📖

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Michel-Kwiram's interests include classical music, travel, theater, reading, genealogy and architecture. She is delighted to be the vocal student of Awilda Verdejo. Because she has a passion for justice, she cares deeply about Adventist women and gives the Association of Adventist women her whole-hearted support.

Other individuals who have accepted positions in the newly formed executive committee include the following: Amy Worrell-Kneller, Development; Carolyn Slepnikoff-Lacy, Membership and Circulation; Gayle Teramoto, Accountant; Helen Thompson-Zolber, Senior Advisor; Jeremy Mays, Graphic Design; Melody Bennett-Gayle, Woman-of-the-Year Coordinator; Rhona Kwiram, Not-for-Profit Oversight; Laura Milleson, Collegiate Representative; and William Nordgren, Web Site Technical Architect.

Your continuing support is solicited, as new volunteers find ways to serve the organization. 📖



Verla Michel-Kwiram

2004 AAW Conference travel and lodging information

Transportation to the 2004 AAW Conference

VIA AIR

(1) South Bend (Indiana) Regional Airport is the closest airport. Airlines (or their affiliates) serving that airport are: ATA, Continental, Conair, Delta, Northwest, US Airways, and United.

(2) An alternative flight destination is Chicago, with limo service to South Bend. Fly into either Chicago O'Hare or Chicago Midway, and take the limo service to the South Bend Regional Airport.

The Limo service to take from either of the Chicago airports is Tri-State & United Limo. Look for the one marked South Bend as destination. At O'Hare Airport go to the Bus/Shuttle Center. At Midway, go to the lower level, exit between doors 3 and 4. Walk across to Regional bus area. For more information, phone 800-833-5555 or log onto www.busville.com.

(3) If you request it, we will arrange to pick you up at the South Bend Regional Airport. Car rental companies at the airport include: Alamo, Avis, Enterprise and Hertz.

VIA CAR

(1) From the South Bend airport, drive out to the main road (US 20—a traffic light is there). Turn right (west). Within a mile or less, you will see a sign to US 31 north to the right. Follow 31 north about 18 or 20 miles to the Andrews exit (15A). From the exit ramp, turn right onto Old 31. A mile down the road the university entrance will be on your left.

(2) From places west of South Bend. From I-80, take I-94 going east toward Detroit. The Andrews exit is exit 28. Go south on US 139 (turns into Old 31) about 8 miles to Berrien Springs and to the university entrance on your left.

(3) From places east (traveling I-80) or south of South Bend, take US 31 going north. The Andrews exit is 15A. Turn right from the exit; a mile down the road (Old 31) the university will be on your left.

VIA RAIL

(1) Amtrak serves South Bend, Indiana; and Niles, Michigan.

(2) Chicago South Shore Line runs from Chicago to South Bend Regional Airport.

Housing for the 2004 AAW Conference

In Berrien Springs: The Village Inn (a no-frills motel across from Campus). Prices: single (\$49.68 per night included. tax), double (\$60.48 included. tax). (269) 471-1354.

Official conference hotel/motel, Holiday Inn Express, just off of I-94 and US31 bypass, Benton Harbor. Only 9 miles from Andrews University, shuttle will be provided. Complimentary Deluxe Breakfast Bar. Room with 2 double beds, \$69.95 plus tax. Mention Group Name, AAW 04, for this special price. (888) 560-5429.

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For more information about the AAW Conference,

contact the conference registrar, Carolyn Lacy, by phone at (360) 668-2494 or by e-mail at carolynlacy@cs.com.

For more information about the Women and the Word session, contact Penny Shell by phone at (909) 785-2470 or by e-mail at pshell@lasierra.edu.

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Renewing your membership helps keep AAW alive. The preferred method is to go the web site at www.aaw.cc, and register for another year. Because you will be entering your information personally, this will result in more accurate data.

If you do not have access to the Internet, send your name, address, and phone number along with the membership dues (\$29.95/yr) to the following address:

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Where Are They Now?

AAW seeks current address information for the following winners of the Woman-of-the-Year Award:

Virginia Fagal

Nyla Juhl

Charlotte Hamlin

Lang Van

Please e-mail contact information to vkwiram@aaw.cc

The Adventist Woman

The Adventist Woman is the official newsletter of the Association of Adventist Women and is published four times a year. Members of the association receive the newsletter as a benefit of membership. To join the association, go to the web site at www.aaw.cc. Or write to the AAW at P.O. Box 25025, Seattle, WA 98165-1925. If questions remain, e-mail Verla Michel-Kwiram at vkwiram@aaw.cc.

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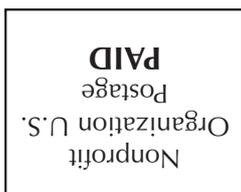
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AAW sessions will begin on Sunday evening, June 26, and continue all day June 27 - 28. The Woman-of-the-Year Awards banquet will be held Tuesday evening, June 28.

On Wednesday morning June 29, prior to the beginning of the General Conference period of Spiritual Emphasis, you are invited to participate in a very special Prayer Breakfast, inviting God's healing spirit into the hearts of all those making policy decisions regarding women. Further details and registration can be found on the web site.

Should you wish to stay through General Conference (June 30-July 9, 2005), you may keep your hotel room at the conference rate. For further information on GC scheduling, go to the following web site: www.gcsession.org. 



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