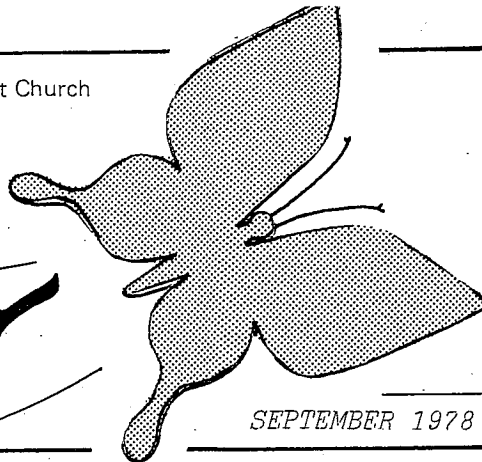


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Sites/Dates Set for UMW/CSRW Regional Training Events

Scarritt College in Nashville, Colorado Women's College in Denver, and the 4-H Center in Washington, D.C. are the sites selected for the 1979 Regional Training Events to be co-sponsored by the Women's Division, Board of Global Ministries, and the Commission on the Status and Role of Women.

Dates for the events, released by the Planning Committee (*see photos below*) which met in Indianapolis in August, are Nashville: January 19-21; Denver: February 2-4 and Washington, D.C.: February 16-18. The events are designed for teams of four from each Annual Conference (two from UMW and two from CSRW) to work on women's issues in the 1979 Annual Conferences, the 1980 General Conference and the 1981-84 quadrennium.

The objectives of the Regional Training Events and some of the courses of action by which the objectives will be met are: 1) TO DISCOVER EXPERIENCE AND ARTICULATE BIBLICAL, THEOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES FOR ENGAGING CONTEMPORARY ISSUES CONFRONTING THE CHURCH. Plans call for engaging in Bible study which will focus on women in the church. A woman theologian-in-residence will be secured to give a major address exploring feminist themes in contemporary theology and to do follow-up work with participants. 2) TO PRACTICE SKILLS FOR EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE DECISION MAKING PROCESSES OF THE CHURCH. Themes to be explored to this end include understanding power processes, building coalitions and strategizing around legislative (*see inside*)

PLANNING FOR THE REGIONAL TRAINING EVENTS:



AT LEFT, Front: Basanti Jacobs, E. Ohio; Dick Cash, New York; Back: Jane Fribley, So. Ind.; Martha King, No. Georgia. CENTER: Rev. Manie Williams, Baltimore. AT RIGHT, Front: Evelyn Strong, Detroit; Ruth Robinson, Rocky Mt., Velma Yemoto, Cal/Nev; Back: Joan Clark, Dallas Regional Office; Paul Santillan, Rio Grande. Members of the Regional Training Events Planning Committee not pictured: Joanne Deere, Okla. Indian Missionary; Rose Thomason, Florida; Nan Self, CSRW; Mary May, No. Texas; Roberta Sugden, Neb.; Joyce Sohl, Women's Div.

OPTIONS FOR ACTION (FROM THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE COMMISSION)

- ♀ NEBRASKA -- On July 16, *Karen McCreary*, First United Methodist Church in Lincoln, delivered a sermon on "ERA: A RELIGIOUS ISSUE," excerpts of which were printed in the July edition of *WOMEN'S COMMEMORATIVE NEWS*, publication of Lincoln NOW.
- ♀ NEW MEXICO -- They've got a talent bank and devised a special form** which was devised for distribution to local pastors in the Annual Conference.
- ♀ NORTH ALABAMA -- The theme of the commission's new brochure is "Advocate, Catalyst and Monitor"... Priority emphases for 1980 include strengthening the local church, claiming "our United Methodist heritage and identity," equipping the church for outreach, full participation of lay members, and recruiting, supporting and equipping the clergy... 626 responses (out of 926) were received to a survey circulated to local churches by the commission asking for percentages of women participating in church boards and committees.
- ♀ NORTH GEORGIA -- As their report to the Annual Conference, they used a slide-tape production that depicts some of the women of North Georgia in leadership roles. A printed order of worship and litany accompanied it.
- ♀ NORTHERN ILLINOIS -- The sale of handkerchiefs for the benefit of the Urban Industrial Mission in Inchon, Korea (see July-August *FLYER*) has been highly successful; about \$750 had been received at last report.
- ♀ PACIFIC & SOUTHWEST -- As helpful tools for full participation in the Annual Conference, their handouts included "HOW TO SPEAK UNITED METHODIST: A Glossary of Terms and Abbreviations" and a floor plan.
- ♀ ROCKY MOUNTAIN -- Enthusiastic notes from Conference Week -- "Tuesday night meeting, "WOMEN ON THE MOVE," was attended by approximately 65 persons... Commission members all wore yellow ties or scarves Wednesday... Supply of yellow ribbons to show support of Women's Day was exhausted. Very few refusals."
- ♀ SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND -- At the Commission's initiative, *Rev. Ms. Jeanne-Audrey Powers* was invited to address the Annual Conference session June 8 on the intersection of racism and sexism and inter-ethnic understanding.
- ♀ TEXAS -- *Lenora Fay Clark* sends us a questionnaire** which she developed several years ago for laywomen employed by local churches and agencies of the UM Church.
- ♀ WEST VIRGINIA -- The Board of Ordained Ministry adopted "GUIDELINES FOR NON-SEXIST LANGUAGE"** to be used by candidates for the ministry in both the written material and during the oral interview. Resolution for Dependent Care passed by the 1978 Conference... *Martha Loyd*, Chairperson, has requested a meeting with the Cabinet about difficulties in the appointment of four women clergy this year... A display by *Julie Conley*, who attended BUSHEL BASKET, won first prize at the Annual Conference.
- ♀ YELLOWSTONE -- "THE VOICE OF WOMEN: ONE IN CHRIST," an open dialogue on the role of women in understanding, living, sharing and proclaiming the Christian faith, was sponsored by Yellowstone at Ring Lake Ranch, an ecumenical retreat center, August 13-18.

** Available in single copies from the General Commission office. Please send self-addressed, stamped #10 envelope.

SELECTED RESOURCES

BEAUTIFUL, ALSO, ARE THE SOULS OF MY BLACK SISTERS: A History of the Black Woman in America - Jeanne Noble. Prentice Hall, Inc. 1978. Hardcover \$12.50

THE COMMUNITY OF WOMEN AND MEN IN THE CHURCH - Study for World Federation of Churches - Geneva, Switzerland 1975

Order free from Service Center - 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati, OH 45237.

CONCERN - Summer 1978. Extensive listing of program resources including a section on men and women. United Presbyterian Women - 475 Riverside Drive, New York 10027. Subscription \$5.

INDIAN RIGHTS, INDIAN LAW - A film illustrating the work of the Native American Rights Fund. 16mm, color, 60 minutes. Purchase (\$625) from Films Inc., 733 Green Bay Rd., Wilmette, IL 60091. Rent (\$50) from Ford Foundation Films, 866 Third Av, New York 10022.

FLAME CARTOONS - A collection from the Newsletter of the Coalition on Women and Religion - 4759 15th Av NE, Seattle, WA 98105. (\$2.50 plus 50¢ postage)

RESOURCES ON WOMEN AND WORSHIP - Listing of resources compiled by Jeanne Torrence Finley. Board of Discipleship, P.O. Box 840 - Nashville, TN 37202.

CLERGYWOMEN PERCENTAGES RISE; YET PROSPECTS REMAIN "BLEAK"

According to statistics recently released by the National Council of Churches:

...Fewer than half of U.S. Christian bodies ordain women to the ministry; yet women account for 40% of seminary enrollments across the nation;

...Only 4% of U.S. clergy are women, even though women make up at least 55% of church membership;

...The number of women clergy in American churches has risen 65.6% in the last eight years, but their prospects for significant leadership roles are "bleak" because of clergy "oversupplies" and "tight job markets" in several denominations. (Entitled *WOMEN MINISTERS IN 1977*, the report covered 211 Christian bodies.)

RESPONSE - Official Program Journal of United Methodist Women. Many articles of interest. Published monthly. 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati, OH 45237. Subscriptions (\$4) recommended to Annual Conference commissions.

SISTERS AND BROTHERS, SING. Edited by Sharon and Tom Neuffer Emswiler. A non-sexist hymnal; also includes worship resources. Order from The Wesley Foundation, 211 N. School St., Normal, IL 61761. \$3.50 + 50¢ postage; 10 books \$25+\$2.

THE SOLITUDE OF SELF - A speech by Elizabeth Cady Stanton, with an afterword of our time by Doris M. Ladd. Press Pacifica, PO Box 47, Kailua, Hawaii 96734. \$1.50 + 30¢ postage; profits to aid E.R.A.

TO STAND IN THE CROSS - A collection of meditations by Francis B. Sayre, Jr. Seabury Press, 1978. \$5.95.

WOMEN AND THE WORD - SERMONS - Helen Gray Crotwell. Fortress Press, Philadelphia, 1978. Order from Cokesbury \$4.25.

THE WORD FOR US: The Gospels of John and Mark, Epistles to the Romans and the Galatians restated in inclusive language. by Joann Haugerud - Coalition on Women and Religion (Seattle), 1977. 4759 15th Av. NE, Seattle, WA 98105. (\$5.45).

REGIONAL TRAINING EVENTS (Continued)

issues. 3) TO IDENTIFY AND DISCUSS ISSUES OF CONCERN TO GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES. A keynoter and resource persons will identify the social, political and structural issues facing the UMC and will lead participants in an analysis of these. 4) TO ACKNOWLEDGE, AFFIRM AND SHARE INDIVIDUAL AND CORPORATE GIFTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARD THE FULFILLMENT OF GOD'S PURPOSES IN THE WORLD. Participants will identify mutual concerns and areas of responsibility of UMW and CSRW at the conference level and of Women's Division and the General Commission.

Registration information and materials will be sent to the Annual Conferences about September 1.

COMMISSION TALENT SCOUT

TO APPLICANTS AND EMPLOYERS: To inquire about openings, applicants should write directly to the employer listed, not to the Commission. Employers submitting listings are asked to send information -- including application deadline and salary range -- to The Executive Secretariat, Commission on the Status and Role of Women - 1200 Davis St., Evanston IL 60201.
Deadline: 15th of the month for inclusion in following month's issue.

Openings at THE BOARD OF GLOBAL MINISTRIES, THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 475 Riverside Drive, New York, N.Y. 10027 --

1. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (Co-equal portfolio) - Women's Division: Basic responsibility for women's concerns, including training and social action programs and projects. Job to be shared with Ellen Kirby. Salary range: \$8,000 - \$10,500 each, plus benefits. Apply now to Theresa Hoover, Associate General Secretary, Room 1504.

2. PERSONNEL DIRECTOR - B.G.M.: Personnel functions relating to the employment of staff and development of personnel policies, including salary and benefit administration, training, counseling, etc. Requires academic training and experience in personnel administration. Forward letter, resume, and salary history to Tracey K. Jones, Jr., General Secretary, by September 25.

Openings at UNITED METHODIST COMMUNICATIONS - 475 Riverside Drive, Suite 1370, NYC 10027 --

3. RESEARCH ASSISTANT - SPECIAL SERVICES UNIT - Public Media Division: The unit is a resource to secular and religious media. The job involves research & secretarial work; will run the office in coordinator's absence. Requires knowledge of techniques and experience in research and communications and secretarial skills. \$11,014 minimum to start. APPLY IMMEDIATELY to Ms. Louise Gray.

4. ASSOCIATE PRODUCER - Public Media Division: Assignments related to the development, management, production, marketing and/or promotion of major projects such as radio or TV series, spot campaigns, educational resources. Some travel required. Equivalent of college education needed with two-four years media experience. \$15,900 minimum to start. Apply by September 15 to Jeffrey Weber.

5. DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT - CHURCH WOMEN UNITED - 475 Riverside Dr. New York 10027. Responsibilities related to the development of financial resources for Church Women United. \$15,224 - \$23,027. INTERVIEWING NOW. Contact Martha Edens, Gen. Director.

6. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR-TREASURER - EASTERN PA. CONFERENCE (In Valley Forge) Salary open. Send resume to Dale E. Owens, 510 Williamson Lane, Springfield, Pennsylvania 19064 by October 1.

Openings at NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST - 475 Riverside Drive, NYC 10027 --

7. STAFF ASSOCIATE FOR DOMESTIC HUNGER AND POVERTY - Division of Church and Society: Working as part of a collegial staff team, associate will develop and implement ecumenical strategies, community to national, for organizing resources to attack immediate and long-range issues of domestic hunger and poverty. \$14,970 - \$17,950. Contact Office of Personnel, Room 520, by September 1.

8. ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, SOUTHERN ASIA DEPARTMENT - Division of Overseas Ministries: To assist in formation, presentation and implementation of approved programs in Southern Asia, including budgetary responsibilities and participation in program evaluation. Will develop interpretative materials. \$14,970 - \$17,950. Contact Office of Personnel, Room 520, by September 13.

9. STAFF ASSOCIATE FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING - Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization: As part of a collegial staff team in the IFCO Department of Div. of Church and Society, associate will have primary responsibility for education and training for community organization and community development efforts. \$14,100 - \$16,900. Contact Ofc. of Personnel, Rm. 520, by Sept. 15

10. STAFF POSITIONS - WOMEN IN PRISON and WOMEN AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE: ECUMENICAL WOMEN'S CENTER - 1653 W. School St. Chicago 60657: Women in Prison job involves pre-release and work release programs, individual advocacy; Women and Sexual Violence involves coalition work and efforts to establish abused women shelters. Both jobs call for development of educational materials, public speaking, training workshops. Full and part-time positions based on \$9,900-10,900 full time range plus benefits. Apply by September 15.

11. APPOINTMENTS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 1979-1980 AT THE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AT CLAREMONT: Fields being considered are New Testament, Homiletics, Christian Education. Send vitae to Joseph C. Hough, Jr., Dean, 1325 N. College Ave., Claremont, California 91711.

12. DEAN OF THE CHAPEL, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO: Full-time administrative appt. including faculty status. Interviews to be completed by Dec. 15. Contact Dr. Chase P. Kimball, Bobs Roberts Hospital, Box 411, 920 E. 59th St. Chicago 60637

CAMPUS MINISTRY WOMEN Newsletter includes a number of academic and campus ministry job listings. Active job-seekers may wish to subscribe. Write 1631 Western - Topeka KS 66604.

♀ OCCASIONS . . .

July 9—A March to Remember

From *NATIONAL NOW TIMES*...

"The NOW National ERA March on Sunday, July 9, 1978 was unquestionably the largest for women's rights in American history, and, in fact, in world history; the biggest of the great suffrage parades numbered only 35,000."

From *METHODISTS MAKE NEWS*...

"Undeterred by a two-hour wait in 90-degree heat, 35 United Methodists joined an estimated 40,000 to 100,000 other marchers here July 9 in support of extending the deadline for ratifying the Equal Rights Amendment."

From *SHE IS* (PROJECT WOMAN Newsletter; Springfield, Ohio)...

"What kind of people attended? Babies, grandmothers, fathers - families were there; 4 generations of one family went. From our own area Clyde Soars and her mother were there (and her mother's even in a wheelchair!) Race seemed to make no difference. There were people from every walk of life. A woman I marched next to wore her hard hat from her job. My husband had asked me to count how many men were there, and I lost count before I even got off the bus."

ERA UPDATE...

- THE THREE YEAR - THREE MONTH EXTENSION HAS PASSED THE HOUSE!
Time to pour out the mail to the senators from your state urging support for the extension. If you have written before, *write again*.
- SOME 160 GROUPS AND A DOZEN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS HAVE JOINED THE CONVENTION BOYCOTT IN STATES WHICH HAVE NOT RATIFIED.
- WOMEN'S DIVISION ACTION FOR ERA WILL INCLUDE A MEETING TO PLAN STRATEGY FOR ONE OF THE KEY UNRATIFIED STATES THIS FALL.

Be sure to read "Christians and the Equal Rights Amendment: Coming Through The Confusion," an article by Anne Follis, president of Housewives for ERA, in THE INTERPRETER, July-August 1978.

Barbara Thompson Urges Continued Commitment

When Barbara Thompson steps aside as chairperson of the General Commission at the September meeting, she will be completing another chapter in a still unfinished volume of service to the United Methodist church.

"I have a good deal of hope for the church and I plan to continue my work," said Barbara, who will complete her tenure as a member of the Commission in 1980. "I believe in the work of the Commission," she said, "and I think that it's



important for us to be a presence inside the institutional church. At the same time, I also hope that we will always be open to the challenges that are given to us by groups outside the formal structures."

Meeting challenges, both within the church and in her professional career, is a way of life for Barbara, who serves on the General Council on Ministries, the Commission on the General Conference and the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches, in addition to CSRW. To fulfill these commitments, she uses most of her free time, including vacation days taken from her job as Equal Employment Officer/Internal Revenue Service (in Washington, D.C.) She is also an active member of her local church and of the Baltimore Annual Conference.

THE BARBARA THOMPSON LEGACY

The establishment of the Commission and its growth and accomplishments are all part of Barbara's legacy. She was elected to chair the Commission when it organized in 1972 and then was persuaded to re-election in 1976 in order to ensure a smooth transition from a quadrennial unit to a standing commission.

All who will miss her leadership can pay her tribute by renewing their own commitment to the work that remains. That is the hope of Barbara Thompson, as well as the hope for the future of the Commission.

OVATIONS

SHARON MAEDA, member of the General Commission, is the new General Manager of K.R.A.B. Radio in Seattle, Washington.

CAROL MARIANO has been named new editor of *The Northwest United Methodist*, for Washington and Northern Idaho.

CAPTAIN MARION E. MYLES of Evanston, Ill., who received her M.Div. from Garrett-Evangelical, has assumed her duty at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. as an Army chaplain.

BETTE PRESTWOOD, diaconal minister and member of Eastern Pa. CSRW, has been named associate editor of *The Circuit Rider*.

MARIE LIVINGSTON ROY, who has been editor of *Marna*, newsletter of the United Methodist Renewal Services Fellowship, is the new Director of Public Relations for Scarritt College.

BETTE PRESTWOOD, on the Board of Diaconal Ministry and CSRW (Eastern Pa.), has been named associate editor of *The Circuit Rider/Newscope*.

HILAH F. THOMAS will become coordinator of the United Methodist Women's History Project in September. Her office will be in New York City.

BETTY THOMPSON, Wisconsin Director of Project Equality, deserves an ovation for her incisive commentary on the need for continuance of Project Equality beyond the original five-year plan, in light of the fact that "racism and sexism have gone beyond 300 years in this country." Her article first appeared in the April 1978 issue of Project Equality's Wisconsin newsletter.

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ON THE CALENDAR

September 8-10 BLACK WOMEN, COMMUNICATE! Black Women's Congress. North Central Jurisdiction & BMCR. Workshops; Barbara Thompson, CSRW President, to speak at September 9th banquet. Pick-Congress Hotel, Chicago. Lorraine Smith, 346-8752.

September 21-24 COMMISSION ON THE STATUS AND ROLE OF WOMEN IN THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Annual Meeting. Marydale Retreat Center - Erlanger, Kentucky.

September 25-27 CONSULTATION ON SERVICES TO WOMEN IN CRISIS. Sponsored by National Division, BGM. Erlanger, Ky.

September 29-30 NATIONAL CAREER PLANNING CONSULTATION. (Dallas, Tex.) Registration deadline: September 12. Office of Career Planning & Personnel, BHEM - P.O. Box 871, Nashville 37202.

October 10-13 WOMEN AND MEN IN DIALOGUE *Understanding female/male patterns of communication and interaction; developing skills to give new alternatives. For men and women, including couples - especially persons in positions of responsibility in the church. Sponsored by CSRW. Maximum enrollment: 25 (\$150) At Kirkridge - Bangor, Pa. Register by September 30.*

December 6-12 NATIONAL CONVOCATION OF ASIAN AMERICAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES; Glide Memorial Church. Contact Rev. Jonah Chang - 330 Ellis St., Room 508, San Francisco, California 94102. (See July-August *FLYER* for more details.)

January 2-5 SECOND NATIONAL CONSULTATION- UNITED METHODIST CLERGYWOMEN. Co-sponsors CSRW and Div. of Ordained Ministry, BHEM. Perkins School of Theology, Dallas. (See July-August *FLYER* for details.)

January 16-18 FEMINISM AND RACISM; Executive Staff Conference - Church Women United. For women church executives. Contact Gail Hinand, C.W.U. 212/870-2587

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