

A Word From Susie Stanley

Executive Director, WHWC, Intl.

I just attended a session on fund raising where the development officer stated that no one gives money to an organization unless they're asked. But, in the case of WHWC, miracles do happen! During the conference in Cincinnati, denominational leaders representing four groups met with me during the networking session. The goal of the session was to get acquainted and share ways in which different denominations were supporting women in ministry. We also wanted to pursue how we could work together more effectively. Following this discussion, one leader asked how the denominations could help WHWC. This was a miracle in itself in that this question moved us beyond the purpose of the session. When I mentioned that a conference coordinator would be extremely beneficial, the person then asked, "How much would that cost?" Fortunately, I had an eighth-grade math teacher who made us compute numbers in our heads. Quickly adding up the necessary hours for two years and multiplying it by an appropriate hourly rate, I suggested that \$20,000 would about cover the salary. Three of the leaders in attendance committed themselves to contributing toward this amount and, since then, two other denominations have joined them in reaching the goal. Altogether, they are the Church of God, the Church of the Nazarene, the Free Methodist Church, The Salvation Army and The Wesleyan Church. This was such an unexpected show of support for the organization.

Mission Statement

"The mission of Wesleyan/ Holiness Women Clergy is to equip and encourage divinely-called women in vocational ministry and professional leadership positions."

In developing the job description, it became clear that Alane Fagan was the one to fill the conference coordinator position. Those of you at the 2004 conference may have communicated with her during the registration process or at the conference office at Cincinnati. The prior Planning Board had frequently expressed appreciation for her work so we're looking forward to our continued working relationship in this new capacity. So, she has moved from the position of administrative assistant to her current position. She's worked with us for over 1½ years so she knows who we are and how we operate. In light of this, we've hired a secretary, Amy Grube, to handle some of the work previously performed by Alane. One of her tasks is maintaining our new data base which has been a dream for several years.

The Planning Board and I are grateful for the opportunity to work with Alane and Amy who will help us fulfill our responsibilities. †

Summer 2004 Wesleyan/Holiness Women Clergy Educational Initiative

by C. Jeanne Serrao, Program Coordinator

Nineteen participants from six different Wesleyan/Holiness denominations, Gen X'ers and Boomers, with different specializations from Theology to Music, Literature to Education, Sports/Health to Campus ministry, met at the end of July this summer for Workshop #1 of the Educational Initiative. The Educational Initiative, funded by the Lilly Foundation, Inc. through the Miriam Project at Messiah College, was created to provide educational resources as part of a comprehensive plan to effect cultural change on our Christian college campuses in regard to the "chilly climate" for women called to the ordained ministry.

The workshop began Thursday night, July 29th with an overview of the project's objectives by Dr. Susie Stanley, a get-acquainted time and creative brainstorming on the needs of our campus communities. From the beginning there was a tremendous sense of teamwork and mutual respect as women and men worked together to identify available material, brainstorm on needed resources and make assignments to develop needed lesson plans.

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Educational Initiative

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Friday morning began with brief orientation sessions in various foundational areas: Old Testament by Dr. Joseph Coleson, New Testament by Dr. Kristina LaCelle-Peterson, Theology by Dr. Susie Stanley, Educational Pedagogy for Millennials by Dr. Jennifer Fisler, Diversity Educational theory by Dr. Martine Audeoud, and current Feminist Educational theory by Ms. Donna Techau (ABD). These orientation sessions gave the group a common perspective and language to use as we took the results of our Thursday night brainstorming and reviewed what is currently available which various persons had brought with them to the workshop. Then we developed a list of needed resources. General education courses and campus ministry settings were the primary targets for this project.

We identified twenty-one lesson plans that needed to be developed. On Saturday morning participants volunteered for assignments within their areas of expertise. Since there were more lesson plans than participants, other people and resources were identified to contact for help in specialized areas that our particular group was not prepared for. Our educational experts, Dr. Fisler and Dr. Audeoud, developed a lesson plan template for our use and some basic instruction was given on navigating Blackboard.

A Miriam Project Blackboard website was created and is housed at Mount Vernon Nazarene University. This is a working website where workshop information, including the orientation sessions are posted as well as helpful articles which participants have posted. It is also the place where the participants will post their lesson plans for review by the group. These lesson plans are due by February 1, 2005.

An editorial committee will review these lesson plans after February and send suggestions to authors for revisions. At the second workshop, currently scheduled for the end of July 2005, these lesson plans will be shared and participants will be brainstorming and developing ideas for production, distribution and promotion of these resources. The final product is scheduled to be presented and distributed at the 2006 Come to the Water conference in San Diego, California. †



Black Woman, Jossie Owens Elected New England Superintendent (Church of the Nazarene)

W. Talmadge Johnson, responsible General Superintendent of the New England District, has informed NCN News that Jossie Owens was elected May 28, 2004 as superintendent of the New England District. Owens was serving as interim superintendent of the district. General Superintendent Jerry D. Porter presided over the appointment of Owens at that time, with approval by the Board of General Superintendents and in consultation with the New England District Advisory Council.

Rev. Owens, who lives in Mansfield, Massachusetts with her husband, James, is an ordained elder in the Church of the Nazarene. In addition to her district responsibilities, she pastors Dorchester Second Church of the Nazarene in the urban Boston area.

General Superintendent Johnson said, "The New England District Assembly was characterized by a spirit of optimism and celebration. Jossie Owens is the first black female to be elected as district superintendent in the U.S. I was delighted to affirm and recognize not only her achievements but also the will of New England Nazarenes

as they affirmed her leadership by an overwhelming margin on the very first ballot."

USA/Canada Mission/Evangelism Department director Tom Nees said, "Owens's election as district superintendent represents the diversity of capable leaders within the Church of the Nazarene. This should be an encouragement as it reveals the inclusive nature of our multicultural church." †

Good Things are Happening for Women in Ministry!

This is a new column to be included in each issue of the newsletter. Please send updates and good news about women in ministry to the editor, Janet Peifer, at revjmp@equalworth.net for inclusion in the next newsletter.

Brethren in Christ Women Preparing for Ministerial Credentialing

Forty-four Brethren in Christ women participated in the required Core Courses which were offered during 2004. The four Core Courses, among other educational requirements, need to be completed for ministerial credentialing in the denomination. Dr. Dorothy Gish has been appointed as Dean of Equipping for Ministry, a new educational initiative for persons preparing for ministry in the denomination. The program offers online courses and classes and seminars given at numerous locations in the US and Canada. Three Women in Ministry retreats and conferences are being planned for 2005 (2-day retreat in PA in March; 1-day conference in Noblesville, IN in April; and 1-day conference in Salina, Kansas in June). Write to Janet Peifer if wishing more information at revjmp@equalworth.net.

2006 Come to the Water Conference

April 20-23, 2006

Town and Country Resort, San Diego, CA

Add this event to your calendar and thanks for your prayers for the board as they plan the conference!

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2005 Retreat for Women in Ministry and Leadership

Kenbrook Bible Camp, 190 Pine Meadow Road, Lebanon, PA 17046

Monday–Wednesday noon, March 14–16, 2005

Theme: Celebrating Our Stories

Keynote Speakers:

Anne Marie Griffith, Fort Erie, ON • Malia Meiser, Mechanicsburg, PA • Brenda Wagner, Leola, PA

- Nine Workshops: Women & Peace; The Red Tent: Telling the Story of Dinah; The Biblical Foundation for Women in Ministry and Leadership; Compassionate Ministry for Those Who Are Divorced, Single Parents, or Families with Children in Trouble; Ministering on Issues of Gender Identity; Single in Ministry: Handicap or Advantage?; Can You Be a Christian Feminist?; Perspectives That Shape the Acceptance of Women as Leaders; Women in Evangelism: Developing Relationships with Non-Believers

- Music and Prayer Ministries
- Networking, fellowship, inspiration, wonderful food, and relaxation
- Brochure at www.equalworth.net/ministry

Contact Janet Peifer for more information
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Which states in the body of the email: Subscribe WHWC enter your name here

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After you are a member, you will send messages to the entire list at WHWC@listserv.edu

If you have announcements, news, articles or any other information you'd like to be included in this newsletter, please contact the editor,
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Take a Look at the WHWC Website!

www.messiah.edu/WHWC

It's filled with resources you will find helpful!

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