

A Word From Susie Stanley

Executive Director, WHWC, Intl.

The upcoming conference is over six months away and the registrations are coming in. We celebrate every envelope because it's tangible evidence of the reality of the conference. I received the first report for hotel reservations this week. Several of you have rooms waiting for you!

The Planning Board began working on this conference shortly after the Colorado Springs conference in 2002. The hotel was actually reserved in 2001. We'll be using Power Point during the services. I even took a class over the summer, so I at least know some of the language even if I'm not personally proficient.

Another first will be formal networking sessions for women in various areas of ministry. These offer the opportunity to become acquainted with others and engage in discussion of issues unique to your field of ministry.

Mission Statement

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

On Thursday night we'll be commemorating our ten-year anniversary. Come prepared to celebrate! We have some fun things planned.

As you may have noticed elsewhere in the newsletter, as of October 23, we officially have an office. It's been a long time since I spread notes on the hallway floor and made conference phone calls.

I'll close for now. I need to check the mail for more registrations! †

Remembering Maxine Haines (1925-2002) Through a Scholarship Fund

For over 54 years Maxine Haines was a champion of and example to women in ministry. She received her bachelor's degree from what is now Indiana Wesleyan University in 1948 and was ordained in 1950 side by side with her husband Lee M. Haines. They served as co-pastors twenty years in four congregations.

When Dr. Lee taught in the Religion Department at Indiana Wesleyan University from 1970-1980, Maxine was the department secretary. In 1984 she earned her master's degree in Ministerial Education, producing a book based on her research project, *This Ministry We Share*, which dealt both with the lay spouses of ministers and with women who were credentialed ministers. Speaking at conventions and gatherings to share her encouragement and insights with women in ministry was a pleasure for her.

She continued to minister and travel with her husband as he served as General Secretary of Education and the Ministry (1980-88) and General Superintendent of the Wesleyan Church (1988-2000). With the full support of the other General Superintendents, he encouraged denominational officers and district superintendents to employ women in the ministry and addressed that issue at the leadership summit at Branson, Missouri in 1998,

and again in the Pastoral Letter to the 2002 General Conference.

For the past several years, Maxine researched the history of about 1,200 ordained Wesleyan women ministers, many of whom have rendered outstanding service to the Church. Since her death, her husband and granddaughter are working to preserve and share these stories in a yet-to-be released book, *Celebrate Your Daughters*. A companion book by Dr. Lee is planned on the biblical and theological basis of women in the ministry. Maxine is survived by her husband, Lee; a daughter, Rhoda (Stephen) Sommer, Indianapolis, IN; a son, Mark (Connie) Haines, Bay City, MI; and three granddaughters, Nicole, Kristen, and Katie Beth.

In the first year of existence of the Maxine and Lee M. Haines scholarship fund, twenty-one women received financial assistance to attend the Wesleyan/Holiness Women Clergy Conference. The scholarship fund continues to be administered by the General Department of Education and the Ministry. Wesleyan women who are interested in applying for a scholarship or contributing to the Fund may obtain information from Rev. Lois Watkins, the WHWC board representative for the Wesleyan Church (Rev. Lois Watkins, P.O. Box 117, LaOtto, IN 46764 or via email at pastor@1wchurch.org). †

Encouraging Report from the Free Methodist Church

by Rev. Peach Fosket

At the 2002 conference in Colorado Springs, the Free Methodist women were grateful for the show of support given by denominational leadership. Two of the four US bishops attended the entire conference. The women were notified early on that the bishops had arranged a "Listening Session" to take place immediately following the worship service on Sunday. Those who were able to stay did so.

The Denominational Meeting on Friday became the initial listening session. Many questions were asked and answered, while other questions carried over to the Sunday gathering.

Throughout the next year, all four bishops went to different regions of the US for "The Bishops School for Renewal," a retreat setting for clergy and spouses. The Listening Sessions continued at each location, including women who had not been able to attend the Come to the Water Conference.

One tangible result of the Listening Sessions was to include a woman preacher this year at General Conference, our world-wide denominational meeting that happens every four years!

In addition to the support of our bishops, the superintendent of the Pacific Northwest Conference has been especially supportive of the women in ministry there. For the conferences held in 2000 and 2002, the PNW conference has sponsored a delegation of women by paying their way, including the superintendent. That will happen as well for the 2004 conference in Cincinnati, OH.

This is not the case in every local Free Methodist conference. In fact, it is an exception. But I am encouraged to see the progress for personal, professional and financial support and the attendance at the Come to the Water Conference of administration on a denominational and local level. †

Women in Ministry Initiative Resource Room Opens at Messiah College

Susie Stanley and Janet Peifer are pleased to announce that the Women in Ministry Initiative of the Lilly Grant has funded the furnishing of a Women in Ministry Resource Room at Messiah College which officially opened on Thursday, October 23, 2003 with an open house from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. The resource room is housed on the third floor of the Hoffman building in Room 316.

This will be the site for the offices for both the Wesleyan/Holiness Women Clergy, International and the Brethren in Christ Council for Women in Ministry and Leadership. For the first year, plans are for the resource room to be open 20 hours each week.

The resource room houses a significant selection of books, videos, DVD's, journals, articles, and audio tapes—all addressing the Biblical basis for women in ministry and leadership. It is furnished with a table, comfortable chairs, a computer with internet access to do research, a printer, video player, DVD player, cassette player and head sets for private listening and viewing. Both Susie and Janet are placing resources from their personal libraries to enhance the selection of available materials.

We are deeply grateful for Lilly Grant monies that the college received toward the Women in Ministry Initiative which makes the resource room possible. The resource room will be available not only for college students but anyone interested in learning and reading on topics of women in ministry. We want this to be a dynamic entity which is continually evolving into a God-honoring tool for effective ministry for as many women and men as possible! For more information, call 717-766-2511 x7215. †

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Please encourage others to join by sending a copy of this form. Thank you.



Come to the Water Conference
Registrations Are Coming In!

Reserve these dates in your calendar:

April 15-18, 2004

Cincinnati, Ohio

Wesleyan/Holiness Women Clergy

Sixth International WHWC Conference
April 15-18, 2004
Cincinnati, Ohio

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1. *Wesleyan/Holiness Women Clergy: A Preliminary Bibliography* compiled by Susie C. Stanley.
2. *Ezer Cenegdo: A Power Like Him, Facing Him as Equal* by Joseph E. Coleson
3. *Inclusive Language Handbook* by Don Thorsen and Vickie Becker
4. *Satisfied: Women Hymn Writers of the 19th Century Wesleyan/Holiness Movement* by Keith Schwanz
5. *Reclaiming the Wesleyan/Holiness Heritage of Women Clergy: Sermons, A Case Study and Resources* by Randy Huber and John E. Stanley
6. *Cloud of Witnesses: Portraits of Women Ministers in the Wesleyan/Holiness Women Movement* edited by Gloria J. Bell
7. *God's Call: From Infilling to Outpouring* (Sermons by Wesleyan/Holiness Women Clergy) edited by Margaret Dunn



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