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Ten women chaplains attended the Seventh-day Adventist Healthcare Chaplains Association (SDAHCA) this year. Front row, left to right: Gloria McClaren (Ohio); Juanita Mayer (Kansas); Delcy Kuhlman (Michigan); Penny Shell (Maryland); Ginger Hanks-Harwood (Colorado); Shari Chamberlain (Tennessee). Back row: Bronwen Watts McQuistan (Florida); Duane Frey (Florida); Beulah Fern Stevens (Oregon); and Elizabeth Unger (Illinois).

Chaplains call for women's ordination

With their eyes wide open to the possible cost, Seventh-day Adventist Health-care Chaplains (both men and women) once again voted their strong support for ordaining women to ministry.

The issue was addressed by about 70 Adventist chaplains who met for worship, fellowship, and to conduct the business of their organization February 23-28 in Nashville, Tennessee, in connection to the annual meeting of the College of Chaplains.

Some chaplains felt, however, that supporting women's ordination adds to an image of unorthodoxy they have worked years to shed.

Ironically, health-care chaplains—who acquire intensive training in pastoral care skills—have not been considered pastors in the same way as parish ministers. Historically they have been seen by the church as "having left the ministry," and are compared unfavorably with "real ministers" who serve in local churches.

Now that years of work and communication through Adventist Chaplaincy Ministry (ACM) at the GC level are paying off and health-care chaplains are beginning to be considered legitimate ministers, some fear losing this acceptance by adding new issues.

Strongly Worded

In St. Louis last year, for example, a few leading chaplains sought to tone down language of the resolution supporting women's

ordination. They did succeed in removing a phrase from the statement "calling the church out of the wilderness confusion" on the women's issue. Yet the statement remained strongly worded, and was voted again this year.

As in St. Louis the chaplains stated boldly: "We call our church into a full recognition, by ordination, of the ministry of women. As Adventists compelled by the imminence of our Lord's return, we believe this calls for leadership, not waiting."

Urging the church a step farther, the chaplains also voted a statement recommending to ACM that educational and supportive outreach (seminars, etc.) to chaplains outside of North America model chaplains' commitment to equality by including women and people of color.

Process Group

Considering some of the backroom grumbling about women's issues among the group, George Gibbs, Harding Hospital chaplain, proposed and facilitated a "process group" during the Nashville meetings. Under his guidance male and female chaplains who wanted to bridge some of the misunderstandings voluntarily met together on three occasions to discuss candidly issues of discomfort. One measure of the success of the group process was that the size of the group doubled from its first to its third meeting.

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"Nurturing in the '90s"

GC women among dynamic speakers for AAW's international conference

Berrien Springs, Michigan, is buzzing with activity in preparation for AAW's first international (and eighth national) conference on the campus of Andrews University, June 21-25, 1990. "The International Adventist Woman: Nurturing in the '90s," is the theme.

Rosa Banks will speak Sabbath morning, June 23, in Pioneer Memorial church as the pastoral staff and congregation throw open the church's doors to women attending the conference. Banks, a dynamic preacher, directs the Office of Human Relations for the North American Division.

Also during the conference, Karen Flowers, who chairs the Women's Ministries Advisory for the General Conference, and is an associate secretary of the GC Church Ministries Department (Family Life), will give attendees a preview of issues affecting women that may emerge at the GC session two weeks later. She will be joined by Elizabeth Sterndale, liaison for Adventist women with the North American Division officers.

According to convention cochairs Stella Ramirez Greig and Edith Davis, a complete slate of speakers and workshop leaders will be mailed to AAW members in early April.

Special events

Events already nailed down for the four-day conference include:

- A gala banquet to kick off the confer-



Rosa Banks



Karen Flowers

ence, Thursday evening, June 21, at 6:30.

■ "Adventist Families Around the World," a Sabbath afternoon program followed by supper and vespers on the shores of Lake Michigan.

■ Among the events scheduled for Sunday is the highly praised women elders' workshop. Created by the Michiana Chapter, the workshop is practical and encouraging. It attracted more than 70 participants when first offered last year.

■ The annual AAW business session, where those attending the conference focus their resolve for improving the associa-

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Task force produces slide-tape show, video, brochure featuring equality

by Jocelyn Fay

Members of the Southeastern California Conference's (SECC) Gender Inclusiveness Task Force have completed their first project, a Mission Spotlight-type slide program. According to Penny Miller, who chairs the task force, several other projects are nearing completion also.

The new 13-minute slide program, "Equals in Service," has been circulating among churches for several months. It is being translated into Spanish in order to reach a wider audience, Miller says. It tells the story of two senior theology students at Loma Linda University, Rose Mohr and Tom Quishenberry, and was designed to portray the importance of both men and women in the ministry of the Adventist Church.

■ "Equals in Service" is being loaned to churches in SECC. Persons or organizations outside the conference are invited to purchase the program for \$49.50, post paid. Send orders to Media Services, Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, CA 92350.

■ The task force completed "What's Good for the Gospel?" a video for young people, in late January. It will be distributed as soon as a discussion guide is produced to accompany it.

■ John Brunt, dean of the School of The-

ology at Walla Walla College, has authored a brochure that will be inserted in the April 2 issue of the Pacific Union Recorder. The brochure, "The Ordination of Women: A Bible Perspective," is the first of a series the task force is producing. It examines texts in 1 Corinthians and 1 Timothy.

■ At their February meeting, task force members voted to recommend to the officers and ministerial director that September 1990 be designated Gender Inclusiveness Month in the conference. They hope to provide resources for sermon preparation and other materials so that each church can emphasize gender inclusiveness on at least one Sabbath during the month. A subcommittee has begun work on these resources.

■ Several more members have joined the Gender Inclusiveness Task Force since its activities were last reported in the *Adventist Woman*. They are:

Audray Johnson, SECC's health, legislative, and family ministries director; **Michael Hanson**, pastor of the Corona church; **Susan Jacobsen**, homemaker and graduate theology student from Redlands; and **Marta Teel**, a high-school Spanish teacher from Riverside.



Things can change!

by Nancy Marter

Something perplexes me even as I grow older and supposedly wiser. I seem to find myself constantly pulled from one emergency to another and am left with a nagging sense that my life's purpose is sadly out of focus. Between calls and meetings and duties perspective is hard to find.

Life within the Adventist Church tends to follow the same pattern. Crisis dictate our direction. Whether it is the resignation of a college president, the realignment of the Adventist Health Systems, the separation of La Sierra College and Loma Linda University, or speculation about elections at the 1990 GC session.

Dealing with acute situations leaves us little time for reflection on where we are, what is happening to the relationships between us, or evaluating what is truly important. We hardly have time to ask these questions, much less address them.

Often the goals of a more "eternal" nature seem to become lost in the demands of custodial management.

Is equality right? Or idealistic?

For instance, visualizing and planning for the practical outworking of our belief that "all human beings are equals" and should have the opportunities of equals, catches in the craw of many within our church. Yet, of all the things Jesus espoused, this concept was certainly a solid part. Didn't Jesus teach that the gospel should change us for the better? That it should make us "one"? That in its light we are to see each other as important—more important than "my power" or "my image"?

Yet, this kind of outworking of the gospel seems at times to be intangible, left only to the "idealistic," rather than something solidly evident in actions and attitudes of God's people.

As a result, both the young and those "long in the way" lose courage and too often leave when they sense these things slipping through the cracks, lost in the crush of church crises.

Still, in the last few months, surprises have changed the face of our world including Eastern Europe, Russia, and China.

And who expected the change in South Africa which has freed Nelson Mandela after 27 years in prison? Or a free election in Nicaragua which has brought Violeta Chamorro to her country's presidency? Familiar patterns, the same for generations, are exploding all around us.

Great awakening

Why? They are changing because the people involved have awakened. Their burning desire for a better way did not go away just because it was suppressed and unseen. And many not only longed and hoped for change but worked and sacrificed (some paying dearly) for this reality.

For those of us within the church who have a message to give, this should renew our courage. Things can change. They do not have to remain the same. Seemingly insurmountable obstacles are not insurmountable.

Dreams based in our God-given heritage can become reality. Let us move together under the leading of God's Spirit to see that they do!

MISSION STATEMENT

"So God made man in His own image, in the image of God created He him, male and female created He them."
Genesis 1:27

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 Adventist women to help the individuals in our church reflect more fully the image of God in their relationships to each other in the home, the church, the work setting and in the community.

Through the means of this publication which focuses on the development, discoveries, interests and potential of Christian women, our goals are:

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 interpersonal relationships, personal development and relationships to God.

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

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Who represents women at the GC session?

by Beverly K. Habada

"I sometimes despair of getting anything quite simple and honest done in this world by the help of men."

—Henry David Thoreau

The March 1 issue of the Columbia Union *Visitor* indicates that the General Conference session, to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, this summer, will involve some 2,639 delegates "representing the worldwide church body."

The facts

The regular delegation will consist of 1,671 delegates, or 63 percent of the total delegation! This number is determined on the basis of the number of unions and their respective proportions of the world memberships.

The next largest block is the delegates-at-large. This group includes 368 members of the GC Executive Committee and others whom they appoint, for a total of 968 in all.

Some questions

■ How many women delegates will there be among those "representing the worldwide church body"? One percent of the total number? Five percent? Ten percent? Or will it be as simple and honest as having the number of women delegates be in proportion to the number of Adventist women in each world field?

■ How many women delegates will be selected to attend from the North American Division? South American Division? the Inter-American Division? the Southern Asia Division? the Trans-European Division? the Eastern Africa Division? the Far Eastern Division? the Middle East Division? the South Pacific Division?

■ Can you get a list of delegates in advance and find out how many women are among their delegates?

■ Will the agenda for the GC session be printed up and made available upon request to any Seventh-day Adventist church member, whether or not he or she plans to attend?

■ Will the rules of procedure that govern the voting sessions be available to any Adventist church member who requests it?

■ Will the financial reports and division reports that are prepared for delegates be available to any church member who requests a copy? Are the GC session meetings open to all Adventist members to observe?

For the answers...

For answers to these and other questions about Adventist church business at the GC session (July 5 - 14), call the president's office at the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists at (301) 680-6000 or wrote to him at 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, Maryland 20904, U.S.A.

From the Pulpit



A gentle whisper

by Leslie Bumgardner

After his stunning victory over the prophets on Mt. Carmel, we find Elijah depressed, alone, and ready to die. He fled to the wilderness on Mt. Horeb because when Jezebel heard of the display of God's power on Mt. Carmel and Elijah's slaying of the prophets of Baal, she vowed Elijah would not live to see another day.

While in the wilderness God speaks and inquires of Elijah, "Of all places, what are you doing here?" Elijah obeys God's command to arise and stand before the Lord.

Surely Elijah expected God's revelation to be with power and majesty similar to the display on Mt. Carmel. "A great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord" (1 Kings 19:11).

"Is that you, Lord?" Elijah inquires cautiously. No, the Lord is not in the wind. An earthquake follows, and then a fire. Certainly the Lord is in these mighty manifestations of power. No, the Lord's presence is not in the earthquake or the fire.

And then of all things, "after the fire came a gentle whisper" (1 Kings 19:12). Here is where Elijah recognizes God's presence...in a gentle whisper.

How often do I find myself in Elijah's shoes? More times than I would like to admit, I look for God's presence in the exciting, power events of ministry and miss the gentle whisper that tells me of His presence in the quiet, less obvious moments. I overlook the gentle whisper that comes through a voice I may not recognize.

Small voice

Maybe it is the still, small voice of a child desiring a few moments of time in which to tell me of a recent adventure. Or the cry of a graying member who wants to share of days past, when life and church were far different (and maybe less threatening to them) than today. What about the hurting member who felt slighted by an unkind remark, and now wonders if the church really needs or wants him?

I dare say that each of us has heard the gentle whispers and still, small voices calling us to accountability. Is that meeting I am tempted to schedule really as important as taking time to be with my family? Am I overlooking a quiet cry for help that will be easier to answer now than when it becomes a loud and angry shout? Is God speaking to me in these gentle whispers and small voices?

"The Lord was not in the wind...the Lord was not in the earthquake...The Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper."

Am I listening?

Leslie Bumgardner is the associate pastor of the Worthington, Ohio, Seventh-day Adventist church. This article originally appeared in *Praxis* (published for Adventist ministers in the Columbia and Mid-America unions). It has been adapted here with the author's permission.

* Bible texts in this article are taken from the New International Version.

Top nursing executives vulnerable as Adventist hospital system falters

Adventist nursing in North America is in trouble.

During the 1980s dozens of top nursing executives in Adventist hospitals were fired, and others still fear for their future. Those who have replaced them, in some cases, have not been as qualified or as experienced. It is also believed that close to 20 percent of these positions are now held by non-Adventists.

Some of the problems for Adventists arise from the larger crisis in American health care that has hit hard in the past decade. But, according to Elizabeth Sterndale, associate director of the Health/Temperance Department for the North American Division (NAD), some of the problems are homemade.

"Adventist hospitals were not always so reflective of general problems in health care," Sterndale says. "For example, Adventist nursing executives often had long careers in one hospital while non-Adventist hospitals had new directors every five years." She herself was director of nurses at Harding Hospital for 15 years.

Today she finds Karen Lumb, who has been vice-president of nursing at Leland Memorial Hospital in Riverdale, Maryland, a notable exception. Lumb has held her job for eight years.

But what does the future hold for someone like Karen Lumb? Leland, like several other small Adventist hospitals in recent years, has been earmarked by Adventist Health Systems for closure. Whether or not another Adventist hospital will find a place for Lumb's leadership skills remains to be seen. (As we go to press the Riverdale community and Prince George's County politicians are fighting hard to convince AHS to change its plans.)

Closures, however, are not the major reason why Adventist women in top hospital leadership are leaving the ranks.

What is? "I personally think our philosophy of health care has drastically changed,"

Sterndale says, reflecting on her 40 years of experience in nursing. "Adventists once had a mission: the medical work was seen as the 'right arm of the message,' and we were a service. Now we are primarily a business."

The bottom line

Originally hospitals were begun—and directed—by physicians and nurses. "The business end of things was only so-so," Sterndale admits. Business managers were hired to improve the financial outlook. But over the past 30 years businessmen gradually took over hospital leadership. Today hospitals are big business. In Sterndale's view, service sometimes suffers. "This is not to say that many nurses, doctors, technicians or chaplains are not dedicated to service; they are. But in the overall running of Adventist hospitals we don't seem to have the commitment to the church's mission we once did."

Sterndale believes that "The church has no business being in business [just for the sake of business]. If our hospitals are only a business, it's time to get out of it."

The impact on top nursing executives may look like this: Because of ever-tightening budgets a hospital administrator tells the nursing vice-president to cut staffing [again]. She refuses because she feels the staff is already over-stressed and patients will not receive proper care. In several cases these individuals have been fired—at times, summarily. The administrator may then replace her with someone less experienced (and/or more compliant).

Lost talent

In tracking Adventist nursing executives who have been dropped from the system, Sterndale has seen most of them leave the nursing profession altogether—to become antique dealers, real estate agents, etc. Unlike other vice-presidents (male), who are frequently reabsorbed by the system, nursing executives often seem to be abandoned.

Whether the February 15, 1990, decision to dissolve the Adventist Health System and replace it by an "association" will make a difference for nurses remains an issue worth watching in coming months.

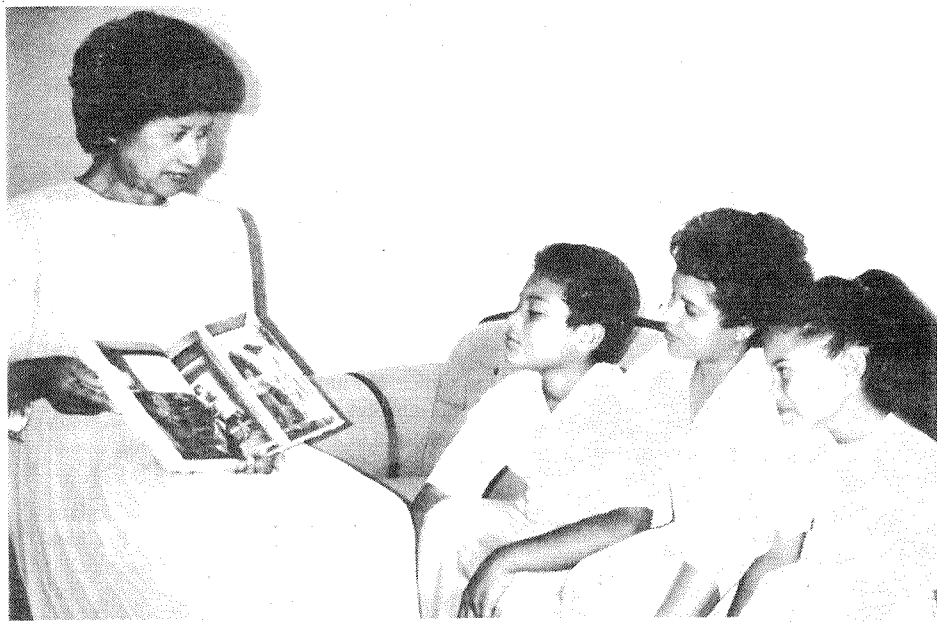


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S. Carmen Perez (left) gives God all the glory for the baptisms that result from her colporteur ministry. Here she talks with Itzel Lascano and her children Carlos and Daisi before their baptism on March 31.

Florida women win many souls

by Cynthia Kurtzals

The heartbeat and lifeblood of the Seventh-day Adventist Church are individuals joining it, one by one. And women in the Florida Conference are an integral part of that "birthing" process.

In the past five years, for example, 300 people have joined due to the unceasing efforts of Herma Serpa.

S. Carmen Perez has recently won nine individuals for the Lord.

And, in addition to giving in-home Bible studies with her husband George, Anna Marie Doying teaches scores of lay people across Florida how to bring people into a friendship relationship with Christ and be baptized.

Herma Serpa: Bible instructor

"I'm doing the dream of my life," Herma Serpa told Jose Mercedes Bautista, former communication secretary for the Miami Central Spanish church. Since Herma was baptized 27 years ago in Cuba, she began sharing the gospel with her neighbors.

For the past five years she has been a Bible instructor for the Florida Conference. Through her untiring outreach ministry she has prepared many of the 95 baptismal candidates that Miami Central Spanish baptized in 1988. In 1989, 65 of the 81 baptismal candidates studied with her.

Her success is in her Source. "I make God my director in each Bible study, and I notice if the person has some problem. Then I try to solve that problem spiritually and materially."

Carmen Perez: Colporteur ministry

S. Carmen Perez was converted and baptized after a Revelation Seminar in 1983. "I wanted so much to serve the Lord," she said. She was doing missionary work on the weekends but business responsibilities tied up her weekdays.

Then her pastor at the Normandy Com-

pany in Miami Beach, Alfredo Gonzalez, encouraged her to become a literature evangelist. In time, she accepted. In all she has helped nine people prepare for baptism, including her 84-year-old mother, Rosa.

In addition Carmen is personal ministries leader for her church. Every Saturday night she studies with a group of young adults at her home.

Anna Marie Doying: Personal ministries

Anna Marie Doying chaired the Florida Conference's annual Lay Evangelistic Training Seminar (LETS) at Camp Kulaqua in 1989, and will again, April 8-14. She has attended these seminars since 1983 and met her future husband, George, there in 1986. Anna Marie is personal ministries leader for her Naples church.

Besides giving Bible studies, Anna cultivates interests among coworkers at her jobs, helps lead an annual Revelation Seminar, and has conducted vegetarian cooking schools.

"Anna Marie is one of our outstanding women that every church would love to have," says her pastor, David Canther.

Much credit for encouraging these Adventist women comes from Hazel Gordon, women's ministries director for the conference. Her plan is to see each congregation select its own women's ministries director. Once the "skills and talents of women are recognized and utilized to meet the needs of women in the church, they often can expand to be a blessing to women in their local communities," says Gordon.

Cynthia Kurtzals is assistant communication director, Florida Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Contributions by Jose Mercedes Bautista, S. Carmen Perez, and Suzanne Boothby.

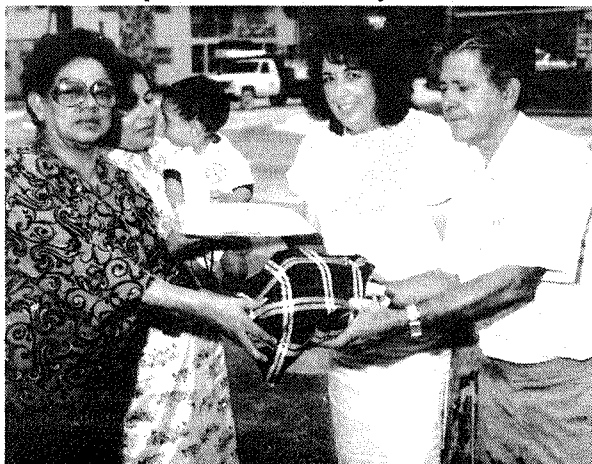


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Herma Serpa (center right) helps potential members materially as well as spiritually. Here she delivers food to a needy family.



Photo by Herb Boothby

Anne Marie Doying talks about her outreach ministry as a lay evangelist.



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In special ceremony Michiana pays tribute to 14 good men

The Michiana AAW Chapter honored 14 men in a special ceremony on February 9 for "nurturing, encouraging, and affirming" Adventist women. Some are faculty members at Andrews University (AU) or pastors and elders in churches near Berrien Springs, Michigan. Several other men were slated to be honored but had schedule conflicts. Stella Grieg, Michiana chapter president, promised another such event for them in the future.

In addition to a candlelight meal and special music, the evening included a series of tributes and the presentation of certificates.

Selma Chaij, a counselor and teacher in the AU School of Education, set the tone for the evening by explaining that each human being needs psychological and spiritual affirmation. She emphasized the importance of Christian men and women, as they "reflect the image of God," to nurture and affirm one another's gifts and work.

Andrews University teachers

Sheryl McMillan, an M.Div. student at the SDA Theological Seminary, talked about the men who teach at AU, particularly in the seminary and undergraduate religion department, who encourage and affirm women studying for the ministry. She focused on their inclusiveness in language and theology, as well as personal words of encouragement inside and outside the classroom.

Those present who were honored in this category included: Daniel Augsburg, Walter



The Michiana Chapter honored these 14 men for their support of Adventist women. **Front row:** left to right; Dr. Brian Strayer, Dr. Josef Greig, Elder Warren Banfield, Dr. Richard Schwartz, Dr. Daniel Augsburg, Richard Jordan. **Back row:** Pastor Luis Leonor, Dr. Walter Douglas, Pastor Bill Knott, Pastor Gary Russell, Dr. Roger Dudley, Dr. Russell Staples, Dr. Bruce Wrenn, and Dr. Abraham Terian.

Douglas, Roger Dudley, Russell Staples, Abraham Terian, and Josef Greig. Another teacher honored with this group was Brian Strayer, associate professor of history, who was active in establishing a minor in women's studies in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Pastors, elders, national leaders

Madeline Johnston spoke about pastors, local and national church leaders who have been supportive in encouraging women in church leadership positions.

Those present who were honored in this category included: Pastors Luis Leonor of Berrien Springs Spanish, and Bill Knott, formerly of the Village church, and Gary Russell of Dowagiac; local church elders Dick Jordan of Dowagiac and Richard Schwarz of Pioneer Memorial church; and PMC member Bruce Wrenn.

At the North American Division level, Warren Banfield, recently retired director of the Office of Human Relations, was honored for his support of church women and the inclusive goals of AAW.

Husbands

In the final presentation Jeanne Jordan, inspired by Proverbs 31, described the ideal husband. Each husband present received a carnation from his wife. The evening concluded with the group singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

The agape feast event honoring nurturing men was part of the Michiana Chapter's series, "The Adventist Woman and Nurture." Previous programs have focused on "The Adventist Woman and Spiritual Nurture," and "Nurturing the Caregiver" (for mothers of young children, presented by Karen Spruill).

The Michiana Chapter plans to further develop the nurturing theme at AAW's eighth national conference, June 21-25, on the campus of Andrews University.

People and Places

Chaij to coordinate Professionals' forum at GC session

For the first time the Seventh-day Adventist Church is inviting its members who are psychologists and human services professionals to meet together and discuss Adventist family issues during the coming GC session in Indianapolis. The meeting is set for July 8, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Hilton Hotel, just a few blocks from the Hoosier Dome.

Sponsored by the North American Division's Office of Human Relations, Dr. Selma Chaij has been asked to coordinate the event. Chaij directs the counseling psychology program at Andrews University.

Among those who will speak or lead workshops are several women. **Dr. Laura Gladson**, from the Psychological Studies Institute in Atlanta, Georgia, will make a pre-

sentation with her husband, Jerry, called "The Fundamental Family and Its Relation to Church and Society."

Dr. Patricia Mutch from the Institute of Alcoholism and Drug Dependency at Andrews University will discuss

"Addictive Behaviors and the Adventist Family." **Dr. Julie Van Putten** of Loma Linda University will speak on "Sexuality in



Dr. Selma Chaij

the '90s and the Adventist Family."

Other presenters include Dr. David Augsburg, professor at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminaries in Indiana; Dr. William Loveless, newly appointed pastor of the University church in Loma Linda, and current president of Columbia Union College; and Dr. Caleb Rosado from Elizabethtown College, Pennsylvania.

How to register

According to Chaij there is no charge to participate in the forum. Those professionals invited are: psychologists, sociologists, anthropologists, psychiatrists, counselors, social workers, marriage and family therapists, psychiatric nurses, addictions professionals, and chaplains/pastoral counselors.

Write to Dr. Selma Chaij, Educational and Psychology Department, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI 49104, U.S.A.

Natelkka Burrell dies; pioneer black educator

On February 21 veteran Adventist educator Natelkka Burrell died in her home in Berrien Springs, Michigan. She was 95.

Burrell, whose autobiography is entitled *God's Beloved Rebel*, may have had a more comprehensive view of the good and bad times in education for blacks in the Adventist Church than anyone.

She entered South Lancaster Academy in 1910. Later, when she enrolled in the teacher-training program at Lancaster Junior College (now Atlantic Union College) she was the only black. All her white classmates had positions before they graduated. As she once told interviewer Ron Knott: "When I finished, the school didn't know what to do with me." But she was determined to "be a teacher for Jesus." Openings came slowly but teach she did.

Eventually, Burrell obtained a B.A. from Emmanuel Missionary College. She also studied at Wisconsin University. In 1959 she received her doctorate in education and English from Teacher's College, Columbia University.

Employed for a time at the General Conference, she coauthored 60 basal readers for the church. Since 1964 she had lived at Andrews University.



Dr. Natelkka Burrell

MANY ATTRACTIONS AT JUNE AAW CONFERENCE

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tion, and the lot of women in the church, will conclude the conference on Monday morning, June 25.

■ A premeeting for members of the national AAW board, regional representatives, local chapter presidents and board members has been set for Thursday, June 21, at 1:30.

■ Dialogue time for Adventist women who are pastors, chaplains, theology teachers or students.

Registration information

Registration at the conference is from 1 to 5 p.m. on Thursday, June 21. The fee for the conference is \$50 for AAW members if postmarked by June 1 and \$60 after June 1. (Fee for nonmembers before June 1 is \$65, and after June 1, \$75.) Besides materials and handouts, this covers five meals: Thursday night banquet, Friday evening agape feast, and three Sabbath meals.

Some inexpensive housing will be available on-campus going on a first-come first-served basis to those who register early.

Scholarship information

To make it possible for some women with limited means from overseas to regis-

ter, a limited number of conference scholarships are being established. If you can contribute to this project, please write to Stella Greig, Michiana AAW, P.O. Box 193, Berrien Springs, MI 49103, USA.

Women who would like to apply for these grants should also write Greig at the above address.

Other attractions

■ AAW plans to organize bus tours immediately after the conference to visit Chicago, Amish country, and Adventist historic sites in Battle Creek, Michigan. Specific information will be included in the conference brochure.

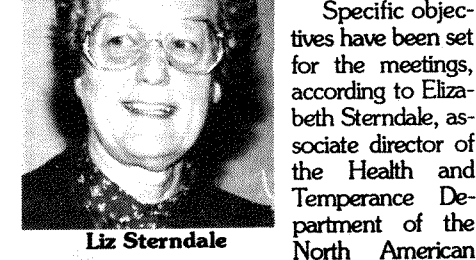
■ Beginning before and overlapping with the AAW conference is the annual Family Life Workshop, sponsored by the GC Church Ministries Department, June 17-25. (For information write: Family Life Workshop, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI 49104. Attention—Jose Bourget.)

■ The Christian Writers Workshop is set for June 25-28. (For information write: Christian Writers Workshop, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI 49104. Attention—Madeline Johnston.)

Nurses to study theology, ethics at next retreat

"Advocacy and Beyond: Theology and Nursing Ethics" is the theme of this year's annual retreat for the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Nurses (ASDAN). Members will gather May 31-June 3 at Pine Springs Ranch and Conference Center near Mountain Center, California.

Specific objectives have been set for the meetings, according to Elizabeth Sterndale, associate director of the Health and Temperance Department of the North American



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"The issue of theology and nursing ethics is something nurses all deal with," says Sterndale. "The decisions we make need to be based on accurate and up-to-date information."

The objectives fall into several areas: describing the metaphors that have influenced nursing ethics; discussing current trends in nursing ethics; and applying nursing ethics to special ethical dilemmas.