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# Margit Linnea Süring

— Woman of the Year —

Lifetime Achievement

2002

As World War II was ending, Margit L. Süring began pastoring in Sweden under the title of “Bible Worker.” During four decades, she has been a leader in the SDA church in both Finland and Sweden. She served as women’s dean, pastor, theologian, instructor, and principal of the Toivonlinna Theological Seminary.

furthered theological understanding and the role of women in the church.

In the 1950’s, she studied at Newbold College in England, and she was the first woman to earn a Master of Divinity (1966) and a Doctor of Theology degree (1980) at Andrews University.

She has been recognized for her many contributions by the church that she loves, receiving the “Mark of Honor” from the Finnish SDA Women’s Association in 1993. Her sustained and distinguished denominational service has made Süring an inspiration to women in Finland and Sweden. She is also noted for the scholarship that has



Süring researched the role of women in the Northern European Division, and she is currently completing a commentary for laypersons on the Gospel of John. Stella Greig, Professor of English at Andrews University says, “She is a passionate student and encourages others to dig deeper into God’s Word.”

Greig adds: “First, Margit is a pioneer. Secondly, Margit is a scholar. Thirdly, Margit has been—and still is—a mentor. Her greatest contribution has been as a role model of Christian spirit, grace, endurance, and perseverance.”

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