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# Beatrice Short Neall

— Woman of the Year —

Spiritual Leadership

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More than a half a century ago Beatrice Neal began a career as a pastor's wife in the New York Conference that led to mission work in Asia. She served as a teacher of Bible studies at Southeast Asia College and was Editor of the Union Messenger.

A prolific author, Beatrice has written a doctrinal Bible textbook, correspondence courses on the life of Christ for Asian readers, and numerous theological articles for professional journals and lay magazines. She also wrote the well-received **Prince and the Rebel**, which alludes to the Cambodian Prince Sihawook and the rebel who sought to depose him. This book depicts the Great Controversy

theme and has been translated into a dozen Asian and African languages and distributed to more than 50,000 refugees in Cambodian camps. Likewise, she composed **Building a Better Cambodia**, an inspirational book of maxims and stories designed to inspire political leaders to moral behavior. It is distributed to high officials and government leaders.



Known and respected as a thought leader on theological issues, she has served on a number of major General Conference committees. She participated for ten years on the Daniel and Revelation Committee, The Study Commission on the Ordination of Women, and The Plural Marriage Committee, established to better answer the

question, “Should the Church require polygamous marriages in other countries to be broken up?”

She was the only woman invited to join the Sanctuary Review Committee at the Glacier View meetings where Bible scholars and administrators confronted problems regarding church doctrine.

Since 1977 she has been a beloved professor to generations of students of theology and Biblical languages at Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska.

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