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STEERING COMMITTEE OF
THE WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER

In a delightful interview with Ethel Lee, chair of the Steering Committee of The Women's Resource Center of Southeastern Seminary, I learned where she sees The Center now, and her vision for it for the future.

Service is a major part of what the Women's Resource Center (WRC) is all about - service to all women - women who serve in voluntary or professional capacities and who are ordained or who are not ordained. Part of this service includes collecting information - information about where women graduates are, what their ministry is, whether or not they are ordained. The WRC is also a collecting center for ordination sermons, academic papers written by and/or about women, and a library for use by women and men.

Ethel feels the priorities of the WRC are to build an understanding between women and men, to build an appreciation of each other's gifts, and to value one another. In order to achieve these goals we need consciousness-raising and education on the part of women and men; support from women and men - real support, not just verbal pats on the head; persons who are willing to risk discovering and knowing the issues, even though the process is painful; and communication among women and men regarding issues about women. Real needs for the WRC right now are financial support, understanding support, and people support.

Her vision for the future of the WRC includes offering peer-counseling for women and sponsoring conferences and seminars for and about women. She would like to have a "come-let's-get-to-know-one-another" gathering in the fall for women and men interested in the concerns of women in ministry. She would also like to hear from women graduates concerning their particular needs.

In working toward changing the view of women in ministry, it is wise to move slowly. When one works toward changing a system one is going to get reaction - some of it will be hostile, cruel - some uninformed and patronizing - some accepting and affirming. To maintain identity while continuing to go through change is the real test.

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* April 24, 1984
TRIANGLE AREA WOMEN'S TASK FORCE
Will meet in Raleigh to continue discussion of the book Womanspirit Rising. Contact person: Paula Testerman, M.Div., 1983, SEBTS. Telephone: 556-1571.

* May 9-11, 1984
NORTH CAROLINA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CONFERENCE
Hilton Inn, Raleigh, NC
Cost: \$25
Contact person: Amy Reaves, Council on the Status of Women, 426 Wilmington St., Raleigh, NC 27604

* May 13-15, 1984
NC WOMEN IN MINISTRY
Camp Ashburn Acres, Yadkinville, NC
Resource person: Anne Wilson Schaefer, author of Women's Reality (See Newsletter, Vol.1, No.2.)
Cost: \$40
Contact: Resource Center for Women and Ministry in the South
P.O.Box 1365, Greensboro, NC 27402

* May 21-23, 1984
ORDAINED WOMEN AND MINISTRY,
sponsored by the Alban Institute
Speakers: Ruth Barnhouse, Roy Oswald, Joan Bowman
Cost: \$230-260
Write: Linda Kramer, The Alban Institute
Mt. St. Alban, Washington, DC 20016

* June 9-10, 1984
SOUTHERN BAPTIST WOMEN IN MINISTRY,
Fourth Annual Gathering
Before the Southern Baptist Convention
Kansas City, MO.
Contact: Women's Resource Center, SEBTS
Box 2136
Wake Forest, NC 27587
(919) 556-1456

* June 21, 1984
THE WOMEN'S FORUM
Southeastern Seminary
Wake Forest, NC 27587
Report on the Fourth Annual Gathering of Southern Baptist Women In Ministry
Meeting in the Women's Resource Center, Appleby Hall.

If you are aware of any meetings, conferences, etc., please get the information (date, conference, cost, place, resource persons) to us at the Women's Resource Center.

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- * Tammy Herring began work early this year as the Camp Consultant/Director, Camp Mundo Vista. This position is full-time with the North Carolina Women's Missionary Union. Tammy is a student at SEBTS.
- * Ramona Craig Prestwood - M.Div./C.M. '84: Ramona was ordained into the ministry by Enfield Baptist Church, Enfield, NC. on March 11, 1984. Service participants included: Dallas Prestwood (pastor), Drs. John Carlton, Michael Hawn, James Good of SEBTS, the Girls' Ensemble and the Youth Handbell Choir.
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ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY: BOOKS OF SPECIAL INTEREST
"PARENTING, PEACE, JUSTICE". By Nancy Peebles, United
Church of Christ Southern Region Program Associates for
Parent-Child Relationships; Senior, M.Div. SEBTS.

- + Mel Williams and Mary Ann Brittain, Christian Education in Family Clusters (Judson Press, 1982) \$6.95. A collection of the curriculum materials used by a Family Cluster at Pullen Memorial Baptist Church. The materials include Bible study and a whole lot more for an intergenerational setting of thirty-eight sessions. Being personally acquainted with the authors may possibly prejudice me a little, but I think this is excellent and very usable material!
- + Westcott, Burkle, Koopman, and Seitz, Home, Resources for Family Sharing (Paulist Press, 1978) \$4.95. Based on the Liturgical year, this book presents suggestions for Bible study, activities, and discussions for the family to do together. It is printed in calendar format, with 52 "sessions" that could be used in sequence or for celebration of important family events. It would take several times on each topic to exhaust all the suggestions. Good for families with varying ages.
- + Lois Peeler and Larry Kalp, editors, Birth, Baptism and Parenting Resources (United Church Press, 1983). I think these are useful in a variety of settings for looking at various aspects of communication, worship resources, pastoral care for families in various stages, etc. Differences in theology and doctrine may cause some people problems, but these materials could at least spark some discussion and thought in the areas presented.

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Of the numerous periodicals available in the area of Family Ministries, three of those are:

- + Family Life Today, P.O. Box 1971, Marion, Ohio 43306. \$17.95 per year. Articles on timely issues for the family, suggestions for family share times, weekly "meditations" for couples, are just some of the things given each month in this magazine format. Good for use of clergy, excellent for use by laity.
- + Marriage and Family Living, St. Meinrad Archabbey, St. Meinrad, Indiana 45777. \$11.00 per year. Book reviews, monthly family night suggestions, discussion starters and issue oriented articles are some of the helps found in this magazine. Although edited with the Catholic families in mind, it is by no means exclusive.
- + Family Festivals, 160 East Virginia St., #290, San Jose CA 95112. \$16.00 per year. Book reviews, articles dealing with celebrations--historical and modern--from around the world, and a "centerfold" calendar are some of what you can find in each 'bimonthly' issue. Suggestions for adding new traditions and celebrations to the family's existence are abounding.

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* INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE EMPHASIS

During the week of April 2-5, 1984, the Ethics Committee of the Student Council sponsored an Inclusive Language Emphasis on the Southeastern campus. The activities included the Tuesday morning chapel service, seminars on Wednesday and Thursday and concluded with a panel discussion at the Women's Forum on Thursday evening. Topics discussed included "Light and Dark Imagery", "Hymnody and Worship", "Peacemaking", and "The use of masculine and/or feminine names/images for God". Paula Testerman (M.Div. '83, SEBTS), Communications Office, SEBTS, chaired the committee which planned and implemented the events.

* PAPERS/PRESENTATIONS

Nancy Howell (M.Div. '82) Th.M. candidate, SEBTS; Minister to College Students, Pullen Memorial Baptist Church, Raleigh.

Paper: "Neither Male Nor Female: Theology Which Transcends and Defends Sexuality"

Conference: Teaching/Learning About Women
Roanoke College, Salem, VA
April 7, 1984

Anne Neil (A.B., M.R.E., R.N., Ed.S.)
Counselor-SEBTS; Chair-Steering Committee for Women In Ministry In the Southern Baptist Conv.

Presentation: "My Servants: Both Men and Women"

Event: The First Women In Ministry Day,
Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.
March 28, 1984

Elaine Orr Ph.D. candidate, Emory Univ.
Lecturer, NC State Univ.:
Freshman English; Member SEBTS family.

Paper: "Covenant and Representation in Tillie Olsen's Writing"

Conference: The Southeast Regional Meeting
Of The American Academy Of
Religion, Williamsburg, VA
March 21-23, 1984

* WOMEN'S THEOLOGICAL CENTER

An ecumenical gathering of women. Provides a learning community where issues of faith and social justice are raised from a feminist perspective. Details: Brenda Kneece.