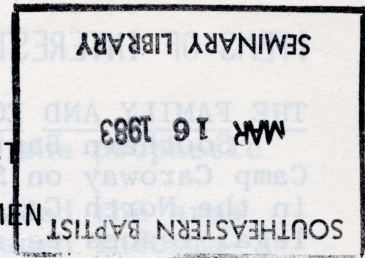


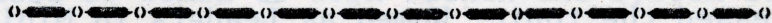


NEWSLETTER
OF SPECIAL INTEREST
TO SOUTHEASTERN WOMEN



March - May, 1983

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Recently it has been my great pleasure to read-devour-Anne Wilson Schaeff's book, Women's Reality. I have read and reread several sections. Even the preface is loaded with invitation to grow and I quote:

This book is about a reality - a reality perceived, explored, and expressed by women whenever they are free to do so without fear. It is about who we are as women. When we understand and accept who we are, we become in turn more understandable and accepted.

This book has three purposes: liberation, sharing, and communication....

We are all engaged in a long and difficult process of growth and evolution. It is time to describe, affirm, and grow....

Yes, the time has come for us all to describe, affirm, and grow: Women and men, individually and together, looking at who we are, where we are and why we are.

John Gardner in No Easy Victories also encourages us in this quest. He says:

Life never was a series of easy victories (not even hard victories). We can't win every round or arrive at a neat solution to every problem. But driving, creative effort to solve problems is the breath of life, for a civilization or an individual.

Growth - problem solving - sometimes they are very nearly the same. What problems are your growing pains solving?

Brenda Kneece
Res. Counselor

ITEMS OF INTEREST

THE FAMILY AND EQUAL RIGHTS

Southern Baptists for the Family and Equal Rights met at Camp Caroway on Saturday, March 5. Ann Barnes, Representative in the North Carolina General Assembly, spoke concerning legal issues relating to women and family. The group voted to send a statement to the legislators urging support of legislation that speaks to these issues.

Anne Neil, SEBTS Visiting Professor of Missions, addressed the topic: Women as Leaders in Ministry and Missions in the Southern Baptist Convention. In relation to this topic, Linda Morgan, SEBTS graduate, presented a Statement of Resolution regarding the affirmation of Southern Baptist Women now serving in ministry within our denomination. The resolution was adopted and will be presented to the women meeting in Louisville on March 20-21, 1983. (See Calendar.)

THE WOMEN'S FORUM

The second in a series of forums for women members of the seminary family was held March 10, in the Women's Dorm. The guests were Hannah and Elmo Scoggin. Dr. Scoggin spoke on "Women in Ministry and How They Should Be Involved in Political Action." Among several remarks made by Dr. Scoggin were the following:

"There are many problems inherent in being female ground-breakers in this field, but we should be patient and work hard to open ministry to all regardless of sex, etc...."

"There exist opportunities that we never dreamed of...."

"Ministry that is creative and redemptive entails political involvement."

"There is no option for any minister without political involvement."

"There exist no little ministries ... all ministry is a matter of life and death."

"There are many ways that church involved people can do politics."

"Political ministry will not be easy in the future for men or women because of recent controversies."

"Doing a good job will take the best possible preparation you can bring to it - drudgery filled hours of preparation."

"We must have commitment and discipline, but also personal devotion."

"We should not do the church, we should be the church."

(Forum continued)

"If women don't prepare themselves to be the prophetic voice in the church, it might not have one."

Issues raised during the discussion included the arms race, the tendency of women not to gather enough information to be effective politically, the tendency of women to imitate men rather than being true to their more sensitive natures, and the need of women to work within the system to improve it.

Kelly Lennon

ORDINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS/ETC.

Robin Dulling has been approved for appointment by the Foreign Mission Board (FMB) as a Journeyman to Switzerland as the Assistant Housing Director at Rüschlikon Seminary.

Carolyn Harris has been approved by the FMB for appointment as a career missionary nurse in Zimbabwe. She will be commissioned in Richmond on May 24, 1983.

Wanda Hardee Kidd was ordained into the gospel ministry on February 27, 1983 by the First Baptist Church of Hillsborough, N.C. The ordination sermon was delivered by Joe David Fore, Campus Minister, Western Carolina University. Other participants in the service were Tom Denton, Howard Silver, Nancy Peebles and members of the congregation. Wanda, her husband - Don, and daughter - Bethany live in Darlington, S.C.

Patricia Santos met the committee of the Eastern N.C. Association of the United Church of Christ (Southern Conference) on February 15, 1983. She was granted In-Care Status. In-Care Status in the UCC is open only to students and is similar to licensure in the Baptist tradition.

Patsy Voyles met with the Ordination Council of Welcome Baptist Church, Anderson, S.C. on February 19, 1983. She was approved for ordination. The ordination service will be at Welcome Baptist during the morning worship on March 27, 1983.

(Please let Brenda Kneece know if you have similar news to share. Also, we are interested in knowing who the ordained

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women are who are presently on our campus.)

CALENDAR

*March 18-20, 1983

NEW PROPHETS/NEW VISIONS

11th Annual Women's Interseminary Conference

Candler School of Theology

Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.

For information write: Donna Springer, W.I.S.C., Box 21167,
Emory Univ., Atlanta, Ga. 30322.

*March 20-21, 1983

Anne Neil and Brenda Padelford will represent SEBTS at a meeting in Louisville, Ky., at which women from various places of ministry within our convention will meet to discuss organizing a network of support for professionally employed women in ministry.

*March 22-25, 1983

SEBTS SPRING CONFERENCE

Of special interest to women will be the Conferences led by Elaine Dickson. Ms. Dickson is president of the Southern Baptist Religious Education Association and author of the book Say No, Say Yes to Change. She is manager of the "Minister's Resource Service" at the SBSSB. She has served as Dean of Student Affairs at Southern Seminary and has taught R.E. at Southern.

Her conference schedule is:

Tues., Mar 22, 3-3:50 p.m. -"Dealing with Resistance in a
Local Church." (A109)

Wed., Mar.23, 3-3:50 p.m. Literature Workshop (Library)

Thurs, Mar.24, 7-8:30 a.m. Breakfast (dutch - cafeteria)

Dialogue with Women.

3-3:50 p.m. "Women Ministers & Their Changing
Roles" (A109)

Fri. , Mar.25, 4-4:50 p.m. "Management as a Vocational Ministry"
(A109)

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*April 4, 1983

THE TRIANGLE AREA WOMEN'S TASK FORCE will meet on our campus. The meeting will be in the Women's Dorm basement and will begin at 7:30 p.m. Issues concerning women's experiences within the church will be discussed. For further information contact Darrah Degnan (556-6323).

*April 7, 1983

THE WOMEN'S FORUM

Guest: Morris Ashcraft, Dean of Faculty SEBTS.

Topic: Controversies within the Southern Baptist Convention.

The meeting will begin at 8:30 p.m. and will last approximately one hour. Meet in the Women's Dorm basement.

*April 7-9, 1983

THEOLOGY AND POWER: COLLOQUY FOR WOMEN IN MINISTRY

Intentional Growth Center

Lake Junaluska, N.C.

Tuition: \$25 includes registration fee. Housing and meals are extra (there are some options).

*April 16, 1983

Sr. Augusta Neal (nationally known sociologist) will speak in Raleigh on "Call to the First World Church."

Call Marge Gragarek at Catholic Center (821-0350) or at home (782-1672) for details.

*May 15-18, 1983

N.C. WOMEN IN MINISTRY RETREAT

Camp Ashburn Acres, near Yadkinville, N.C.

Brochures available from Brenda Kneece.

WOMEN IN URBAN MINISTRY SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

There is a summer internship program for women in urban ministry offered in Chicago, June 19 - July 29, 1983. This will provide an opportunity for about fifteen (15) women to work with women ministers in varied ministries to women in different racial, ethnical, economical, political and religious structures. Rosemary Radford Reuther will be one of the leaders during the weekly reflection days. Issues to be reflected upon include: white women and racism; women in therapy; women and sexuality; the relationship of the church to Hispanic women, women and native American women. Seminary credit is available through Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary or Lutheran School of Theology. (This does not guarantee transfer of credit to SEBTS.) To assure a place in the application considerations registration (fee \$35) and the intern questionnaire need to be mailed to one or both schools by March 20. See Brenda Kneece for information.

Karen Smith

WOMEN'S THEOLOGICAL CENTER

A nine-month, 24 semester hour program of theological education at a Masters level for women is opening this fall in Boston. It is designed to enable women to explore, experience and identify for themselves their distinct identities as women in theological work within the Christian tradition today. The program has been developed over the last five years by women on theological faculties and from other disciplines related to ministry.

Projected tuition for '83-'84 is \$3,000. (Some assistance available.)

For further information contact Francine Cardman, Ph.D., Weston School of Theology, 80 Craigie St., Somerville, Mass. 02143. (617) 625-8240 (H) (617) 492-1960 (Off.). Brenda Kneece also has further information.

Darrah Degnan

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

If you are interested in helping to shape our activities, please take a few minutes to respond to the following questions.

- 1) What kinds of news are you most interested in reading about in a newsletter of special interest to women?

- 2) What types of activities would you like planned for our campus?

- 3) What suggestions do you have to improve things that we are already doing for the women members of the SEBTS family?

- 4) If you are willing to work on any of the projects which are already being done, any new activities, the newsletter, etc., please let us know who you are and how we can get in touch with you.

- 5) Comments: _____
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Detach and turn in to the Student Affairs Office.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

If you are interested in helping to shape our activities in the ministry, please take a few minutes to respond to the following questions. (15) We are currently working with women ministers in various ministries to women in different kinds of ways and you may be interested in leading about in a newsletter of special interest to women. The leaders during the weekly reflection days, issues to be reflected upon include: white women and women in therapy, women and sexuality, the relationship of the church to Hispanic women, women and native American women. Seminary credit is available through Garrett Theological Seminary. (2) What type of activities would you like to be planned for our campus? a course of (3) To be eligible for credit to the application considerations registration (see 335) and the application should be mailed to one of the following schools by March 20. See Brenda Kneass for information.

3) What suggestions do you have to improve things that we are already doing for the women members of the SEATS? WOMEN THEOLOGICAL CENTER Family?

4) Do you see anything to work on any of the projects which are already being done, any new activities, the news, day after day? Please let us know who you are and how we can help you with your suggestions. We are currently working with you on a project to help you with your suggestions.

Projected tuition for 1985-86 is \$3,000. (Some assistance available.)

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