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CONVOCATION ON WOMEN APRIL 11-13

LETTY M. RUSSELL FEATURED SPEAKER

"Partnership in the Gospel," a convocation on women, will convene on the campus of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, April 11-13, 1985. Featuring Letty M. Russell, professor of the practice of theology, Yale Divinity School, and other noted women church leaders, the convocation will be sponsored by the Women's Resource Center and Southeastern Seminary.

Taking a cue from Southeastern Seminary President W. Randall Lolley's call for Southern Baptists to "hammer out" a biblically responsible doctrine of womanhood, the Women's Resource Center responded by inviting the seminary to co-sponsor the meeting.

According to Anne Neil, convocation co-ordinator, the primary purpose of the 3-day session is to bring together women scholars, laypeople, ministers, denominational workers, church staff and students for open dialogue and study of the issues facing Southern Baptist women.

Neil stated that the convocation will be designed to focus on how women's biblical, theological and historical perspectives relate to women in the Southern Baptist Convention. "We will take a hard look at 'what is' in Baptist churches in regard to women and 'what the Gospel is' for all persons," she said.

In addition to Russell, other program personalities include C. Anne Davis and Molly Marshall-Greene from the faculty of Southern Eaptist Seminary; Southeastern President Randall Lolley; Christine Gregory, recently elected Vice-President of Eaptist World Alliance; Susan Lockwood Wright, pastor of Cornell Eaptist Church in Chicago, Ill.; Mary Caldwell, a Eaptist deacon and housewife from Candler, NC, and Elizabeth Clark, professor at Duke Divinity School.

## AN INVITATION

You are invited to join with laypeople, students, ministers and scholars to explore issues facing Southern Baptist women today. The Convocation on Women will focus on how the biblical, theological, and historical perspectives of women relate to women in the Southern Baptist Convention.

#### **REGISTRATION FEE**

The total fee of \$25 per person includes the participation in the Conference, registration materials, one banquet, one lunch, and refreshment breaks. Use the application form at the right for registration.

## HOUSING AND MEALS

Names and phone numbers of several nearby motels will be provided to the registrants. A block of rooms has been set aside in one hotel. Assistance in registration at other hotels will be provided. The Thursday evening banquet and the Friday lunch are included in the registration fee. Registrants are free to enjoy the other meals in nearby restaurants.

A limited number of accommodations will be available in homes in Wake Forest and the Women's Residence Hall on campus. Please indicate on the registration form if you are interested in local housing.

## **TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**

Thursday, April 11, 1985 Anne Neil, Presiding

6:00 pm Bible Reading/Prayer -Banquet My Story - Susan Wright Bible Study -Molly Marshall-Green "Historical Perspectives of Women in the Judeo-Christian Tradition" - Elizabeth Clark Sharing Around the Tables

> Friday, April 12, 1985 Elizabeth Barnes, Presiding

- 8:30 am Music/Bible Reading/Praver My Story - Mary Caldwell Bible Study -Molly Marshall-Green "Women in Ministry - Problem 10:00 or Possibility?" - Letty Russell 10:45 Break with administration. faculty, students 11:15 **Dialogue with Letty Russell** 12:30 Lunch Donna Forester, Presiding 2:00 pm Afternoon Session - Workgroups 5:00 Dinner (on your own) Ethel Lee, Presiding 7:00 Music/Bible Reading/Praver Bible Study -Molly Marshall-Green "One Southern Baptist Woman's Journey" -Anne Davis Reception at the home of President and Mrs. Lolley Saturday, April 13, 1985 Christine Gregory, Presiding Music/Bible Reading/Prayer 8:30 am My Story - Dot King
- 8:50 Workgroups Report from Workgroups Break
- 11:00 "Wholeness and Partnership in the Gospel" - W. Randall Lolley 12:00 Adjournment

## PROGRAM AND RESOURCE PERSONS

- Anne Neil Foreign missionary Emerita, Chair, Women in Ministry, SBC.
- Christine Gregory Past President, Baptist General Association of Virginia; Former President, Woman's Missionary Union, SBC; Former First-Vice President, SBC; Vice-President Elect, BWA.
- Mary Caldwell, Deacon, Mother, Homemaker, Candler, N. C.
- Elizabeth Barnes, Professor of Theology and New Testament Interpretation, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.
- Donna Forrester, Chaplain, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.
- Susan Wright, pastor, Cornell Baptist Church, Chicago, III.
- Elizabeth Clark, Professor of Religion, Duke Divinity School.
- Letty Russell, Professor of the Practice of Theology, Yale Divinity School.
- Sandra Richardson, Former Horne Missionary and Church Staff Member, Homemaker, Raleigh, N.C.
- Ethel Burton Lee, Associate Director, Formation In Ministry, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.
- Anne Davis, Dean, School of Social Work, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.
- Karen Caldwell, CPE Resident, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va. Musician.
- W. Randall Lolley President, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.
- Molly Marshall-Green, Assistant Professor of Theology, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.
- Dot King, Homemaker, Community and Church Volunteer, Deacon, Raleigh, N. C.
- Brenda Kneece, Residence Life Counselor, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
- Vivian Jones, Chair, Steering Committee, Women's Resource Center, Wake Forest, N. C.

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