

Register of the
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Scope and Content

At the Seventh-day Adventist Convention Business Meeting at Boston in 1985 the issue of female chaplains being ordained was presented for the first time ("Committee on Women in Ministry," Bx 1 Fld 1). At the March 1986 Convention of the same organization in Denver, Committee for Women in Ministry was created with Penny Shell as chairperson (*Ibid.*). The goals of the Committee for Women in Ministry is mainly to provide support, fellowship and network among Adventist women in ministry and the church at large, and to work toward full recognition of women in Adventist ministry such as validation and ordination.

This collection contains correspondences, various women/health care chaplains related committee minutes, actions and reports, lists of pertinent networks, a few short articles on women in ministry. There are also several photographs of the committee members.

This collection gives a glimpse of the early efforts of a few Adventist women chaplains struggling to raise their voices to draw the Church's attention to the issue of women in ministry.

Arrangement

The arrangement is generally chronological. This collection was arranged by the Center for Adventist Research.

Provenance

Penny Shell donated this collection to the Center for Adventist Research in 2006.

Use

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INVENTORY

Bx 1 Fld 1 Introductory Folder for Committee for Women in Ministry Collection which includes:
 Gifts-In-Kind Donation Record, Jul 25, 2006.
 “Committee on Women in Ministry: How it came to be”
 “Committee Report: Women in Ministry”

I. Correspondence

Bx 1 Fld 2 Committee for Women in Ministry letters, 1986.
Bx 1 Fld 3 Committee for Women in Ministry letters, 1987.
Bx 1 Fld 4 Committee for Women in Ministry letters, 1988.
Bx 1 Fld 5 Women in Ministry Retreat letters, 1988.
Bx 1 Fld 6 Committee for Women in Ministry letters, 1989.
Bx 1 Fld 7 Committee for Women in Ministry letters, 1990.
Bx 1 Fld 8 Committee for Women in Ministry letters, 1991.
Bx 1 Fld 9 Committee for Women in Ministry letters, 1992.
Bx 1 Fld 10 Committee for Women in Ministry letters, 1993.
Bx 1 Fld 11 Committee for Women in Ministry letters, 1994.
Bx 1 Fld 12 undated letters

II. Writings

Articles

- _____ Bx 1 Fld 13 “Chaplains elect woman president,” no source.
“Clinical Pastoral Education,” *Ministry*, Sep 1993, p. 2.
“Ordination,” *Manual for Ministers*, 18, 19.
“Sisters already are doing pastoral work – without portfolio,”
Chicago Tribune, Jun 6, 1994.

Committee Minutes, Actions and Reports

- _____ Bx 1 Fld 14 Seventh-day Adventist Chaplain Association, 1965 to 1988.
- Bx 1 Fld 15 Seventh-day Adventist Hospital Association, 1966 to 1968.
- _____ Bx 1 Fld 16 Chaplains’ Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Hospital
Association Executive Committee Meeting, 1968 to
1977.
- _____ Bx 1 Fld 17 Seventh-day Adventist Hospital Chaplains’ Association,
1978 to 1994.
- _____ Bx 1 Fld 18 Committee for Women in Ministry, 1986 to 1989.
- Bx 1 Fld 19 “Report to SDA Health Care Chaplains, March 13-18, 1987,
New Orleans.”
- Bx 1 Fld 20 Chaplains for Women in Ministry Committee, 1989 to 1991.
- Bx 1 Fld 21 “Report of Taskforce on Actions for Women in Ministry: A
Subcommittee of Chaplains for Women in Ministry,”
Mar 17, 1991.

Papers

- Bx 1 Fld 22 “Toward A Sexual Theology” a paper presented by William
Collins to the Mental Health Institute, Harding
Hospital, Worthington, Ohio, 1986.

III. Topical Files

- _____ Bx 1 Fld 23 A List of “Chaplains for Women in Ministry: Spiritual Partners.”
- _____ Bx 1 Fld 24 A List of “Chaplains for Women in Ministry Committee”
- Bx 1 Fld 25 A List of “Women Chaplains of SDAHCA”
- Bx 1 Fld 26 A List of “Women of the College of Chaplains Herstory.”
- Bx 1 Fld 27 “A Pastoral Letter from the Seventh-day Adventist Healthcare Chaplains Association.”
- Bx 1 Fld 28 ACM Chaplain Directory
- Bx 1 Fld 29 “Healthcare Chaplains Express Views on Women in Ministry.”
- Bx 1 Fld 30 Survey Sheets of Views on Women in Chaplaincy/Ministry of SDAHCCA Membership conducted by Committee for Women in Ministry, 1988.

IV. Photographs

- Bx 1 Fld 31 Four pictures of a group of woman including Penny Shell taken probably in 1994. The pictures were sent by Gloria J. Joshua together with a letter to Penny Shell on Jun 9, 1994. The letter is enclosed in the folder.

