

A CONFERENCE ON

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NOVEMBER 13 & 14, 1982
SATURDAY & SUNDAY

WOMEN'S STUDIES
MANKATO STATE
UNIVERSITY

UNITED
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CAMPUS CENTER

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

JEANNE AUDREY POWERS

Jeanne Audrey Powers is a Mankato native. After graduating from Mankato State University with degrees in English and speech education, she went on to receive an STB degree from the Boston University School of Theology. She was ordained as a deacon in 1958 and ordained elder and admitted into full connection in the Minnesota Conference of the United Methodist Church in 1961. Since that time she has held many other positions of responsibility outside of her conference. Her current position is Associate General Secretary of the Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns of the United Methodist Church.

Jeanne worked for nearly 10 years in the Minnesota conference of the United Methodist Church. She served as State Director of the Minnesota Methodist Student Movement and as Wesley Foundation campus minister at both the Minneapolis and St. Paul campuses of the University of Minnesota.

In addition, she has served on the Executive Committee of the Association of Wesley Foundations (1961-64), was secretary for the Commission on Standards for Wesley Foundations (1964-68), and was a member of the Committee on Entertainment and Program for the North Central Jurisdictional Conference in 1968 to which she was elected as a ministerial delegate in 1964 and again in 1976. She was a general and jurisdictional conference delegate in 1980 on election from the Minnesota Conference.

Jeanne has shown a special interest in women in the United Methodist Church by serving as recording secretary of the UM Commission of the Status and Role of Women for the 1972-76 quadrennium, as a member of the Task Force on Women and as a member of the International Association of Women Ministers.

One of her notable accomplishments has been her work as a member of the Task Force on Biblical translations, a special commission of the National Council of Churches. She is one of two United Methodists on the Task Force which is working on the development of an inclusive language lectionary. Along with this important work in the church, Jeanne has written numerous articles and reviews for church periodicals and has appeared on television.

ALLA BOZARTH-CAMPBELL

Alla Bozarth-Campbell is one of the first women to be ordained to the priesthood in the Episcopal Church. In her autobiographical book, Womanpriest, Allá shares many of the formative events of her life. Alla Bozarth was born in Portland, Oregon. Her mother, an immigrant Russian of aristocratic background, was a professional actor and writer. Her father was a well-known radio personality who left radio to enter seminary. He was ordained as an Episcopal priest when Alla was four years old. From these two creative persons Alla inherited a passion for living life most fully.

After several years of interest in entering a religious order, but finding none that suited her, she founded an order called the Ecumenical Oblates. It was during that endeavor that she found out that women could be ordained as deacons, so she began to prepare for orders. In 1971 she was ordained deacon, and shortly thereafter married another deacon, Phil Campbell. She completed her doctorate at Northwestern University in 1973. In 1974, Alla was ordained to the priesthood with 10 other women. This was a prophetic act; the church as a whole voted to accept women in the priesthood in 1976.

Since her ordination Alla has lived in Minneapolis. She opened Wisdom House as a place of healing and creativity. Alla is trained in Gestalt therapy, and emphasizes spiritual values and wholeness in her work as a therapist. Wisdom House is a serene setting where a community gathers each week to share in an inclusive language liturgy. Alla is a poet and author with special interests in Christian feminism and spiritual journey.

SPECIFIC TOPIC GROUPS

Group 1 -- Topic: Transforming Images of Women and Power
Discussion Leaders: Ms. Vicki Epstein Pieser and Ms. Susan McNamara Bruss

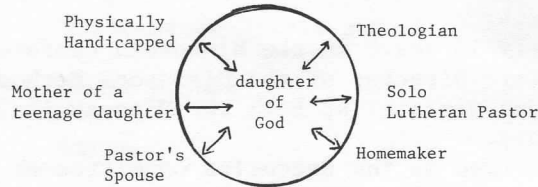
Ms. Bruss has her Bachelor of Science in Women's Studies and Community Health, MSU. Adjunct faculty, MSU. Underemployed. Interested in women's spirituality, healing, and alternatives to traditional religion. Ritual maker, daughter, married, and mother of three children.

Ms. Pieser has her Masters in Social Work; presently pursuing an additional Masters in Continuing Studies with a concentration in Women's Studies, MSU. Adjunct faculty, MSU. Her interests include rural women, oral history, Jewish tradition and victimology.

Group 2 -- Topic: Body/Faith Worship
Discussion Leader: Rev. Grace Hanson, Lutheran Pastor

Exploring the past and possible effects of worship on our bodies and from our bodies.

Biographical:



Group 3 -- Topic: Women's Roles in Scripture and in the Church
Discussion Leader: Rev. Diane Wachtler Koob, United Methodist Church, Excelsior, MN

M.A. in history, U of M. Taught history before attending United Theological Seminary, Minneapolis/St. Paul. Received M. Div. in 1979. Married. Special interest in holistic health and teaching couple communication courses.

Group 4 -- Topic: Women and the Earth, a Global Spirituality
Discussion Leaders: Mary Lindstrom, co-chair, Task Force for Women in Ministry, New Ulm Diocese
Dorothy Olinger, SSND

Ms. Lindstrom is married, mother of three children. Active in the League of Women Voters, peace and justice issues, in Christian feminist studies and religious education.

Dorothy Olinger, School Sister of Notre Dame, was a secondary school teacher, religious education director, and now co-director of Good Counsel Education Center, Mankato. She is a student of global education, participating in efforts toward a more human world order.

Group 5 -- Topic: From Bodies to Beings--Sexuality and Spirituality
Discussion Leader: Marilyn Jean Mason, Ph.D.

Marilyn Jean Mason, PhD, is a marriage, family, and sex therapist with the Family Therapy Institute, St. Paul, MN. Also the Director of the Wilderness Learning Institute. Marilyn has been on the faculty of the U of M Medical School's Program in Human Sexuality and has taught relationship courses at the U of M. Her studies in intimacy have led her to focus on the integration of sexuality and spirituality.

Group 6 -- Topic: Wing-It Angels and You
Discussion Leader: Rev. Karen Mosso, Episcopal Priest, Bemidji, MN

B.S. in Home Ec., U of M; followed by 4 years in Army, Captain; M.S. in Art History, MSU, with thesis on Contemporary Liturgical Needlework. Received M. Div., 1978, Colgate Rochester/Bexley Hall/Crozer, Rochester, NY. Deacon in charge and chaplain, the Joint Ministry Center, Mankato, and St. Peter's Episcopal Church, New Ulm, May-August, 1978. Since 1978 serving as Chaplain at Archdeacon Gilfillan Center, a Res. Treatment Center for Adolescents with Emotional and Behavioral Problems. Active in Cursillo; Interested in needlework and breadbaking - feeding people physically and spiritually.

Group 7 -- Children of the Heavenly Mother: Images of God in Worship and Spirituality
Discussion Leader: Ann Svennungsen Russell, Pastor, Zion Lutheran Church, Iowa City, IA

Pastor Ann was born and raised in Shelby, Montana. BA degree Concordia College, Moorhead, MN; student pastor, Messiah Lutheran, Mankato, 1980; M. Div. degree Luther-Northwestern Seminaries, St. Paul. Currently pastor at Zion Lutheran Church, Iowa City, Iowa, specific responsibilities include worship and social ministry. Serves on the ALC District Racism and Sexism Task Force, active in Lutheran Women's Caucus, N.O.W., Bread for the World, and the Campaign for a Nuclear Freeze. Married, mother of an eighteen-month old daughter.

Group 8 -- This group is for those teaching in Women's Studies Programs.
Discussion Leader: Carolyn Shrewsbury, Ph.D.

We will explore the place that religion and spirituality have in the curriculum, special problems that such courses and topics present, the relationships between Women's Studies programs and community church groups.

O P E N T O P I C G R O U P S

Group 9 -- Discussion Leader: Rev. Karen G. Bockelman
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, St. Cloud, MN

The Rev. Karen G. Bockelman is a pastor of the American Lutheran Church. She is currently serving in a team ministry at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, St. Cloud. At present her major areas of responsibility are administration and youth. She is especially interested in issues relating to preaching and inclusive language.

Group 10 -- Discussion Leader: Kathryn Doty, psychologist
Traverse des Sioux Counseling Center, St. Peter, MN

Kathryn Doty is a native-born Minnesotan, and after 18 years in the state, took a 32-year byway in her personal journey to California. During that sojourn, she was a motion picture actress, wife and mother, teacher, writer and curriculum coordinator, and then, school counselor and psychologist. She was born in the Methodist Parsonage in New Ulm, MN. It was a good experience for her so that her interest in spirituality is a part of her roots and is deep and abiding.

Group 11 -- Discussion Leader: Margo Maris
Trinity Episcopal Church, Elk River, MN

Rector of Trinity Parish Elk River which is a suburb of the Twin Cities metropolitan area. Single parent of a 10-year old daughter. Taught for 12 years prior to ordination in Oregon, California, and Wyoming. Margo is the only woman Rector in the state of Minnesota; she is active in Diocesan projects of many scopes.

Group 12 -- Discussion Leaders: Srs. Michelle Meyer and Kay O'Neil

Sisters Michelle Meyers and Kay O'Neil, Hutchinson, MN, are team instructors of university credit courses and seminars in Women's Studies since 1973. They have developed and taught courses on Women and Religion through the following institutions: Southwest State University, Marshall, MN; St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, MN; Aquinas Institute of Theology, Dubuque, IA; Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, OH; Luther-Northwestern Seminary, St. Paul, MN; Clarke College, Dubuque, IA; and Presentation College, Aberdeen, SD.

Group 13 -- Discussion Leader: Rev. Diane Haugen Pederson
Faith Lutheran Church, Spicer, MN

Dee was born and raised in Washburn, Wisconsin (south shore of Lake Superior). Graduated from Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, 1975, degrees in psychology and religion. Before entering the seminary in 1977, she served as a parish worker and as a summer leisure minister. She interned in Casper, Wyoming, and graduated from Luther-Northwestern Seminary in 1981. Her husband, John, is a furniture-maker in Spicer, where she serves as a co-pastor of Faith Lutheran Church.

O T H E R P A R T I C I P A N T S

MUSIC

Kathleen Gates Komaridis, Licensed Psychologist
Center for Psychological Health, Good Thunder, MN

She has been a therapist for 14 years working at MSU, MN Addictions Center, and Southern MN Psychiatric and Stress Clinic. She has presented many workshops for women in the areas of victimization, chemical dependency and sexuality. Kathy, who is the mother of two adolescent daughters, Kjusten and Kylie, has been involved with the Lutheran Student Foundation, the Board of Directors of Women for Sobriety, and is a member of Messiah Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN. She and her partner, Katherine Speare, have led music at several women's worship services.

Ms. Elaine Kopperud Reitan

Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Oregon. Musician and Educator at Messiah Lutheran Church, North Mankato, music teacher at St. Joseph-St. John Elementary School, Mankato. Married, mother of three children. Interests include inclusive language musical adaptations and coordination of liturgical music with weekly lectionary selections.

Katherine H. Speare, PhD., licensed consulting psychologist
Center for Psychological Health, Good Thunder, MN

Kathy works as a psychologist focusing on women's issues, victimization, and relationship and family issues. She moved to Minnesota last year after having worked as a psychologist at the University of New Hampshire. While she loves her work as a psychologist, her soul is that of a musician. She is a professional singer who has been a soloist with choirs in New York City and the Boston area. Kathy is a double Virgo and is the proud mother of an elderly dog, Tammy. She and her partner, Kathy Komaridis, have been collecting music to perform and share at women's worship services.

DANCE

Good Council Liturgical Dance Group -- School Sisters of Notre Dame
Marge Klein, Holy Rosary, North Mankato, MN
Kateri Caron, Fitzgerald Middle School, Mankato, MN
Ann Marie Merth, Center for Spiritual Development, Bird Island, MN
Sandi Shetka, St. Mary's, Worthington, MN
Joann Dukart, Holy Spirit Parish, St. Cloud, MN

CLERGY-IN-RESIDENCE

Pastor Martha Nelson, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN
Pastor Stephanie Frey, Christ the King Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN

OTHER CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Conference FEES: Pre-registration (by NOV. 5) -- \$12.00 (\$5.00 students, senior citizens)
 At door -- \$20.00 (\$10.00 students, senior citizens)

MEALS: Those desiring meals should pre-register. The meal packet is \$10.00 and includes registration beverage, Saturday lunch and dinner and Sunday brunch. You are also welcome to bring a bag lunch or to make your own food arrangements. Food service on campus is, however, limited on weekends.

CHILD CARE: Limited child care is available through the Mankato YWCA by advance registration and payment only. Child care must be included with pre-registration. Charge for this service is \$1.00 per hour per child.

HOUSING: Those interested in housing should make their own reservations. The following motels are within the Mankato area;
 Holiday Inn North - Hwy. 169 North (507)625-9333 - Single \$33.75; double \$41.00
 Holiday Inn Downtown - 101 Main Street (507)345-1234 - Single \$34.75; double \$42.00
 Redwood Motel - Hwy. 22 and 14 (507)388-1621 - Single \$14.00 & \$17.00; double \$24.00
 Super Eight Motel - Hwy. 169 North (507)387-4041 - Single \$18.88; double \$23.88
 Cliff Keyes Motel - 1227 North Front Street (507)388-1638 - Single \$16.00-\$18.00
 Double \$20.00-\$22.00
 Prime Rate Motel - Hwy. 169 and 14 (507)345-8800 - Single \$22.90; Double \$29.90

MSU is accessible to the HANDICAPPED. Anyone who desires special arrangements should indicate those needs on the pre-registration blank. Worship celebration will be signed.

CREDIT: Those interested in taking the Conference for one (1) credit may do so. Two additional sessions (see Schedule, Page 2) are required as is a short paper and some readings. The Conference fee is in addition to the fee for credit.

WORSHIP SERVICE OFFERING: The Worship offering on Sunday is designated for the Battered Women's Resource Center Fund of the Minnesota Council of Churches.

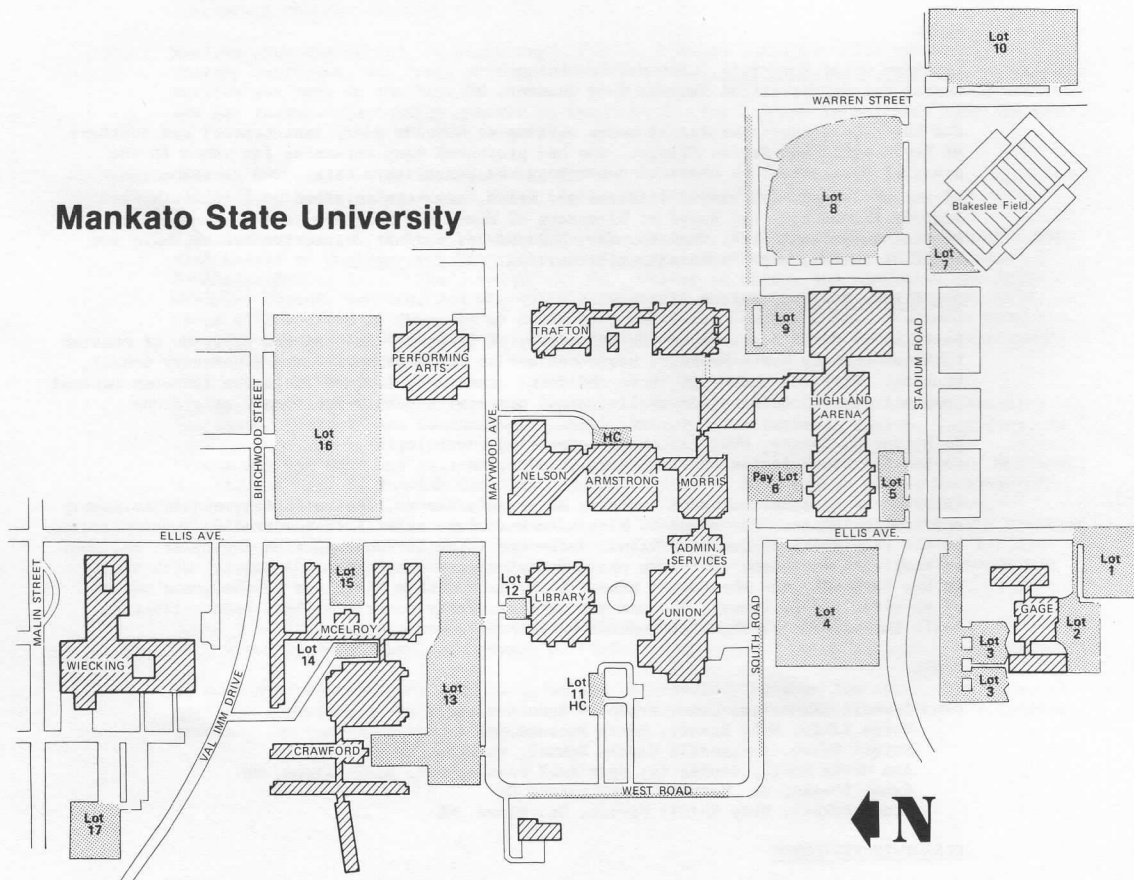
MN WOMEN'S STUDIES ASSOCIATION will meet in conjunction with this Conference. The working and business section will be held on Friday from 1:00-5:00 p.m. preceding the conference.

Partial SCHOLARSHIPS for anyone otherwise unable to attend are available. If desired, please pre-register and simply pay the student/senior citizen rate.

PARKING: You may park in any lot or other legal locations on Saturday and Sunday.

Other QUESTIONS: Call Women's Studies Department (507)389-2077; or Conference Coordinator Sandi Holmberg, UCCC, ~~XXXXXXXX~~; Linda Flom Raschke ~~XXXXXXXX~~

EMERGENCY MESSAGES will be relayed to you during the Conference by calling 389-2111 (MSU Security) and requesting Pastor Martha Nelson or Pastor Stephanie Frey.



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I wish to pre-register: _____ \$12.00
_____ \$ 5.00 for students, senior citizens

I wish to attend the meals: _____ \$10.00

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I would like to attend the following small groups. (Please list three in order of preference by Group number.)

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____ Yes ____ No Have you previously attended Mankato State University?

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I have also enclosed \$ _____ for: Undergraduate resident-----\$20.70
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