

# The Woman's Pulpit

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## Brazil Church Elects Woman President

Meeting under the theme, "Living the Gospel: empathy, compassion, communion. . ." on October 22, the 18 synods of the Evangelical Church of the Lutheran Confession in Brazil (IECLB) for the first time elected a woman Pastor President, the Rev. Silvia Beatrice Ganz. She took office in January together with First Vice President Pastor Odair Braun and Second Vice President Pastor Mauro Batista de Sousa.

Born in Linha Nova in south Brazil, her work as parish pastor was geared toward building congregations through leadership training, community action and conflict resolution through reconciliation. Her Evangelical Lutheran confessional theology has an ecumenical context.

As second vice president pastor (2011-2014) and first vice president pastor (since January 2015) she met with church council, parish and synodical pastors and with sister churches, both in Brazil and abroad.

For Ganz the strength of the church lies in its congregations. "It is important to strengthen reflection on faith, gratitude and commitment," she said. "The congregation should encourage participation of as many people as possible in planning existing actions as well as new outreach fronts." She emphasizes focus on stewardship centered on tithing.

Ganz stresses that the church's witness is relevant as it identifies in concrete contexts "as a safe space, as it lives the faith in community as a democratic environment which recognizes women and men created in the image and likeness of God and reaffirms dialogue as a way of ensuring respect for differences and maintains the purpose of being a seed of peace and hope in the midst of situations of war and conflict." She adds that the

witness of the IECLB "should favor the construction of peace processes without ceasing to be the clear voice of solidarity with the suffering and distressed."

Lutheran World Federation Program Executive for Gender Justice and Women's Empowerment, the Rev. Ju-

dith VanOsdol, said it was with joy and thanksgiving that the communion received the news that the IECLB had elected its first female president, recognizing her leadership in parish ministry as well as in pastor vice presidencies.

(Lutheran World Information)

## IAWM Probes 'Women's Prophetic Leadership in a Changing Church'

At its celebrative Centennial Assembly in Pittsburgh July 22-24 the International Association of Women Ministers, founded in St. Louis on November 21, 1919, will look to opportunities it faces in the future as it explores possibilities for "Women's Prophetic Leadership in a Changing Church."



Rev. Dr. Karoline M. Lewis

Keynote speaker for the event will be the Rev. Dr. Karoline M. Lewis, author of *She: Five Keys to Unlock the Power of Women in Ministry*. She is associate professor and the Marbury E. Anderson Chair of Biblical Preaching at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, and previously taught at Chandler School of Theology, Columbia Theological Seminary & Augsburg College.

Ordained in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Lewis holds degrees from Northwestern University

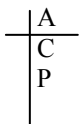
(B.A.), Luther Seminary (M.Div.) and Emory University (Ph.D., New Testament Studies and Homiletics).

A regular preacher/presenter at the Festival of Homiletics, Lewis also leads conferences, workshops and retreats internationally on the Gospel of John, the New Testament, interpreting the Bible, preaching, leadership and women in ministry. She is a contributing writer for [Working Preacher](#), author of the site's [Dear Working Preacher](#) column and co-host of the site's weekly podcast, [Sermon Brainwave](#).

### Assembly Program

After dinner opens the Assembly program on Monday night, Lewis will open the Assembly itself by leading a worship service. An International Night celebration of the different cultures that make up IAWM will follow; bring items having to do with your culture for the display, together with your stories. Also available will be items related to IAWM's history.

On Tuesday and on Wednesday until 2 p.m. Lewis will lead the program. Devotions at 9 a.m. will be followed by her two Keynote Addresses  
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## Synod on Young People Welcomes Woman Priest Fraternal Delegate

A young priest in the Czechoslovak Hussite Church was pleasantly surprised by the welcome and openness that she experienced at the Synod of Bishops on young people, she told the U.S. publication, America, in an interview.

A fraternal delegate, the Rev. Martina Viktorie Kopeká 32, had the distinction of being the only female cleric at the synod which took place October 3 to 28 at the Vatican in Rome.

Dressed in the clerical vestments of the Hussite church—a black robe with an imprinted red chalice and white stole—she delivered an address to the whole synod body on October 11, emphasizing the importance of ecumenical relations, calling the synod a sign of hope and affirming the capacity of young people to be bridge builders. “The true ecumenical movement must

be lived and shared together,” she said.

Rev. Kopeká did not go unnoticed. She believes that cardinals and bishops “were surprised, maybe shocked, to see her in clerical attire,” she told her interviewer. “They recognized me as the girl at dinner and now as a priest. It took time but now they have accepted me.”

## Swiss Reformed Church Celebrates 100 Years Ordaining Women in Europe

On October 27 in the Protestant Church of St. Peter in Zurich, Switzerland, one hundred years to the day that the first women to serve as pastors in Europe were ordained there, an interreligious discussion was held there on the theme, “Does God Make a Difference? The Roles of Men and Women in Religious Communities.”

Representatives of the government, the Protestant and Catholic Churches and members of the Jewish and Muslim communities, both male and female, took part. A time of discussion followed, interspersed with music and ending with a time of fellowship around food and drink.

On October 27, 1918 in the same church the Revs. Rosa Gutknecht and Elise Pfister were ordained to pastoral ministry. They had to promise that they would remain single. Married women were not allowed in the pastoral ministry for several decades, nor were they called to pastor parishes as senior or sole pastors at first and for quite some time.

Although we have come a long way in gaining mutual respect and legal recognition of equality in some places, unfortunately, in religious communities and in the realm of politics, women are still experiencing discrimination. A publication in German called *Putting Deer in Front of the Plow? The Long Journey of Women to the Pastoral Ministry* was published for the occasion. Written by Sara Sommer, it can be ob-

tained from the Reformed Church of Switzerland.

On October 28 a special worship service commemorating the centennial included Rev. Heidi Profos, one of the first parish pastors; Rev. Ingrid von Passavant, first Dean of colleagues in Zurich Canton; Rev. Kathi LaRoche, first woman to be in charge of Zurich's Grossmünster (main cathedral) and newly ordained Rev. Tina Bernhard.

—ROSWITHA GOLDER

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# First Woman Rabbi Installed To Head Hebrew College

In late October Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld, former dean of Hebrew College in Newton, Massachusetts, was installed as its ninth president and first woman to hold the office. Ordained in 1990 by the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, she joined the faculty in 2003 first as an adjunct faculty member and then as Dean of Students. She was named Dean of the Rabbinical School in 2008.

Under Anisfeld's leadership as dean, the Rabbinical School experienced strong institutional growth. It has become integral to Hebrew College's mission to promote excellence in Jewish learning and leadership within a pluralistic environment of open inquiry, intellectual rigor, personal engagement and spiritual creativity. In September 2017 it welcomed the largest incoming class of any single rabbinical school in the United States.

At her installation as college president, Rabbi Angela Warnick Buchdahl, senior rabbi at New York City's Central Synagogue, lauded Anisfeld for "powerful leadership that can come from gentleness and humility and relationship." She noted that during Anisfeld's tenure as both rabbi and teacher prior to her service at Hebrew College she had made her classroom and any

bima she was gracing a welcoming and safe space for LGBTQ Jews.

In her remarks at the installation Anisfeld, referencing the 97-year-old institution's impending eventual move to another campus, she reminded the crowd of more than 600 of the week's Torah portion. "*L'ech T'cha*: these are God's opening words to Abraham," she said. "The journeys forward and inward are simultaneous and inseparable. 'Go forth' reverberates with divine urgency."

She added that the journey that students and faculty undertake at Hebrew College is one that "is not formulaic or predictable. We find our way only when we are honest to our own questions, our own longings and our own lives."

*(From Boston College Information department.)*

## Guatemala Lutherans Aid Marginal, Indigenous People

The Rev. Karen Castillo Echeveria, president of the Augustinian Lutheran Church of Guatemala (ILCG) since its founding in 1996, presides over a small church that works with women, focusing on health promotion and volunteer health workers, Sunday school and elementary school, musical training and developing

relationships with other churches. Young indigenous Maya-Kekchi women learn skills to ensure that they can be self-sufficient.

When the civil war there ended in 1996 ILCG also accompanied people who returned to Guatemala after the 36-year civil war. The challenge of integrating those who had fled from the conflict for 36 years complicated its work. For example those who sought refuge in Mexico largely lost their national identity and needed to learn how to survive. "Peace needs to be built," said Castillo. "Nobody taught us how to live in peace."

"Education liberates people. Our ministry is based on education. When people learn about their human rights,

the Bible, God as mercy and not as one who punishes people, they change."

The four original churches grew quickly to 18 as 14 more emerged soon after work began in La Esmeralda Dolores, in Pelén, in 1998.

At 3,000 members, ILAG is a small church in a country of 18 million people, making it difficult to be visible. "Plus we have no resources and our people are not well educated. Adding to our work with indigenous people and our work for women, it's like digging a deep hole," said Castillo

Becoming the newest member church in the Lutheran World Federation is adding recognition and support for this courageous church. (LWI)

## Assembly—

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and two periods of Holy Conversation. Buffet lunches will be served on Tuesday and Wednesday; both are included in the registration payment. Following lunch on Tuesday Lewis will lead a panel discussion at 1:00 p.m. with three local women who are innovative leaders in ministry. At 2:45 p.m. Holy Conversation will resume.

On Wednesday at 1 p.m. small group conversation will focus on the Future. This theme will be continued in the closing Celebration Wednesday at 5 p.m. at the 100th Anniversary Dinner Celebration of the Future of IAWM.

Wednesday afternoon will conclude with an IAWM Business Meeting followed by worship with Holy Communion and the installation of officers.

### Optional Cruise

An optional attraction not included in the registration fee is a Tuesday night Chicken and Ribs—Lock and Dam Dinner Cruise with entertainment, an evening on Pittsburgh's three rivers. The cost is not included in the registration fee. Those choosing it should add its cost to the fees remitted at registration. Dinner for others is on your own.

### Arrival & Departure

Registration takes place between 3 and 4 p.m. Monday. Arrivals by car and plane should be timed for that afternoon. Confer with the registrar about any other arrival plans. The airport is near the hotel and shuttles will provide transportation to and from there.

A Welcome Reception and Dinner will take place at the hotel at 4 p.m. Monday. This cost is included in the registration.

Breakfasts are on your own as is Tuesday's dinner for those not opting for the boat ride.

All participants are asked to remain on Wednesday night until the conclusion of the 100th Anniversary Celebration.

President Marian Shearer will be in touch with Executive Board members to schedule a business meeting prior to the opening of the Centennial Assembly.

# Churches Empower Women To Resist & Overcome Violence

“Walk Our Talk” was the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) theme for the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence from November 25, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, to December 10, Human Rights Day. In Burundi the same period saw a march to protest gender-based violence led by the Anglican Church primate, Archbishop Martin Blaise Nyaboho.

These are two of many communions whose high priorities worldwide include the empowerment of women that focuses on the elimination of violence against women. This, in turn, is having a strong impact on the secular society in calls for civil laws to outlaw such violence that change relationships between men and women.

## The Lutheran Context & a Successful Empowerment Effort in Nepal

The Rev. Judith VanOsdol, program executive for LWF’s Gender Justice and Women’s Empowerment, said the 2018 Week of Activism was an invitation to ask, “Where are these commitments?” She explained that training, awareness raising, activism and other forms of advocacy of events like the 16 days and similar events “are not meant to check off a box,” but “important processes for healthy, vibrant, growing churches, workplaces, country programs and individuals.”

“Gender justice,” she said, “the approach which anchors LWF’s work on the empowerment of women and girls in both church and society, recognizes that there is gender injustice in the world, and intentionally invites both men and women to actively engage to overcome it. The injustice that manifests in economic, political, religious, health, human rights and many other realms results in power imbalances, violence, marginalization, oppression and many other forms.”

She explained that gender justice is also part of Lutheran theological and biblical understanding that in baptism people become part of a new community where the patriarchal paradigms of power and divisions no longer define the human community.

### Nepal, May 2018

Basanti Mahar, 32, from Bashulinga village in the far western district of Doti, says that talking to other women about alcohol-fueled domestic abuse in their community has changed her life and transformed the whole village. “Now it feels like heaven,” she said.

The women witnessed the change in their lives as they gained awareness about their rights, after silently enduring humiliation, physical abuse and mental torture.

At one time no one was there to lis-

ten to their personal stories.

Following the establishment of a transformative education program (TEP) supported by LWF Nepal, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and local partner, Rastryia Haliya Samnaj, the scenario has changed.

Started in May 2018 TEP is a nine-month project aimed at educating women and increasing their level of awareness. At first the women of the freed Haliya community were brought together to share their personal grievances and discern the best way to deal with their situation.

“I have not only learned to read and write, I have also become capable of doing math and have learned to handle a mobile phone,” says Mahar. “I have also learned the skills of arguing my case and dialogue. I don’t hesitate to raise any issue with any person.”

Community leaders have lauded TEP as one of the most successful programs directed toward the traditionally bonded laborers in that rural Nepal district. Haliya leader Jay Ram Luhar emphasizes its importance, saying 35 percent of women in the community are subjected to domestic violence. As equal gender participation is critical for the Project’s success, its 40 participants comprise 25 women and 15 men.

Listening and sharing experiences, the women learned that almost all of them were facing physical violence and mental torture due to alcohol abuse. First they asked men in the community for support; their request was rejected. Then they demanded that local authorities, police or district administration, shut down the village alcohol outlet. All those efforts were in vain.

“Finally we were able to issue an ultimatum to the rural municipality to shut down the alcohol dealer’s shop. It was closed following our request,” said Basanti Mahar, referring to the benefits of the LWF skills training program.

The women went further, deciding to levy fines for acts of violence and alcohol abuse. Their actions have drastically reduced incidents related to domestic violence and turned the village into a peaceful community. Nine months later, at the end of December 2018, Mahar was able to report that “our community our village became completely tranquil and women are sleeping in peace.”

In Bashulinga village TEP’s implementation has shown the importance of women’s awareness in tackling social problems says Dr. Prabin Manandhar, LWF World Service country program director in Nepal. Other campaigns launched include focus on climate change, disaster preparedness, sanitation and clean drinking water.

LWF’s humanitarian and development program, established in 1984, supports marginalized and disadvantaged communities such as the Haliya in their efforts to reduce risks of natural and human-made disasters, prepare response to emergencies, secure sustainable livelihoods and promote community-led action for governance and justice.

*(From 4 Lutheran World Information reports)*

## Ordination Roman Catholic Woman Priest

### Johannesburg, South Africa

On January 19 Bishop Patricia Fresen ordained **Diane Willman** a priest at Klipkerk at Mosaick.

# Grant to End Violence Against Women Made to Episcopal Groups

Last November Episcopal Relief and Development and the humanitarian arm of the Episcopal Church of Liberia (ECL-RD) were awarded a second \$670,000 three-year grant from the United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence against Women (UN Trust Fund) to expand a gender-based violence prevention and response project in Liberia.

Working with local Anglican and ecumenical partners, Episcopal Relief and Development is focused on creating long-term solutions in three key areas: Women, Children and Climate. Work with Women concentrates on helping to promote the rights and safety of women and children so that communities can grow and thrive in Liberia.

In Liberia a partnership with the Church of Liberia, *Scaling up Faith Leaders Engagement to Prevent and Respond to Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG)* works to reduce intimate partner violence and increases access to services to women in rural settings. The program builds on the success of an earlier pilot program that was supported by the UN Trust Fund and Islamic Relief USA among other funds.

“Violence against women and girls is a global epidemic, and is often more severe in post-conflict countries such as Liberia. Everyone should live a life free from violence and be granted dignity and respect,” said Kirsten Muth, Special Adviser, International Programs for Episcopal Relief and Development. “Through our partnership with Christian and Muslim faith leader we are working to change that.”

Liberia is considered one of the most dangerous countries in the world for women and children. More than 50 percent of Liberians live in poverty and

Liberia has some of the highest rates of violence against women and girls in the world. According to the United Nations 35 percent of women experience physical or sexual intimate partner violence.

*Scaling Up Faith Leaders Engagement to Prevent and Respond to VAWG* employs four core strategies to change attitudes, beliefs and behaviors: expansion of the Faith Leaders Toolkit, strengthened youth engagement, peer-to-peer learning and Facts, Association, Meaning and Action Learning (FAMA) methodologies. The program will continue to engage with local government task forces and will increase support for survivors through safe houses.

“This grant will enable us to expand our resources and outreach to make a greater impact in changing attitudes towards women. We appreciate the recognition of the value of engaging faith communities to serve as a force for transformation in their communities,” said Annette Musu Klawu, the ECL-RD National Director.

## Anglican Archbishop Leads March against Gender-based Violence against Women

The Anglican Primate of Burundi, Archbishop Martin Blaise Nyabolo, led hundreds of people on a march through Makamba in a protest against gender-based violence (GBV) during the annual International 16 Days of Activism that concluded on December 10, International Human Rights Day. It was one of many activities that

took place during that 16 days to raise awareness of the harmful consequences of GBV and take courage to denounce them, the provincial Communications Officer, Guy Nasasgare, told the Anglican Communion News Service.

“Activities were organized in different dioceses such as Gitega, Matana and Makamba, where people from di-

verse backgrounds and religious denominations of all kinds came together to protest the violence suffered by women and girls,” he said.

Speaking about the march on Burundi National Television, Archbishop Martin said, “We are all concerned and want to call on everyone to say no to

“The UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women is pleased to be able to support the continuation of this work in Liberia to prevent violence against women and girls. We look forward to seeing the positive results from the first generation of this project result in sustainable change, and to learning lessons from the innovative approaches used to working with faith leaders as key partners in ending violence against women.” said Anna Alaszewski, Program Specialist, Africa and Arab States, UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women.

The UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women (UN Trust Fund) is the only global grant-making mechanism dedicated exclusively to addressing all forms of violence against women and girls at the local and national levels. Managed by UN Women on behalf of the UN System, the funds raised support initiatives that have a specific and sustainable impact.

For over 75 years Episcopal Relief & Redevelopment has been working together with supporters and partners for lasting change around the world. Each year the organization facilitates healthier, more fulfilling lives for more than three million people struggling with hunger, poverty, disaster and disease. Inspired by Jesus’ words in Matthew 25, Episcopal Relief & Development leverages the expertise and resources of Anglican and other partners to deliver measurable and sustainable change in three signature program areas, Women, Children and Climate.

(Anglican News Service)

violence against women, to denounce the perpetrators and to plead for the victims to receive appropriate assistance, and, above all, that their dignity be preserved.”

One of the men in the march said that women had been subjected to violence by their partners because they had engaged in initiatives like adult literacy and savings and credit groups, but the women had persevered and changed attitudes through the added income they contributed to the households.

“The determination of our wives and their contribution to the development

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# Iceland Called Most Gender-Equal Country by World Economic Forum

Iceland is the world's most gender-equal country for the tenth year in a row, and Yemen is the world's least, according to a new report from the World Economic Forum.

In its annual report titled "The Global Gender Gap Report 2018," researchers measured the discrepancies between women and men across 149 countries in four

categories: economic opportunity, political empowerment, education options, health and survival.

Norway, Sweden, Finland, Nicaragua, Rwanda, New Zealand, Philippines, Ireland and Namibia followed Iceland to make up the top 10.

Iceland's spot on the list doesn't come as a surprise. In January 2018 the country made the gender pay gap illegal and is known for enforcing many laws that protect women, from strict corporate board inclusion guidelines to generous parental leave.

Despite women's rights improvements in various countries, at the current rate, "it will take 108 years to close the gender gap across politics, work, health and education and 202 years to close the workplace gender gap," the report said.

## Reasons Progress Is Slow

The global progress towards gender parity stalled in 2008. Here is why:

The top ten countries where progress is the slowest include Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Mali, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Chad, Syria, Iraq and Pakistan, which ranked as the worst places for gender equality in the world, with Yemen coming in the last place.

The three-year-old civil war in Yemen has hit women dramatically, leaving 2.9 million women and children severely malnourished. Women have had to step into roles that have traditionally been filled by men because so many men have become war casualties, but they're still not being treated equally.

More than 3 million Yemeni women and girls are also at risk of gender-based violence. There are 60,000 women at risk of sexual violence, according to UNPA, with child marriage playing a huge part—there's no age limit to define rape in marriage.

The World Economic Forum's new report does not mean to

point fingers. Every country could be doing more to promote gender equality.

## Gender Gap Is Global

The Global Gender Gap is currently 68 percent, which means there is still a 32 percent gap to close, according to the World Economic Forum. No country has achieved gender equality and only the top seven countries have closed at least 80 percent of the gap.

The report's results serve as a reminder of the work that still needs to be done. Gender inequality doesn't only affect women. The entire world's future depends on it. When gender equality is promoted through girls' education, for instance, economies are strengthened, communities are stabilized and the planet is protected.

"Although progress continues to proceed at a very slow pace," the report said, "and despite significant heterogeneity across countries' performances, the fact that most countries are moving toward greater gender parity is encouraging and rewards the efforts of all policy-makers and practitioners across the world that work to achieve the UN's fifth Sustainable Development Goal: gender equality.

*(Bridget Mary Meehan shared this information in her blog in mid-January.)*

## World Council of Churches Assembly XI

**The 2021 Assembly of the World  
Council of Churches  
is scheduled to be held  
in Karlsruhe, Germany.**

**The theme will be  
"Christ's Love Moves the World  
to Reconciliation and Unity."**

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## Remembering— Gwyneth Louise Osuch (1926-2017)

Pioneer on behalf of women's role in ministry Presbyterian Church (USA) minister Gwyneth Louise Osuch was born on January 15, 1926 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the daughter of Herman and Florence (Olsen) Erion.

She graduated from Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, in 1948 and married Carl Osuch on July 31 in Milwaukee.

A loving wife and mother, Gwyneth never stopped growing emotionally and spiritually and overcame many obstacles by embodying determination, persistence and courage.

She was ordained a Presbyterian minister in 1975.

She died at age 91 on February 17, 2017 at Bethany House and Hospice, Dubuque, Iowa. She is survived by her husband, Carl, children Christopher Erion ((Lili Han) Osuch, Jonathan Carl (Frances) Osuch, Pamela Lyn Osuch and Elizabeth Ann Osuch Shaw (Murray); granddaughters Rachel Katherine Young and Michaela Maria Osuch and great granddaughter Lucinda Diamond Ryan.

Her funeral service took place on March 2, 2017 at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Dubuque. Memorials may be sent to Westminster Presbyterian Church or Bethany Home and Hospice in Dubuque.

## Burundi—

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of our families has completely transformed us because we realized they were worth much more than our acts of abuse against them." he said. "They are now buying clothes, they have started activities that generate income when we used to consider ourselves the only ones able to meet the needs of the family. We then decided to join them in the associations and we are happy today."

Provincial coordinator for the campaign against GBV Jeanne Francoise Ndimubakunzi welcomed the participation of religious leaders in the eradication of this violence but said there is still a long way to go.

(Anglican News Service)

## Centennial Assembly Registration Form

\_\_\_\_ Rev. \_\_\_\_ Ms. \_\_\_\_ Dr. Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_

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Optional Tuesday Dinner Cruise (US \$30) \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival day, time, means \_\_\_\_\_

Registration fee: Full time, US \$175 \_\_\_\_\_ single day registration, US \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ Which day? \_\_\_\_\_

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Carol Brown, 1921 Palm St. Reading, PA 19604. **Registration deadline is June 15, 2019.**  
Any questions, contact Carol at [csbrown550@hotmail.com](mailto:csbrown550@hotmail.com) or 484-926-2429.

**Rooms must be reserved and paid at:**  
(Special IAWM room rate \$94 + taxes/nt/room) **Hilton Garden Inn  
Pittsburgh Airport South—Robinson Mall  
303 Park Manor Drive  
Phone: 412-788-9500** (code for IAWM Room Rate is “IAW19”)

**Hotel Registration Deadline is June 15, 2019**  
**Online registration:** [www.womenministers.org](http://www.womenministers.org) and click on the brochure or registration link or  
<https://IAWM.ticketspice.com/IAWMcentennialassembly> and click on the brochure or registration link.

### Books By/About IAWM Founder M. Madeline Southard

One book by IAWM founder Mabel Madeline Southard and a recent biography about her are expected to be available at the Centennial Assembly celebration.

The best known book she wrote, *The Attitude of Jesus Toward Women*, grew out of the Master's thesis she produced at Garrett Biblical Seminary in Chicago in 1918. When she proposed the subject, faculty members smiled and said they doubted she would find very much material for it.

Her thesis, published in book form by Dutton a decade later, is still in libraries at most seminaries in the United States. In 1999, IAWM member Karen L. Onesti, who was then president, secured the right for IAWM to reprint the book with a new introduction. Copies will be available for \$20.

Copies of a brief biography, *M. Madeline Southard, 1877-1967: Doing All the Good You Can*, by Jerry L. Wallace, written in 1916, will also be available.

Find them at Assembly on International Night and later.

### Changes, Addition to Prayer Calendar

The following changes, including the name of one new member, have been received so far this year. They are either new addresses or emails plus at least one new member. Please write them into your prayer calendar.

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## In the News

### Australia

IAWM member **The Rev. Sue Ellis** has begun her third and final year serving as Moderator of the Uniting Church in South Australia. Its theme is “Grow, Nurture, Flourish: Grow relationships that will invite the sharing of your own faith stories, Nurture discipleship intentionally, Flourish in the ministry of Love.”

### England

The first woman to be consecrated to the office of bishop in the Church of England, **Libby Lane**, will become a diocesan bishop when she is installed as Bishop of Derby in Derby Cathedral after Easter. As a diocesan bishop she becomes eligible to sit as one of the Church of England’s 26 members of the House of Lords. Under transitional arrangements she will leap-frog her male counterparts in the queue for a seat when a vacancy occurs.

### Finland

**The Rev. Dr. Kaisamari Hintsikka**, formerly assistant general secretary for Ecumenical Relations and director for the Department of Theology and Public Witness at the Lutheran World Federation, has been elected

bishop of the Diocese of Expoo, newest of the church’s nine dioceses, located in Helsinki. She was installed in February.

### Jordan & Holy Land

**Sally Azar**, who represents the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land on the Palestinian Lutheran World Federation Council, said in an interview that this church accepted the LWF Gender Justice Policy more than two years ago and is now applying the quota of 40 percent women and 20 percent youth representation. Involving youth is a big struggle for the church, she noted. Due to attitudes in the culture they also struggle with the empowerment of women, especially placing women in leadership positions. Many say, “Because I am a woman, I can’t do that.”

### United States

On October 19 the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas elected **the Rev. Cathleen Chittenden Bascom** to be its 10th bishop.

**The Rev. Jennifer Anne Reddall** was chosen Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Arizona on October 22.

On October 27 **the Rev. Kimberly (Kym) Lucas** became Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Colorado.

The Episcopal Diocese of West Tennessee on November 17 elected **the Rev. Phoebe A. Roaf** as its 4th bishop. She is the first woman and first African American to preside in that synod.

Pittsburgh Magazine named IAWM member **Rev. Liddy Barlow**, Executive Director of Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania, as a 2018 “40 under 40” winner.

### Vatican City

At the Synod of Bishops on Young People, on October 10, Auxiliary Bishop of Belgium Jean Kockerols spoke on behalf of the conference of Belgian bishops suggesting that young married men would become priests if they were asked. This representative of the Catholic Church of the European Union wants to see both celibate and married vocations equally valued.

Bishops from Germany and Namibia advocated for women priests.

*(From Anglican News Service, Lutheran World Information, Episcopal News Service, correspondence & Bridget Mary’s Blog.)*