



# ADVENTIST WOMEN OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

1844-1894

1894-1944

1944-1995



Women's Ministries  
General Conference of SDA

**Women have always played an important part in the work of the church, even in biblical times. In the history of the Adventist church, women have served in almost all capacities, filling a wide variety of roles. It is important that we take note of their accomplishments, to encourage us to persevere and to inspire future generations to take up the tasks their forebears faithfully carried.**



**Each of these women is important in her own right. She is also a representative of the thousands who have labored and worked in each of the fifty-year periods of Adventist church history as indicated in this brochure.**

**Still today, distinguished women are often unknown and unnoticed.**



**There are thousands of other women who could, and should, be mentioned, but we trust that the example of these women may be a blessing as you too use your gift for God.**



***When a great and  
decisive work is to be  
done, God chooses men  
and women to  
do this work, and it will feel  
the loss of  
the talents if both are not  
combined.***

***-Ellen G. White, Evangelism p. 469***

# 1844 - 1894

## **Martha D. Byington Amadon - 1834 - 1937**

First Dorcas Society president; taught in one of the first church schools.

## **Lottie Blake - 1876 - 1976**

First African-American Seventh-day Adventist woman physician. Established school of nursing at Oakwood College. Helped to treat Ellen White.

## **Maud Sisley Boyd - 1851 - 1937**

Bible instructor, colporteur, educator. First single missionary to Europe. Served also in Africa and Australia.



### **Nellie H. Rankin Druillard - 1844 - 1937**

Financier, treasurer. Helped found Riverside Sanitarium, Madison College, and Emmanuel Missionary College. Missionary to South Africa.

### **Maria L. Huntley - 1847 - 1890**

President, Tract and Missionary Society which later became Church Ministries and Publishing departments. Addressed the 1888 General Conference Session.

### **Katherine (Kate) Lindsey - 1842 -1923**

Physician Founder of first nurses training school at Battle Creed Sanitarium Missionary in South Africa.

## **Annie Rebekah Smith - 1828 - 1855**

Early hymn writer and editor. While the James Whites traveled, she published the *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*.

## **Ellen G. White - 1827 - 1915**

Early leader and prophetess of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Author of 126 books and complications.



# 1894 - 1944

## **Ai Araki - 1890 - 1982**

Bible worker and church leader in Japan. Although blind, she led and preserved her church throughout World War II, the only congregation to remain in tact.

## **Gertrude Brown - 1866 - 1948**

Physician. Worked with J. Harvey Kellogg. Pioneered medical work in British Isles; established sanitarium, Crieff, Scotland.

## **Georgia Burrus Burgess - 1866 - 1948**

Educator and frontier missionary in India for 40 years, ministering especially to women

## **Lora E. Clement - 1890 - 1958**

Associate editor and editor of *Youth's Instructor* for 41 years.

## **Eva Dykes - 1893 - 1986**

Musician and educator. First Seventh-day Adventist woman to receive a Ph.D. in the United States.

## **Sarepta Myrenda Irish Henry - 1839 - 1900**

Temperance activist, personal evangelist and writer. Established **first Women's Ministry**. The General Conference voted her a ministerial license.

**Anna L. Ingels Hindson - 1862 - 1933** - Editor, union youth department secretary, secretary treasurer, and missionary in Australia.

**Louise Kleuser - 1890 - 1976**

Bible worker, pastor, evangelist, editor, and seminary professor. Conference educational secretary and Associate in the G C Ministerial Association.

**Anna Knight - 1874 - 1972**

First African-American woman missionary. Served in India and US as educator, nurse, conference and union department secretary.

## **Ana Stahl - 1870 - 1968**

Nurse and educator. Missionary in South America, instrumental in starting Indian church schools. Worked there with her husband for 29 years.

## **Marinda (Minnie) Day Sype - 1869 - 1956**

Pastor, evangelist, licensed minister for 54 years. Conference departmental director.



# 1944 - 1995

## **Ana Rosa Alvarado**

Cuban pastor, evangelist, educator and musician for 45 years.

## **Nancy Bassham**

Thai educator and first Family Life and Women's Ministries Director in the Asia-Pacific Division.

## **Lyn Behrens**

Australian physician. First woman president of Loma Linda University.



## **Del Delker**

Contralto soloist for the Voice of Prophecy radio broadcast. Has made 70 recordings and 32 solo albums.

## **Chessie Harris - 1906-1997**

Educator and humanitarian. More than 1200 children have received care at the Harris Home.

## **Jessie Halliwell**

Missionary nurse who, with her husband, supplied the only medical care to thousands along the Amazon River for 38 years.





## **Betty Holbrook**

Chairperson of first Women's Ministries Advisory. Director of General Conference Home and Family Service.

## **Juanita Kretschmar**

Humanitarian, prayer warrior and speaker. Started New York City Van Ministry and Good News Network.

## **Elsa Luukkanen**

Finnish evangelist and pastor.



## **Rose Otis**

First Director of General Conference Women's Ministries Office and Department; General Field Secretary for the General Conference. Vice President for North American Division and Texas Conference.

## **Margarete Prange**

German pastor and evangelist. Member of the 1989 Women's Commission.

## **Leona Running**

Professor of ancient languages at the SDA Theological Seminary for more than 40 years



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