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 forebearers 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 indicated in this brochure. Still today, distinguished women are often unknown and unnoticed.

Thousands of other women could, and should be mentioned, but we trust that the example of these faithful women will be a blessing as you use your gifts 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 if the talents of both are not combined.

- Ellen G. White, Evangelism, p. 469

Hepzibah Kore
Teacher, evangelist, leader. Founder of adult literacy program in India, “Never Too Late to Learn,” helping more than 50,000 women and their families, Southern Asia Division.

Jerusha Muga
Evangelist, writer. Union director for Women’s and Children’s Ministries and Sabbath School department. Ministers to dignitaries in Kenya, East-Central Africa Division.

Olga Murga
Evangelist, preacher, church planter. Women’s Ministries pioneer in Russia. Under her evangelistic programs, 3,038 people were baptized in Euro-Asia Division.

Ingrid Naumann
Evangelist, motivator, mentor. Pioneer in establishing Women’s Ministries, especially in German-speaking countries, Euro-Africa Division.

Esther Dias Sablon
Educator. First woman president of Cuba Adventist Theological Seminary, Inter-American Division.

Elizabeth Sterndale
Registered nurse. First director of Women’s Ministries in North American Division and Division Field Secretary. President of the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Nurses. Served the church in many areas, especially in ministry to women.

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1844 - 1894
Martha D. Byington Amadon 1834 - 1937
First Dorsas Society president. Taught in one of the first church schools.

Maud Sisley Boyd 1851 - 1937
Bible instructor, copporter, educator. First single woman missionary to Europe. Served also in Africa and Australia.

Nellie H. Rankin Druillard 1844 - 1893
Financier, treasurer. Helped found Riverside Sanitarium; Madison College; and Emmanual Missionary College. Missionary in South Africa.

Sarepta Myrenda Irish Henry 1839 - 1900
Temperance activist, personal evangelist, writer. Established first Women’s Ministry. The General Conference voted her a ministerial license.

Maria L. Huntley 1847 - 1890
President, Tract and Missionary Society, which later became the departments of Personal Ministries and Publishing Ministries. Addressed the 1888 General Conference Session.

Katherine (Kate) Lindsey 1842 - 1923
Physician. Founder of first nurses’ training school at Battle Creek Sanitarium. Missionary in South Africa.

Annie Rebekah Smith 1828 - 1855
Early Advent hymn writer, editor. While James and Ellen White 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 publications.

Lora E. Clement 1890 - 1958
Associate editor and editor of Youth’s Instructor for 41 years.

Evad Dykes 1893 - 1986
Musician, educator. First Seventh-day Adventist woman to receive a Ph.D. in the United States.

Anna L. Ingels Hindson 1862 - 1933

Anna Knight 1870 - 1968

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Lottie Blake 1876 - 1976

Louise Kleuser 1890 - 1976

Anna Knight 1874 - 1972

Ana Stahl 1870 - 1968
Nurse, educator. Missionary in South America with her husband for 29 years. Instrumental in establishing Indian church schools.

Marinda (Minnie) Day Sype 1869 - 1956
Pastor, evangelist, licensed minister for 54 years. Conference departmental director.

1946 - 1996
Anma Rosa Alvarado 1890 - 1982
Cuban pastor, evangelist, educator, musician for 45 years.

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Nancy Bassham 1920 - 2010
Thai educator. First director of Family Life and Women’s Ministries in the Asia-Pacific Division.

Lyn Behrens 1904 - 1996
Finnish pastor and evangelist.

Rose Otis 1920 - 2010
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.

Margaret Prange 1920 - 2010
German pastor and evangelist. Member of the 1989 Women’s Ministries Seminar.

Jessie Halliwell 1920 - 2010
Missionary nurse. With her husband supplied the only medical care to thousands along the Amazon River for 38 years.

Elsa Luukkanen 1920 - 2010
Missionary in South Africa.

1997 - PRESENT
Flora Nwamaka Abaribe 1920 - 2010
Leader, mentor, evangelist, trainer. Responsible for helping destitute widows in Nigeria to have hope and a future. West-Central Africa Division.

Rosa Maria Taylor Banks 1920 - 2010
B.S., M. Ed., Ed. D., L.H.D. Administrator, professor, speaker, writer, authority on diversity. First woman to serve as vice president of Oakwood College. Associate Secretary of the General Conference, General Field Secretary and officer of North American Division.

Miriam de Azevedo Berg 1920 - 2010

Agnes Bakuluma Chirwa 1920 - 2010
Evangelist, teacher, mentor, entrepreneur, counselor. First volunteer Women’s Ministries director. Known in Zambia as ‘Mother General’ because of her leadership qualities. Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division.

Hong, Xiao Mei 1920 - 2010
Pastor and evangelist. Raised up 800-member church congregation and training facility for Adventist leaders in China, Northern Asia-Pacific Division.

Carole Ferch-Johnson 1920 - 2010
Bible worker, evangelist, counselor, writer. Women’s Ministries pioneer in the South Pacific Division.

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