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MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW TO ATTEND BWIM'S ANNUAL GATHERING

Join us in Dallas, Texas, on June 17-19 for our annual Baptist Women in Ministry gathering and for other events that will take place during the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's General Assembly. Our theme this year is **LIVING GENEROUSLY**, and we will be celebrating the flourishing work being done by God in and through Baptist women.

Transportation

A shuttle bus will run between the Hyatt Regency Hotel and Wilshire Baptist Church on Wednesday, June 17 for our annual gathering. Round-trip tickets for the shuttle are \$7. **Space is LIMITED and will be provided on a first-come first-serve basis.** Register for the shuttle by [clicking here](#).

Worship

Our annual worship service is always the highlight of our year. The service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on June 17 at Wilshire Baptist Church. The preacher and worship leaders for the morning are **Julie Penington-Russell** and **Ossie X. McKinney**. **Ellen Di Giosia** and **Jewel London** will lead communion.

Lunch

Worship will be followed by a lunch at 11:15 a.m. Tickets for lunch are \$20 and can be purchased on the [BWIM website](#). Buy yours TODAY! ONLY 25 tickets are left! We are having Tex-Mex! If you have dietary needs, please contact Ashley at ashleyrobinson@bwim.info.

Our four annual awards will be presented during our lunch: the Addie Davis Award for Excellence in Preaching, the Addie Davis Award for Outstanding Leadership in Pastoral Ministry, the Church of Excellence, and the Distinguished Mentor Award.

Childcare

Childcare will be provided during the BWIM worship and lunch for children ages 8 and younger. Pre-registration is

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Worship Leaders



Julie Pennington-Russell



Ossie X. McKinney



required, and the cost is \$15 for one child, \$25 for two, and a family cap of \$35 for 3 or more children. The children will be served a lunch prepared by the same chef that is creating the luncheon. To register for childcare, [click here](#). Registration will be open until Friday, June 12.

Book Signings

BWIM will host a book signing following lunch. Our featured writers are **Lauren Brewer Bass**, author of *Five Hundred Miles: Reflections on Calling and Pilgrimage* (see description below), **Judith Bledsoe Bailey**, author of *Strength for the Journey: Feminist Theology and Baptist Women Pastors*, and **C. Lynn Brinkley**, author of *Manners and Money: A Manual on Preaching Etiquette*.

The BWIM Workshops

During the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's General Assembly, **Pam Durso** and **Devita Parnell** will host "Networking: Not a Dirty Word," a workshop for young Baptists. The workshop, scheduled for Thursday, June 18 at 1:30 p.m., will introduce resources and practices needed to build the wider community of support for young ministers and leaders as they begin a lifetime of service.

On Friday, June 19, at 2:45 p.m., **Pam Durso** will lead a workshop titled "Finding a Place: Successfully Negotiating the Search Process." The workshop will feature a panel of lay church leaders and ministers who have recently journeyed through the search process and navigated the challenges of that process and who will share lessons learned along the way.

For more information about the gathering or for questions about tickets for lunch or the shuttle, contact Ashley Robinson at ashleyrobinson@bwim.info.

It will be a wonderful day. You won't want to miss it!

See you in Dallas!

Pam Durso



Jewel London

TEXAS BWIM

Texas Baptist Women in Ministry will host a fellowship gathering on June 17 from 12:45-1:30 p.m. at Wilshire Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas.

BE A SUPPORTER of BAPTIST WOMEN IN MINISTRY

If your life and ministry has been enhanced by the work of Baptist Women in Ministry, you can make sure that other women have that same encouragement!

Be a supporter of our work. Help us as we seek to advocate for women ministers, provide resources for ministers and churches, and continue in promoting Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching, our e-newsletter and blog, and placement assistance!

Become a monthly supporter. Sign up on the [BWIM website](#) and via Pay Pal, your bank account will be drafted each month. Monthly gifts provide a stable financial base for Baptist Women in Ministry, and they are greatly appreciated.

Or you can also make a one-time donation on our website or via snail mail:

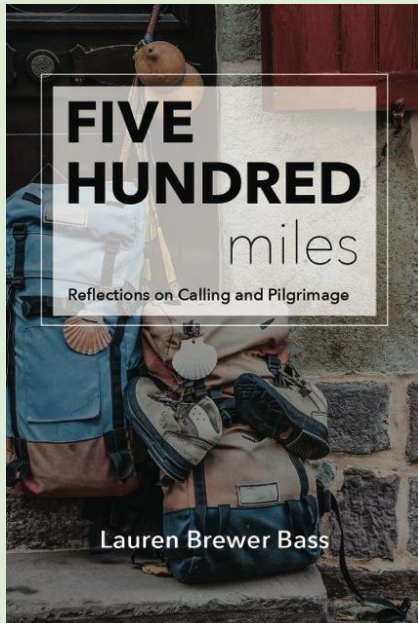
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FIVE HUNDRED MILES: Reflections on Calling and Pilgrimage

by Lauren Brewer Bass



Baptist Women in Ministry is proud to introduce a new book, ***Five Hundred Miles: Reflections on Calling and Pilgrimage***, by **Lauren Brewer Bass**. BWIM partnered with Lauren and with Smyth & Helwys Publishers to produce this much needed, creative and fresh book on vocational calling.

Ministry in the twenty-first century encompasses wider and deeper opportunities for local church leadership that included pastoring, ministering with and among children and teenagers, guiding mission and outreach outlets, heading up community involvement, and equipping members in areas of spiritual formation and education. Ministry also encompasses chaplaincy in hospitals, prisons, and the military, leadership of non-profit organizations, building global networks, and so much more! Despite this greatly expanded vision of ministry, our conversations about calling and call discernment had not changed that much, and I realized that we needed an

overhaul of our understanding as well as our language about ministry calling.

Lauren Brewer Bass, a recent graduate of Logsdon Seminary, a gifted writer and thinker, and one of the most adventurous people around crafted together stories from a pilgrimage she made on the Camino de Santiago with her own developing understanding of calling. While the idea for the book began with an interest in college students, the finished product has value beyond that original vision. All of us--college students, seminarians, young and new ministers, seasoned clergy, and lay people--need to read and hear Lauren's words. Her beautiful weaving together of her stories with God's story offers wisdom for those on the journey

On Wednesday night, June 17, Lauren and her husband, David, will be commissioned as field personnel at the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's General Assembly. This fall they will begin service in Cambodia.

NEW ON THE BWIM WEBSITE

Baptist Women in Ministry's website is packed full of helpful information. Recently added is a new section with [placement and personnel resources](#).

If you are in the search process either as a candidate or a church, our new placement resources will be of great help. The placement section includes lists of questions asked of the candidate, congregation, and search committee during the ministry search position.

These questions come from two churches that recently and successfully completed the call process with a new minister.

The personnel section includes various policies and guides related to interviewing, hiring, and conducting performance reviews, including onboarding guidelines, performance reviews, and exit interview forms.

Other resources on the website include [Maternity Leave Policies](#), [Ordination Resources](#), and links to helpful [books](#) and [articles](#). You will also find information about [Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching](#), the [Addie Davis Awards](#), and the [Monthly Conversation](#) recordings and transcripts.

Plus you can read the BWIM blog, buy our T-Shirt, and make a contribution--all on our website!

FAMILY TIES

Our 2015 Monthly Conversations

Each month a collaborative group led by **Pam Durso** and **Devita Parnell** gathers for conversation about women and Baptist life. You are invited to join in these conversations! You don't even have to be in Georgia, because our group meets via phone conference call and/or online through live meetings.

SAVE the DATE! Below are the dates and times for our 2015 conversations. Our theme for the year is "Family Ties," and we will be talking about family relationships, responsibilities, and real life challenges of ministers.

The 2015 Schedule

Thursday, June 4, 10:30 a.m. (EASTERN TIME)

Jake Hall, Mary Elizabeth Hanchey, and Ruth Perkins Lee

"Project Pomegranate: Infertility, Pregnancy Loss, and Infant Death"

Jake Hall is pastor of Highland Hills Baptist Church, Macon, Georgia. Mary Elizabeth Hanchey is director of children's choirs at Watts Street Baptist Church and also a leader of Project Pomegranate. Ruth Perkins Lee is director of ministries for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, Decatur, Georgia.

Tuesday, August 11, 10:30 a.m. (EASTERN TIME)

Karen Massey, Prissy Tunnell, Kerri Thompson

"What Now? Caring for Aging Parents While Ministering"

Karen Massey is associate dean and associate professor of Christian education and faith development at McAfee School of Theology, Atlanta, Georgia. Prissy Tunnell is minister of music and children at North Broad Baptist Church, Rome, Georgia. Kerri Thompson is therapist at Southern Behavior Services and case manager at Coliseum Behavioral Health, Macon, Georgia.

Tuesday, September 15, 10:30 a.m. (EASTERN TIME)

Merianna Neely Harrelson and Kerrie Clayton Jordan "Not for the Faint of Heart: Step-Parenting and Ministry"

Merianna Neely Harrelson is the pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Lexington, South Carolina, and Kerrie Clayton Jordan is minister of music and senior adults, First Baptist Church, Smithfield, North Carolina.

To connect to the conference call, use this number if you have free long distance:
1 (805) 309-2350 and enter 2201619.

For those without free long distance or a local toll access number, you may dial the toll-free number 1-800-309-2350 and enter 2201619.

For more information about the conversation, email Ashley Robinson at ashleyrobinson@bwim.info.

LISTEN TO PAST CONVERSATIONS

You can now listen or read transcripts from our past [conversations on the BWIM website](#).

The most recent conversations include:

[Help! My Wife is a Minister: A Conversation with Ministers' Spouses](#), featuring Brent Jones, Josh Speight, and Paul Swiney

[SBWM \(Single Baptist Woman Minister\) Surviving and Succeeding as a Single Minister](#): A Conversation with Sharyn Dowd, Charity Roberson, and Brittany Riddle

[Pregnant While Ministering](#): A Conversation with Julie Long, Stephanie McLeskey, and Mary Beth Foust

[Two Ministries, One Marriage](#): A Conversation with Jane and David Hull

MONDAY PSALMS

Baptist Women in Ministry offers a weekly devotion titled "Monday Psalm." These devotions, based on the Psalms, focus attention on the ways in which God is at work in our lives.



Angela Fields is our May writer, and in her devotion this week, [Psalm 55: Where is the Village](#), she writes: "One thing is clear; the brokenness within communities will only be healed by God's people beseeching the throne of grace and recommitting themselves to the fallen societies. Recommitment should resemble what I call the Ministry of Standing, which is divided into four parts: to stand, to stand for, to stand with and to stand up for."

Our upcoming devotional writers include **Kyndall Rothaus, Katrina Brooks, and Alicia Porterfield.**

ORDINATIONS

Grace Powell Freeman will be ordained on June 7, 2015 by Wieuca Road Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia.

Jennifer Haney was ordained on May 10, 2015 by First Baptist Church, Abilene, Texas.

Kara Krohg was ordained on April 21, 2015 by First Baptist Church, Pella, Iowa.

Erica Lea will be ordained on May 23, 2015 by Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, D.C.

Jerusha Moses was ordained April 28, 2015 by Chamberlayne Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia.

Jennifer "Jeni" Pedzinski was ordained on April 18, 2015 by First Baptist Church, West Norriton, Pennsylvania.

Faith Richardson was ordained on May 17, 2015 by Peachtree Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia.

Megan Strollio was ordained on May 16, 2015 by Tabernacle Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia.

Annie Sutton was ordained on April 26, 2015 by First Baptist Church, Jasper, Georgia.

ON THE MOVE

Courtney Allen is pastor of Grace Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia.

Julie Ashe Ball is minister of discipleship and administration at Heritage Baptist Fellowship, Canton, Georgia.

Karen Bass Driscoll is director of music at First Baptist Church, Clinton, North Carolina.

Cheryl F. Dudley is the executive minister of the American Baptist Churches of Metropolitan New York.

Susan Lester is pastor of SouthCross Community Church, Burnsville, Minnesota.

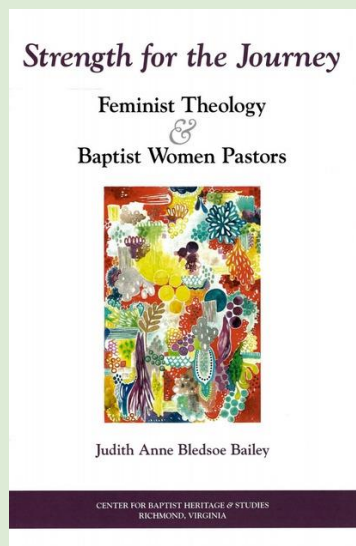
Mary Richerson Mann is pastor of Westover Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia.

Lauren McCollister is minister of music at Neill's Creek Baptist Church, Angier, North Carolina.

Mygenta Spivey is minister of youth at Morningside Baptist Church, Asheville, North Carolina.

Shirley Womble is minister of families and children at Masonboro Baptist Church, Wilmington, North Carolina.

STRENGTH FOR THE JOURNEY: Feminist Theology and Baptist Women Pastors by Judith Bledsoe Bailey



The Virginia Baptist Historical Society recently released a new book by **Judith Bledsoe Bailey: *Strength for the Journey: Feminist Theology and Baptist Women Pastors***

"Judith Bledsoe Bailey weaves together the powerful and complex narratives of twenty Baptist women called to ministry by God but often rejected by their faith families, and in recording their stories, Bailey patiently draws these women to identify their own awareness or lack of awareness of feminist theology and its role in their understanding of God, the Bible, salvation, and ministry. Bailey's careful analysis of Baptist history as well as her insightful attention to these women's use of language, their personal spirituality, and their ministry journeys offers more than an evaluation of a few women during a brief period of history, her work also nudges us to consider and evaluate our own place in history and the influence of various theologies on our personal and vocational

development. ***Strength for the Journey*** is a welcomed addition to our bookshelves!" -
- Pam Durso, executive director, Baptist Women in Ministry

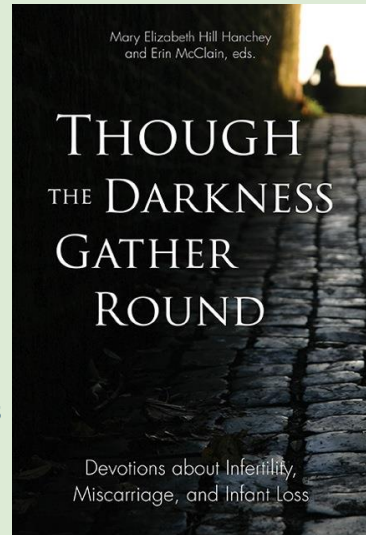
Order your copy from the [Virginia Baptist Historical Society](#).

THROUGH THE DARKNESS GATHER ROUND Edited by Mary Elizabeth Hill Hanchey and Erin McClain

Much courage is required to weather the long grief of infertility and the sudden grief of miscarriage and infant loss. The storms that rage are frightening and overwhelming. ***Though the Darkness Gather Round***, edited by **Mary Elizabeth Hill Hanchey** and **Erin McClain**, is a collection of forty devotions written by those who have lived through infertility, miscarriage, and infant loss.

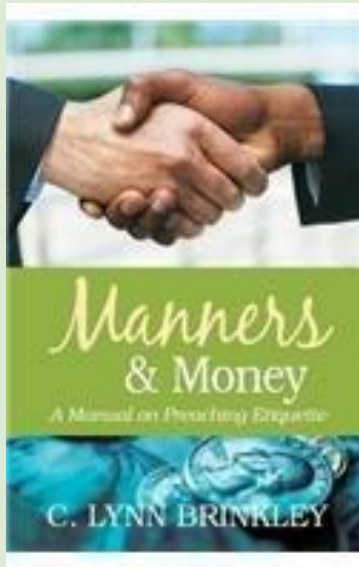
These devotions by those who have witnessed the gathering darkness, is much needed. The women and men, ministers, chaplains, and lay leaders who have shared their words in this collection offer a precious gift to those who grieve, and the communities that endeavor to offer support and comfort.

Through the Darkness Gather Round will be released in June by Smyth & Helwys Publishers.



MANNERS & MONEY: A Manual on Preaching Etiquette

by C. Lynn Brinkley



Nurturing Faith recently released a new book by **C. Lynn Brinkley**, director of student services and alumni relations at Campbell University Divinity School in Buies Creek, North Carolina.

Manners & Money: A Manual on Preaching Etiquette addresses the issues of preaching and hosting etiquette in a manual written for current and future ministers--and those who instruct them--and also for churches. Based on scriptural guidelines, it addresses proper pulpit decorum and principles of hospitality and honoraria. A seminar on preaching etiquette, complete with an extensive questionnaire, is also included.

The book offers excellent practical advice and helpful and thoughtful strategies, making it a superb resource and guide for churches and preachers alike. Order a copy today from [Amazon](#).

PREACHER BREATH: Sermons and Essays

by Kyndall Rae Rothaus



Smyth & Helwys Publishers earlier this year released a new book by **Kyndall Rae Rothaus**, pastor of Covenant Baptist Church in San Antonio, Texas.

"Preacher Breath is solace for the preacher's soul. Writing out of her own experience as a pastor, Kyndall's profound reflections on the preaching life are so full of grace and truth that preachers will find themselves on every page. A wordsmith of the first order, her writing is exquisite. The sermons she includes are simply paradigmatic and imbued with such richness and depth that they will make us better preachers and better Christians."-William Hulitt Gloer, professor of preaching and Christian scripture, George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University.

Order a copy at [Smyth & Helwys Publishers](#).

Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America Summer Conference

The Baptist Peace Fellowship of North American will host its summer conference, "No Longer Strangers: Crossing Borders for Peacemaking" at Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, Virginia on **July 6-11, 2015**.

The conference features thought-provoking workshops, exciting activities, spirit-filled worship, and inspiring leaders who are all devoted to crossing a multitude of borders with the work of peace. Interpreting will be provided for Spanish-speaking participants.

For more information visit their [website](#) or [email the Summer Conference Manager, Evelyn Hanneman](#).

Open Ministry Positions

Positions are listed by state, city, open position, church name.

BWIM collects these openings from a wide variety of sources, and the degree of openness to women ministers among the listed churches varies. In its effort to advocate, network, and connect, BWIM provides this list as a resource to those searching for ministry positions.

ALABAMA

Birmingham-**Associate Pastor of Children and Families**-Shades Crest Baptist Church
Montgomery-**Hospital Chaplain**-Baptist Health of Central Alabama

ARIZONA

Lake Havasu City-**Pastor/Director Family Ministries**-Hilltop Community Church

ARKANSAS

Searcy-**Preschool Ministry Coordinator**-First Baptist Church

CONNECTICUT

Eastford-**Pastor**-Eastford Baptist Church

FLORIDA

Cocoa-**Children's Minister**-First Baptist Church

Daytona Beach-**Minister of Music, Youth and Families**-Central Baptist Church

Orlando-**Associate Pastor**-Church on the Drive

Orlando-**Coordinator of Community Outreach**-Church on the Drive

GEORGIA

Atlanta-**Associate Pastor for Worship and Growth**-Eastside Church

Atlanta-**Pastoral Resident for Youth and Children**-Northside Drive Baptist Church

Commerce-**Minister to Youth, Children, and Families**-First Baptist Church

Dunwoody-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church

Gainesville-**Minister to Youth**-First Baptist Church

Jefferson-**Minister of Children and Families**-First Baptist Church

Roswell-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church

KENTUCKY

Louisville-**Minister to Students**-St. Matthew's Baptist Church

MARYLAND

Annapolis-**Pastor**-Heritage Baptist Church

Baltimore-**Pastor**-University Baptist Church

MISSOURI

Kansas City-**Pastor**-Winnwood Baptist Church

Liberty-**Student Pastor**-Second Baptist Church

St. Joseph-**Minister of Youth and Family Spiritual Formation**-Wyatt Park Baptist Church

NEW YORK

New York City-**Director of Children and Families**-Riverside Church

New York City-**Minister of Justice, Advocacy, and Change**-Riverside Church

Rochester-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church

NORTH CAROLINA

Apex-**Minister of Outreach**-Woodhaven Baptist Church

Asheville-**Minister to Children and Families**-First Baptist Church

Asheville-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church

Ayden-**Pastor**-The Memorial Baptist Church

Charlotte-**Pastor**-Providence Baptist Church

Clayton-**Associate Pastor for Students and Outreach**-First Baptist Church

Eatonton-**Associate Pastor, Music and Family Ministries**-First Baptist Church

Hickory-**Minister of Music and Worship**-First Baptist Church

Laurinburg-**Minister of Students**-First Baptist Church

Lillington-**Pastor**-Lillington Baptist Church
Mt. Airy-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church
Reidsville-**Pastor**-Baptist Temple
Salisbury-**Pastor**-Neel Road Baptist Church
Whiteville-**Interim Pastor**-First Baptist Church
Wilkesboro-**Pastor**-Wilkesboro Baptist Church
Wilmington-**Church Administrator**-First Baptist Church
Winston-Salem-**Community Minister**-Northwest Baptist Church (part-time)

SOUTH CAROLINA

North Charleston-**Metanoia Fellow**-St. Matthews Baptist Church
Orangeburg-**Associate Pastor to Family and Students**-First Baptist Church

TENNESSEE

Johnson City-**Pastor**-Central Baptist Church
Knoxville-**Associate Director**-Operation In As Much
Memphis-**Associate Pastor, Families, Congregational Care**-Second Baptist Church
Sevierville-**Pastor**-Wears Valley Baptist Church

TEXAS

Andrews-**Associate Pastor for Adult Education**-First Baptist Church
Austin-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church
Castroville-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church
Corpus Christi-**Minister to Students**-Second Baptist Church
Dallas-**Minister of Music and Administration**-Cliff Temple Baptist Church
Dallas-**Pastor**-Royal Lane Baptist Church
Ft. Worth-**Pastor**-Agape Baptist Church
Ft. Worth-**Pastor**-Gambrell Street Baptist Church
Georgetown-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church
Georgetown-**Minister to High School Students**-Main Street Baptist Church
Houston-**Minister of Adult Ministries**-University Baptist Church
Hudson Oaks-**Pastor**-LakeShore Drive Baptist Church
Lufkin-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church
Mabank-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church
Marlin-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church
Midland-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church
Pasadena-**Minister of Youth and Education**-South Main Baptist Church
San Marcos-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church
Stephenville-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church

VIRGINIA

Danville-**Associate Pastor/University Chaplain**-West Main BC/Averett University
Fincastle-**Pastor**-Mill Creek Baptist Church
Henrico-**Pastor**-Bethlehem Baptist Church
Marion-**Pastor**-Marion Baptist Church
Martinsville-**Associate Pastor, Family Ministry & Education**-First Baptist Church
Martinsville-**Pastor**-Starling Avenue Baptist Church
McLean-**Minister of Spiritual Formation and Outreach**-McLean Baptist Church
Mechanicsville-**Associate Pastor/Minister of Worship**-Walnut Grove Baptist Church
Midlothian-**Preschool Director**-Winfree Memorial Baptist Church
Montpelier-**Pastor**-Western Hanover Church

Montross-**Pastor**-Nomini Baptist Church
Richmond-**Minister to Children**-Second Baptist Church
South Boston-**Pastor**-First Baptist Church
Staunton-**Minister to Families**-Memorial Baptist Church
Vinton-**Minister to Students and Activities**-Vinton Baptist Church

WASHINGTON DC

Pastor-Calvary Baptist Church

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Baptist Women in Ministry exists to be a catalyst in Baptist life, drawing together women and men, in partnership with God, to illuminate, advocate and nurture the gifts and graces of women.