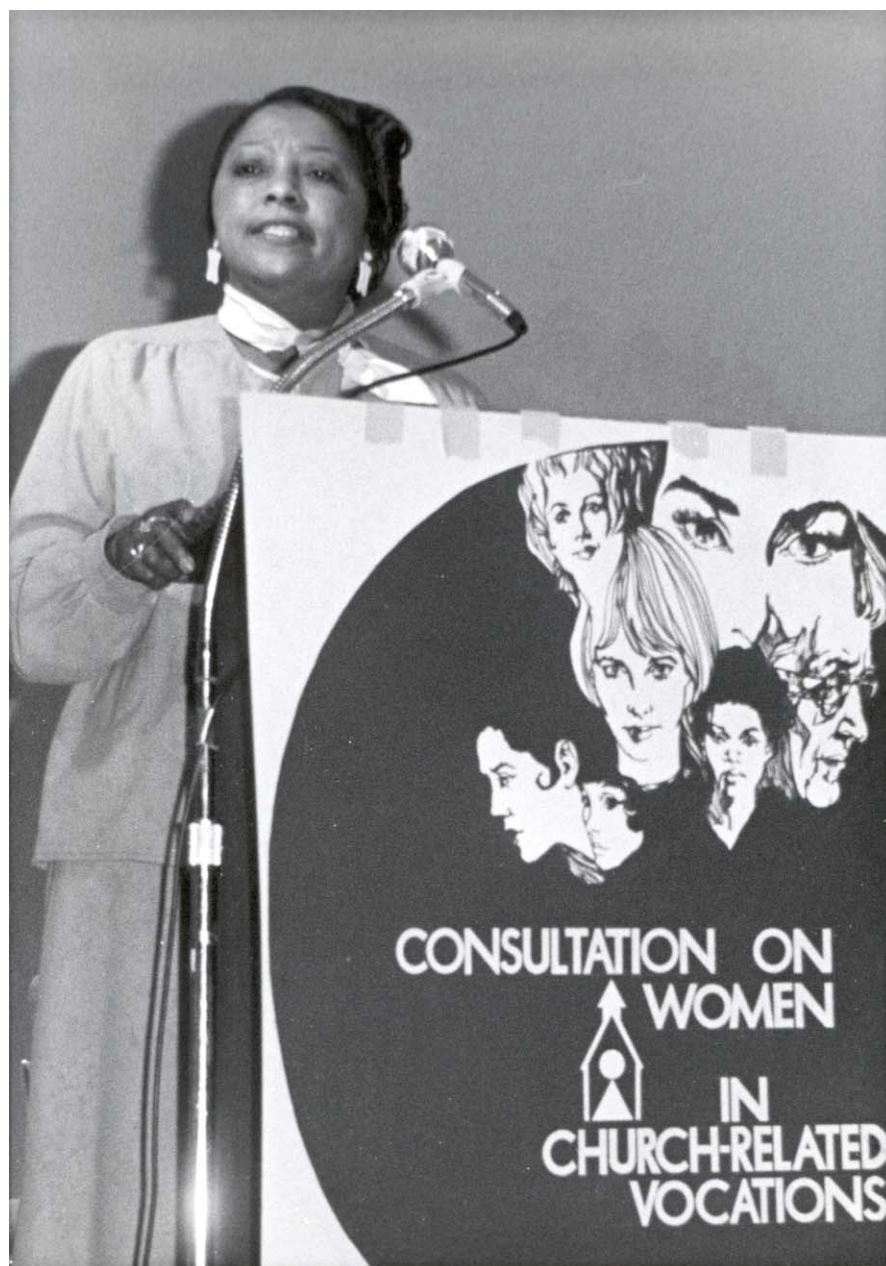


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I. Historical Sketch:

In its January 1977 meeting the Inter-Agency Council of the Southern Baptist Convention approved a project which came to be called "Consultation on Women in Church Related Vocations" (an original working title of Consultation on Women in Ministry was dropped soon after detailed planning began.) The project originated in the Missions Coordination sub-committee of the Inter-Agency Council. It was suggested in response to a discussion about how the mission agencies would respond to the rising number of women seeking employment with them.

Upon invitation from the chairman of the Missions Coordination Sub-Committee, the following Southern Baptist Convention Agencies became sponsors of the Consultation: Home Mission Board, Sunday School Board, Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood Commission, Foreign Mission Board, Christian Life Commission, Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Historical Commission, Radio and Television Commission, Southern Seminary and Southeastern Seminary. One representative of each of these agencies served as a steering committee. Sub-committees, staffed by sponsoring agencies, were appointed in the areas of; arrangements, program and research, findings, finance, publicity and publications.

The program committee in attempting to "define the situation" took a poll of women employees in Southern Baptist agencies. The survey results were made available in the publication of "Findings."

The conference was held September 20-22, 1978 in Nashville, Tennessee at the Baptist Sunday School Board. Approximately 300 persons participated in the conference.

II. Scope and Content:

The collection consists of 1 linear ft. of material that documents the planning of the conference. The material came several sources,

principally Bobbie Sorrill, chairperson of the Program and Research sub-committee, Johnni Johnson, chairperson of the Publicity and Publications sub-committee and Ron Tonks, representative for the Historical Commission.

The collection includes committee files, budget information, photographs, clippings, press releases, programs, minutes of the steering committee and sub-committees, copies of papers presented at the meeting and a copy of the Findings report.

The files are arranged alphabetically by folder title. The collection covers the years 1977-1979.

III. Manuscript Listing:

1. Anti-women material--Willel W. G. Reitzer
2. Background information
3. Bibliography
4. Budget and financial material, 1977-79
5. Clippings
6. Findings report (includes overview, papers presented at meeting, responses from audience and survey results)
7. Historical Commission correspondence, 1977-78
8. Papers and speeches presented
9. Photographs
10. Press Release and background data
11. Program and brochure
12. Program Committee Correspondence -Bobbie Sorrill, Oct. 1977-Aug. 1978
13. Program Committee Correspondence -Bobbie Sorrill, Sept. -Nov. 1978
14. Program Committee -Minutes/agendas
15. Publicity and Publications Committee -Biographical data on speakers
16. Publicity and Publication Committee material, Nov. 1977 - July, 1978.
17. Publicity and Publication Committee material, Aug.-Dec. 1978
18. Registrants for conference
19. Steering Committee minutes
20. Survey form for women employees of Southern Baptist Agencies
21. Woman's Missionary Union response to consultation
22. Work sheets