



CELEBRATING THE LIVES OF

Margaret Avison

Lillias Brown

Betty Ann Caldwell

Frances Cline

Thelma Dixon -
Murphy

Heather Gleeson

Nancy Fraser

Peggy Geddes

Marjorie Hannah

Enid Horning

Willa Kernen

Rolly MacLean

Noby Matsugu

Ruth McPhee

JungHee Park

Kay Pearson

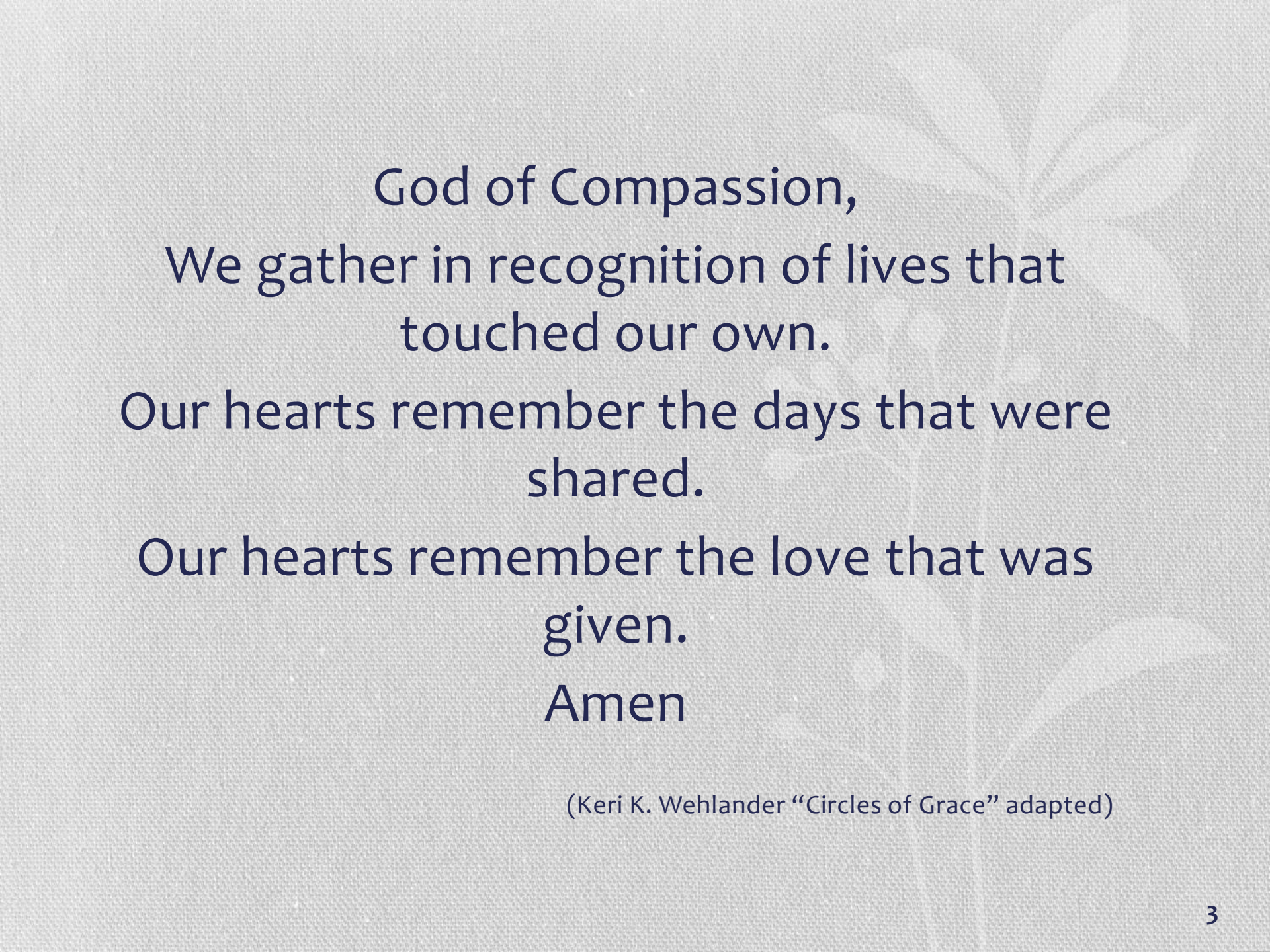
Daisy Rickard

Etta Snow

Laurie Ann Storing

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Remembering the diversity of diaconal ministries



God of Compassion,
We gather in recognition of lives that
touched our own.
Our hearts remember the days that were
shared.
Our hearts remember the love that was
given.
Amen

(Keri K. Wehlander “Circles of Grace” adapted)

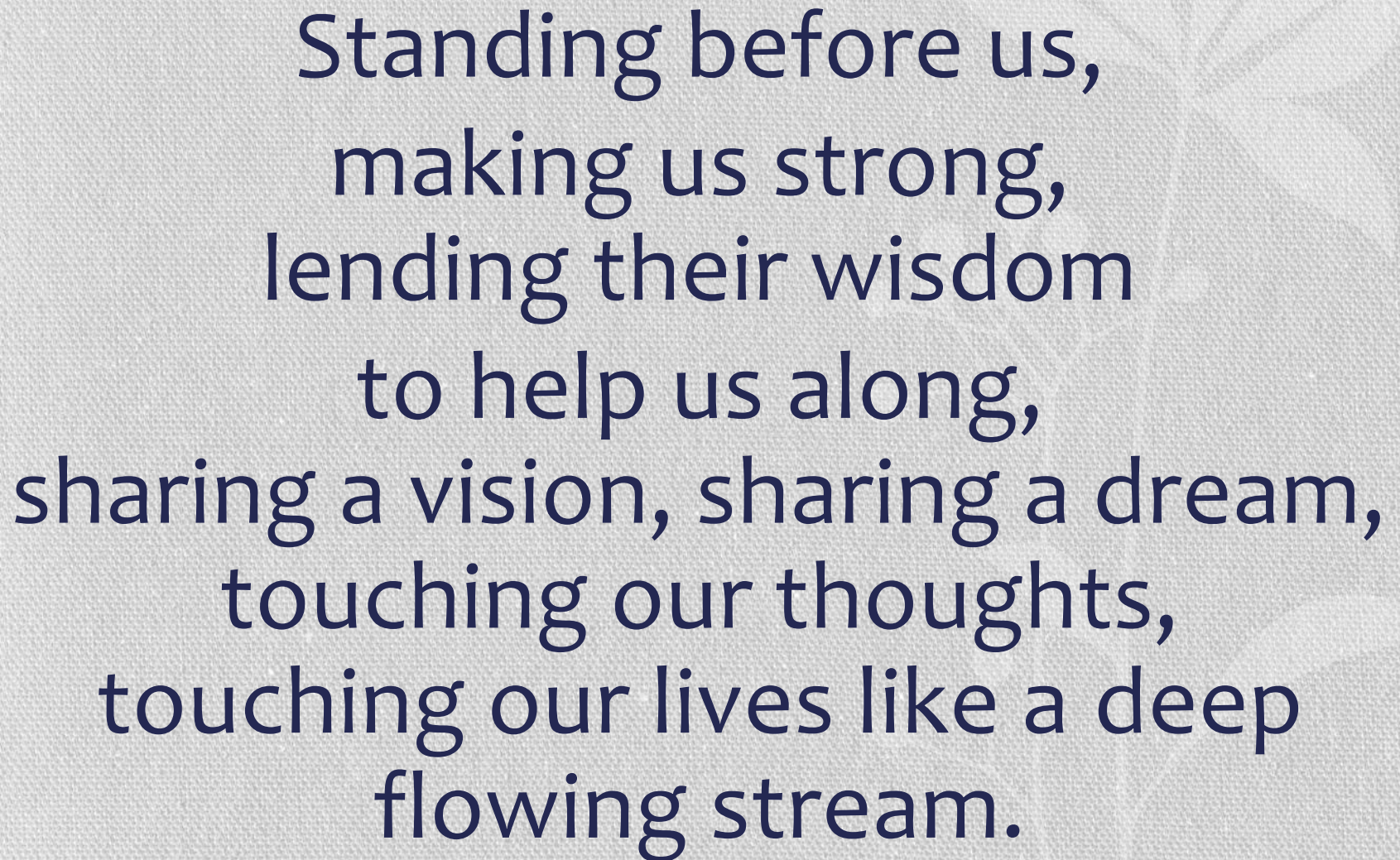
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Standing Before Us

By Carole Etzler

These are the women who
throughout the decades,
have led us and helped us to know,
where we have come from and
where we are going,
some women who've helped us to
grow.

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Standing before us,
making us strong,
lending their wisdom
to help us along,
sharing a vision, sharing a dream,
touching our thoughts,
touching our lives like a deep
flowing stream.



UCTS at 214
St. George Street

Thelma Dixon-Murphy

November 12, 1918

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January 26, 2015



UCTS 1947





1950年年度封面

创刊号

1950年7月,《人民画报》正式创刊,这本杂志从一开始就气派非凡——它采用了那个年代少见和珍贵的彩色胶片和精美的全彩印刷,由毛泽东亲笔题写刊名,常年直送党和国家领导、国务院。

60年来,只有刊物没有在此起彼伏。更为可贵的是,动荡,但《人民画报》60年间一直保持着其追求。



Lillias Brown

May 27, 1924

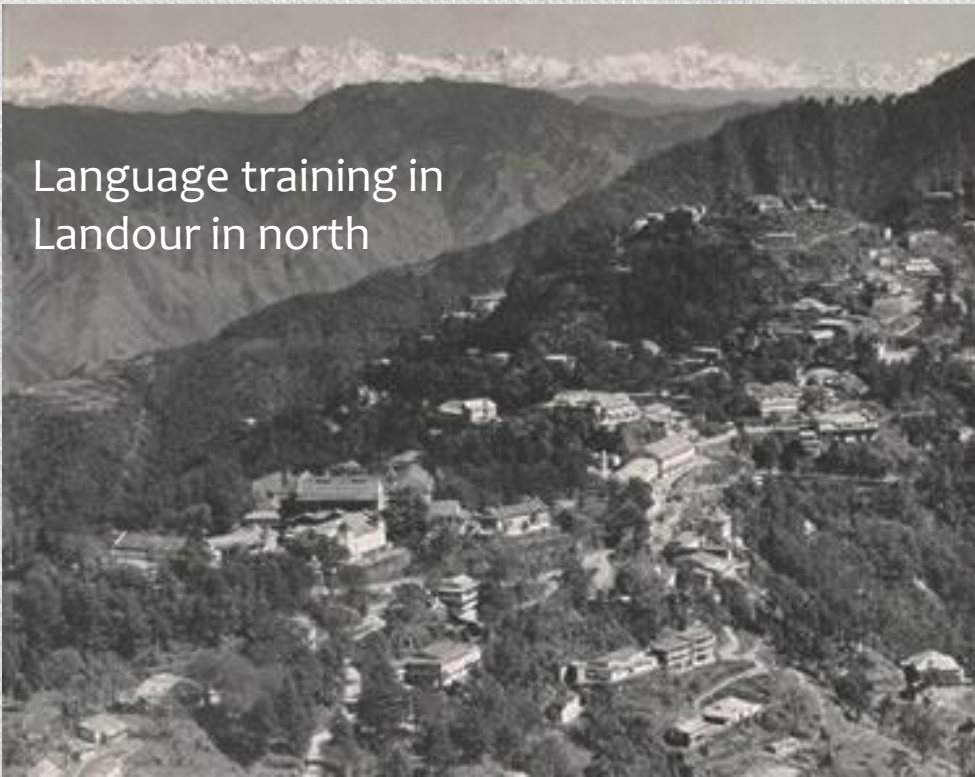
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August 30, 2015

UCTS 1951



Language training in
Landour in north

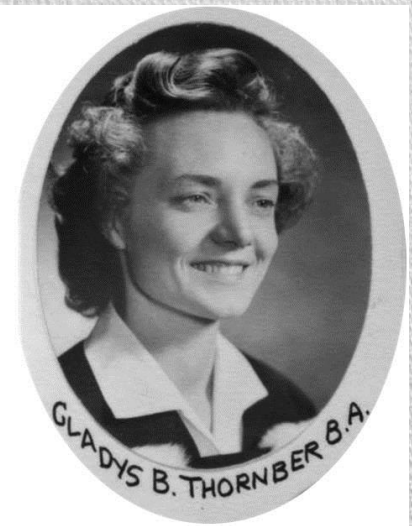


WMS Publication

Total Woman's Missionary Society Grant for India in 1954 \$175,991.50
Total Overseas Missions Board Grant for India in 1954 \$253,696.00

We have looked quickly at our secular and religious relationships with India. As we go into a closer consideration of the Christian community in India this year, let us ask ourselves - are we doing everything in our power to insure that all contacts and relationships between Canada and India shall be Christian.





The "Quints": 5 women from the UCTS class of 1950 went to Central India with the Woman's Missionary Society, where they joined 34 other WMS missionaries.

Frances (Taylor) CLine

July 18, 1922

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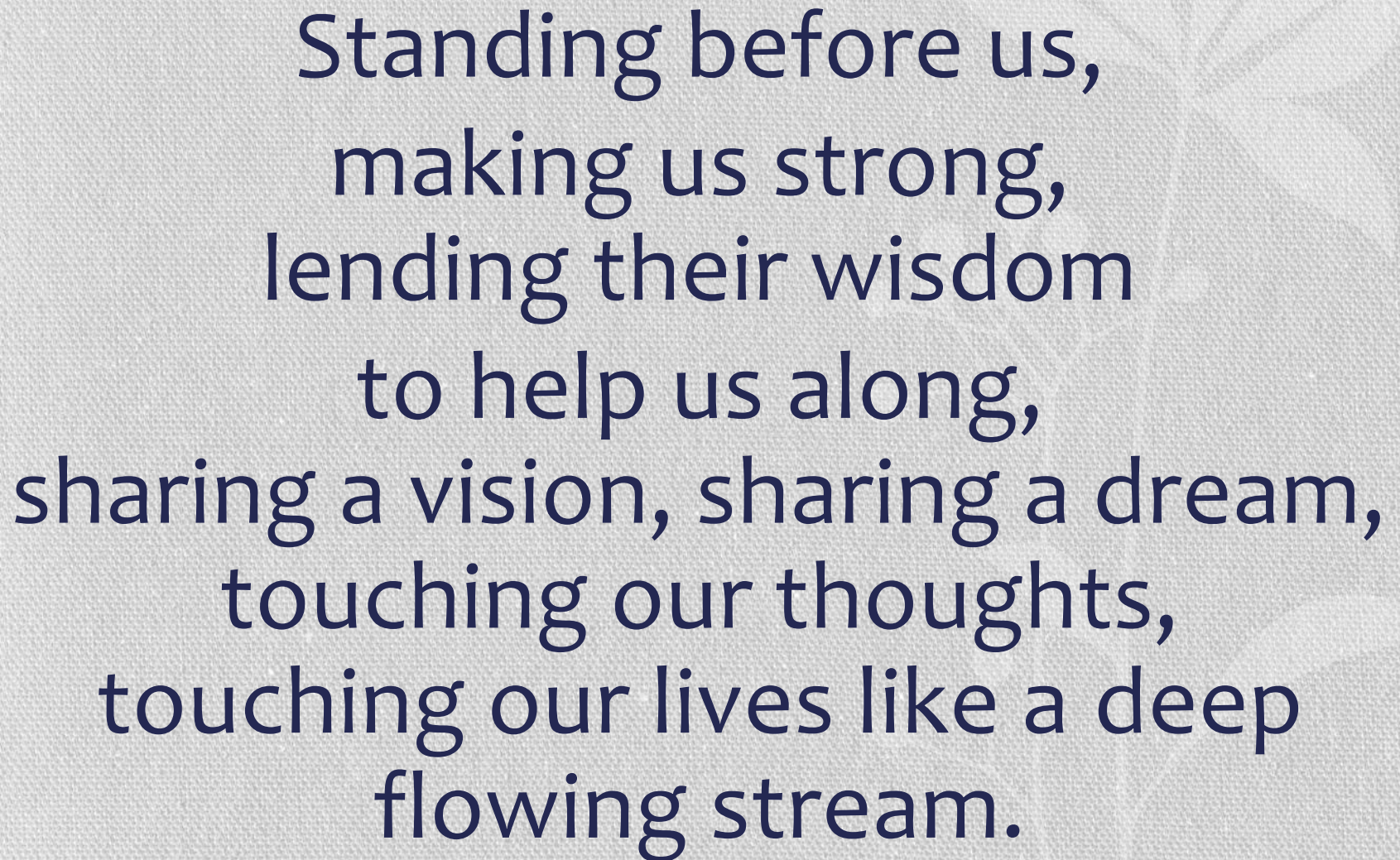
November 17, 2014

UCTS 1950



These are some women who
nurtured our spirits,
the ones on whom we could depend.
These are some women who gave us
their courage,
our sisters, our mothers, our friends.

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Some of the 1952 United Church Training School Graduates

United Church Observer Photo

Etta Snow

January 21, 1927

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March 29, 2016



UCTS 1952



1953 language
training in Portugal



Etta

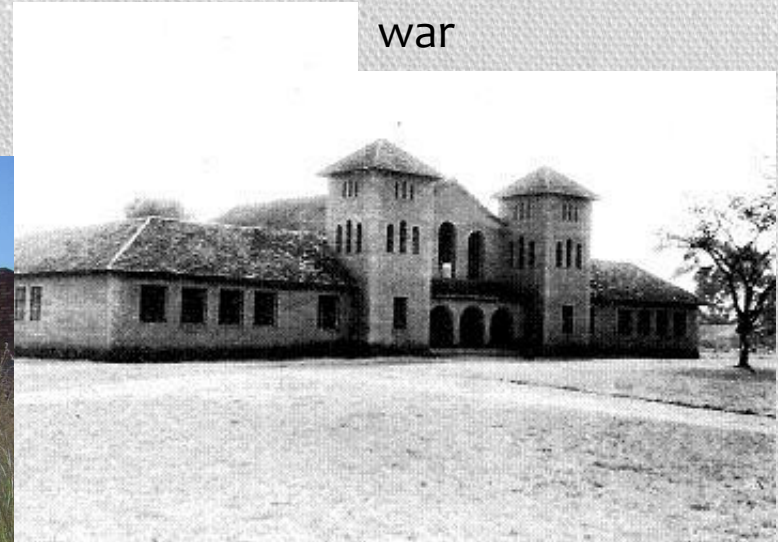


At UCTS 1950



Angolan
Missionaries
mid 1950s

Dondi Mission before civil war



Etta visited after war, here in 2009



Women's Association of Sumbe
welcoming song



Kay Pearson

December 29, 1927

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December 29, 2015



1982 at CCS
event



1999



At the front
Desk 1980s

Willa Kernen

August 7, 1926

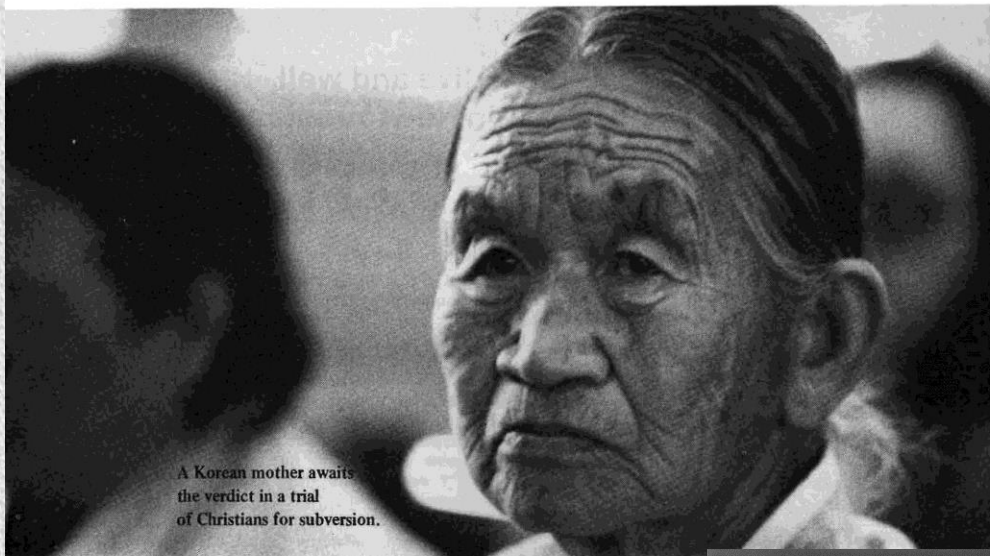
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December 7, 2015



UCTS 1953





A Korean mother awaits the verdict in a trial of Christians for subversion.



Student protests in Seoul

Korea's modern

By MARTIN BAILEY

Willa Kern is one of a group of Protestant and Roman Catholic missionaries in the Republic of Korea, including three others from The United Church of Canada, who want Christians to understand why they are involved in the struggle for human rights.

The group has been under pressure from fellow missionaries as well as from the government. But it believes that Christians are compelled by their faith "not only to point out evils (in the

social structure) but also to correct them". Its members have announced they are ready to accept whatever the penalty of their witness may be.

In recent months they have seen harsh penalties meted out to leading Korean Christians who were trying to hold on to what is left of their freedom. Four ministers were found guilty of using church money to help the families of political prisoners. One of them, general secretary of the National Council of Churches, was paroled two weeks after his sentence. There is no



many of the Christians who were being arrested for political offences. She also

Willa Kernan: missionary turns militant

"We were on the way to the church, where the funeral was to be held, when we came upon the prison hearse, with a crowd around it. We learned that the driver, heading for the funeral with the wife and daughter of the executed man, had suddenly received orders to take the body direct to a crematorium. The family was not to be allowed even to have its own funeral service!"

"We decided to protest this ultimate outrage to the limit of our strength. We stationed ourselves in front of the vehicle. A hundred or so riot police were dispatched to remove us. Of course we were no match for them, but we did hold it up for several hours."

"Finally, minus the body, we went on to hold the service, walking to the church singing 'We Shall Overcome'."

—Willa Kernan



UC Observer, 1975



Harriet
Christie

Jean
Hutchinson

Katharine
Hockin

Laying Cornerstone 77 Charles St.

Enid Horning

November 19, 1927

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September 22, 2015



UCTS 1954



2000



Some of the Missionaries in Japan in late 1950s: Enid Horning; Marjorie H. Yeadon; Margaret Trueman, RN; Gertrude Hamilton; Ruth Saunders, RN; Leona M. Douglas; Violet F. Langland Mair

Margaret Avison

January 20, 1931

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March 25, 2016



Covenant
College 1962





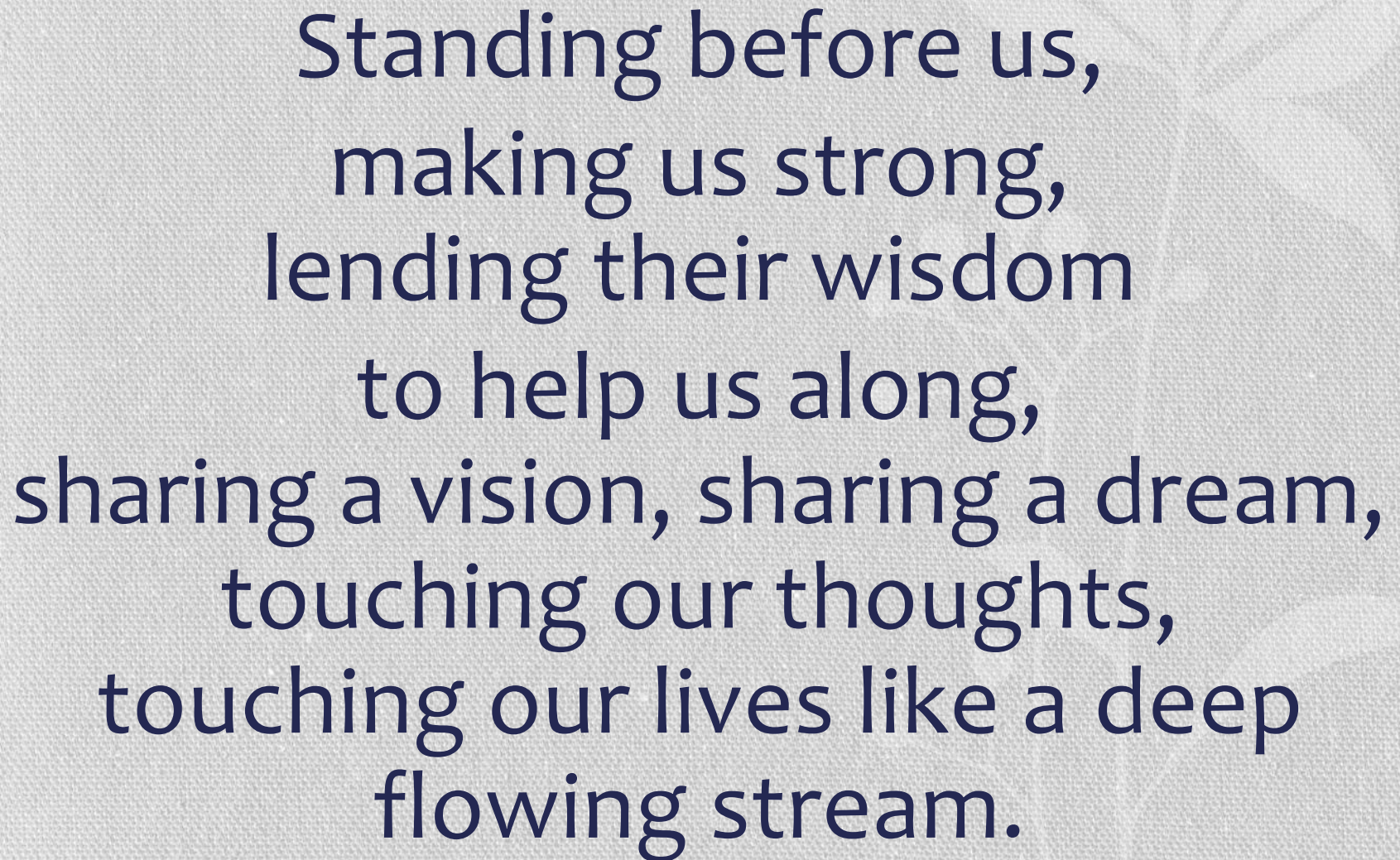
Helen (Moase) MacLean, Marj Yeadon,
Marg Avison on ship to Japan, 1953



Missionaries: Merrill Brown, Katherine
Greenbank, Marg Avison, Laura Derby with
Haruko Nakagawa and Mr. and Mrs. Ogasawara

These are some women who
joined in the struggle,
angry and gentle and wise.
These are some women who called
us to action,
who called us to open our eyes.

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Ruth McPhee

September 22, 1920

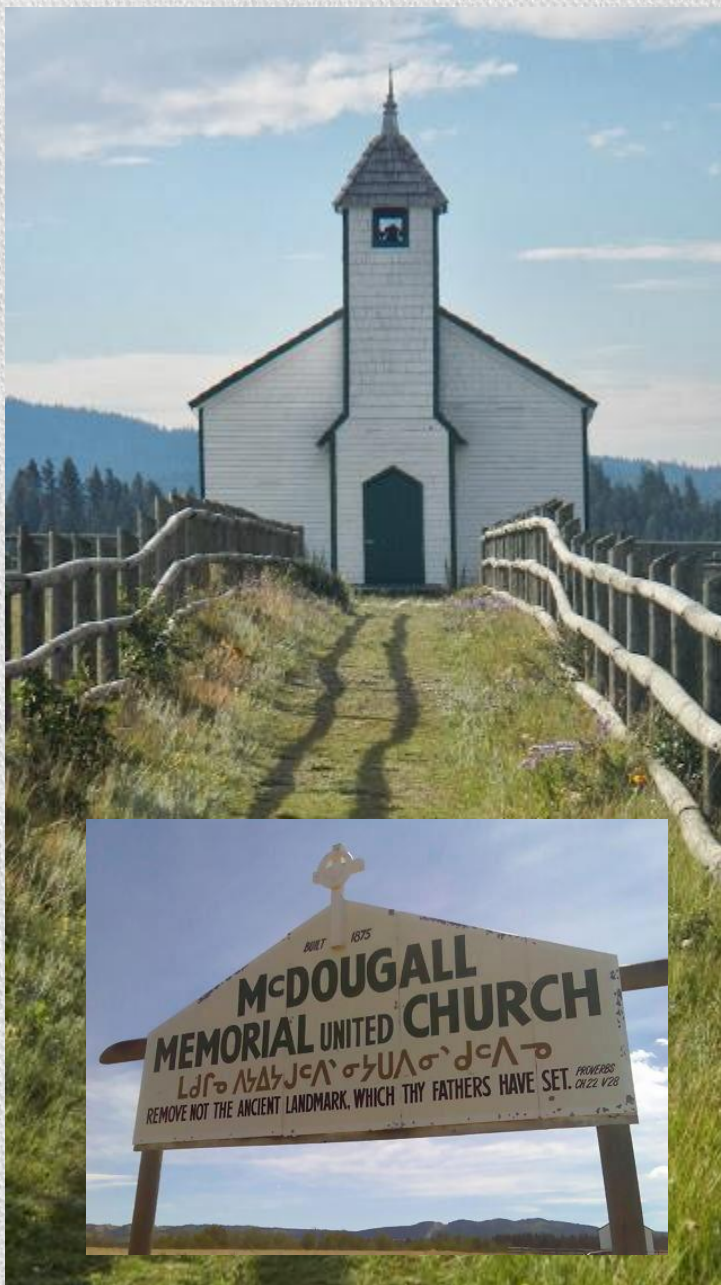
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May 25, 2016



UCTS 1954





Marjorie Hannah

May 2, 1923

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July 18, 2015





UCTS 77 Charles St. West opened 1955
Covenant College 1962; CCS 1969

Daisy Rickard

January 21, 1925

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September 25, 2015



UCTS 1959





Miss Rachel Philip (*left*), W.M.S. scholarship student from India and Miss Daisy Rickard, newly-appointed missionary to Stella Mission, Winnipeg.

PLE'S MISSION, WPG.

CHRISTMAS TABLEAU



STELLA AVE.

Betty Ann Caldwell

April 9, 1931

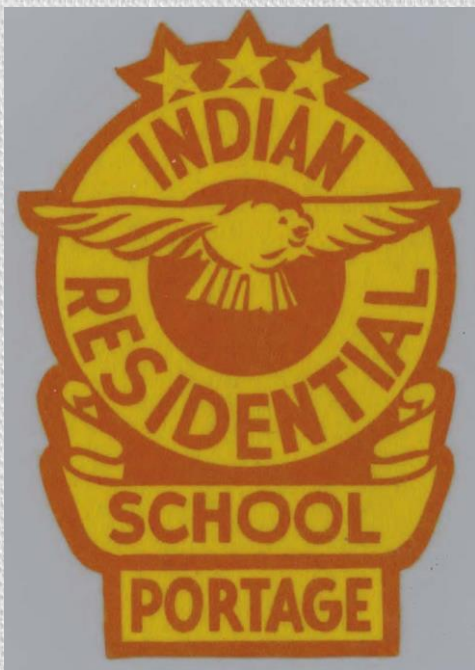
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July 22, 2015



UCTS 1960





Verna Betty Ann

Betty Ann tours deaconess Verna McKay through homework room at Portage School, 1964

United Church Archives - MBNWO

Noby (Sasaki) Matsugu

July 25, 1928

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January 12, 2017



Covenant
College 1962



Sasaki family in 1937 before forced to interior in 1942



Nuboko



Fisher River First Nation
Church and Manse

Camp Koyu in southern Ontario:
Toronto Nisei Congregation

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United Church

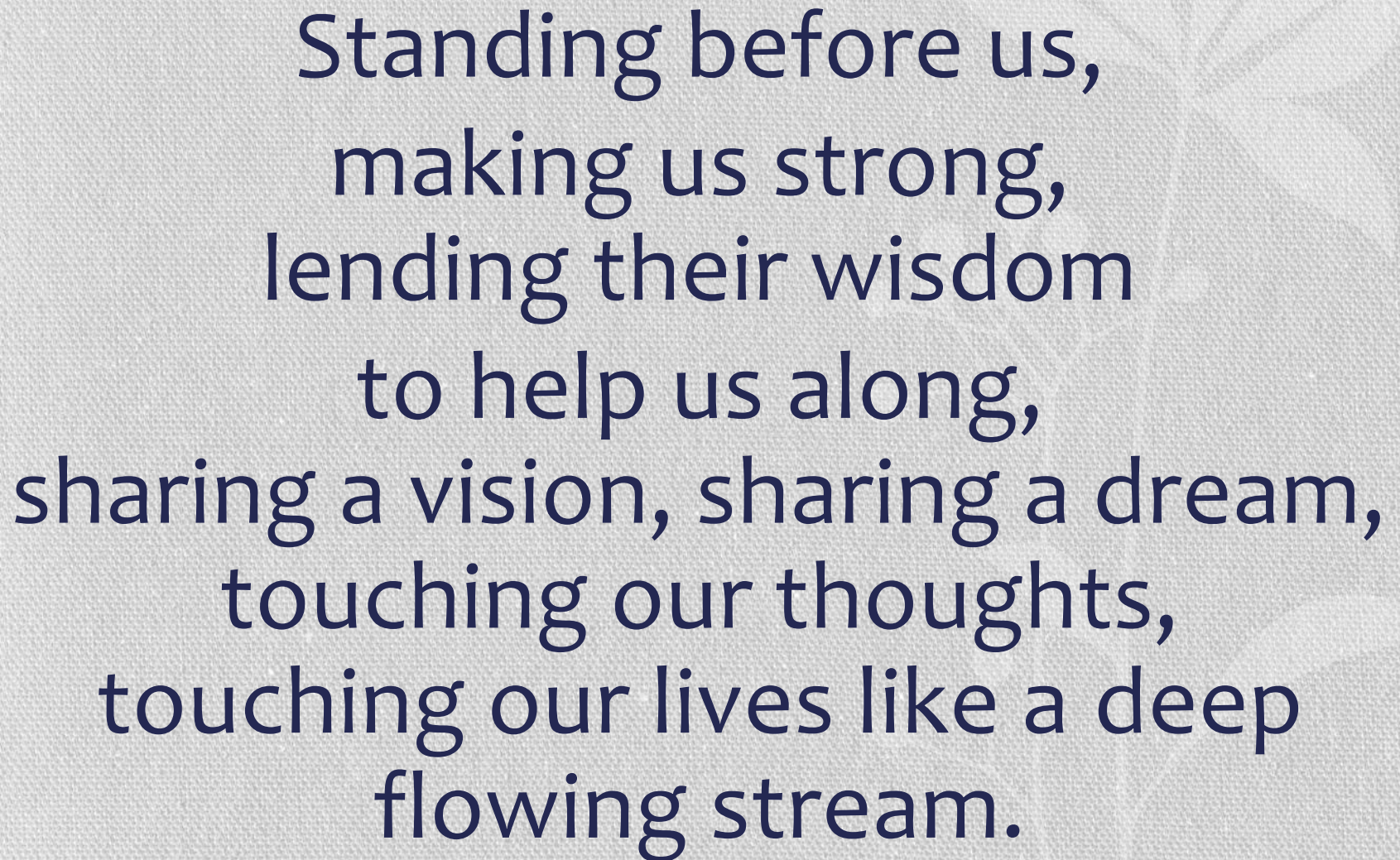


David Kai, Noby's nephew



These are some women, the
teachers, the mentors,
who tested the path out ahead.
These are some women who lived
out the gospel,
agents of faith in the world.

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Nancy Fraser

November 4, 1939

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June 2, 2016



Covenant
College 1965





Lori Crocker, Kay Dean, Nancy Fraser: Maritime Conference diaconal network members, 2007

Heather (Norman) Gleeson

June 12, 1938

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October 16, 2015



Marion Pardy



Covenant
College 1967

1967 international
students at
Covenant College



Peggy (Alston) (Campbell) Geddes

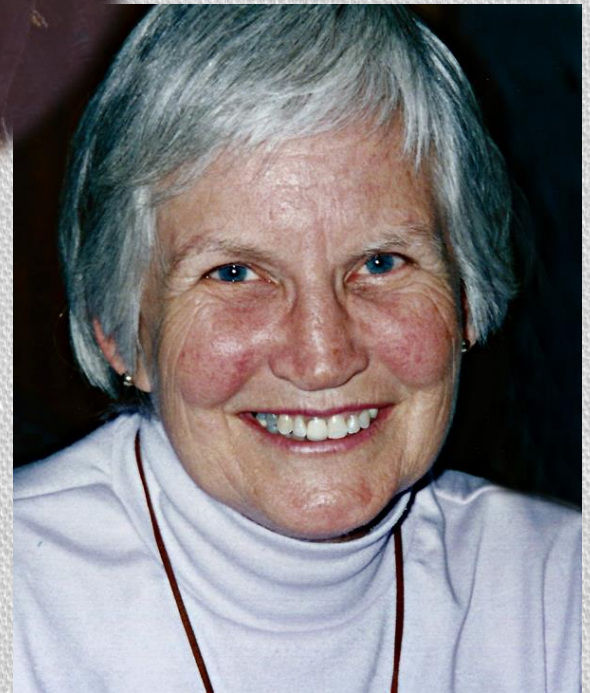
August 2, 1929

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At CCS 1979





Kingston 1976



Ministry On Mission's Cutting Edge

by Nancy Elizabeth Hardy

"We knew there wasn't enough money in Canada to pay what we were worth!"

Ferne Graham, one of the members of Saskatchewan Conference staff, looks back over 30 years of ministry in the United Church and recalls the heady days of the 1950s, when churches were bursting and educators like her were in great demand: "There was no way we could fill all the requests; we really started off feeling that we had a contribution to make to the life and work of the church. I think that's why we weren't concerned about things like low salaries."

Ferne is a member of the Order of Ministry in The United Church of Canada. She is a diaconal minister, one of about 250 women and men who have chosen to be commissioned to a ministry of Education, Service and Pastoral Care rather than an ordained ministry of Word and Sacrament. Ferne and others like her feel strongly committed to the diaconal ministry. But, their sense of commitment is sometimes frustrated by



Jane – Finch Community
Ministry

Woodsworth House 1998



Laurie Ann Storring

April 28, 1956

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March 28, 2015



CCS 2000



Class in 1998, Laurie Ann far right

Rolly MacLean

June 26, 1947

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March 19, 2016



CCS 2003



Bea Arnill

Catherine Gutjahr and Rolly in
Newfoundland



JungHee Park

November 29, 1964

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January 31, 2016

CCS 2005





Katharine
Hockin



Marion Pope

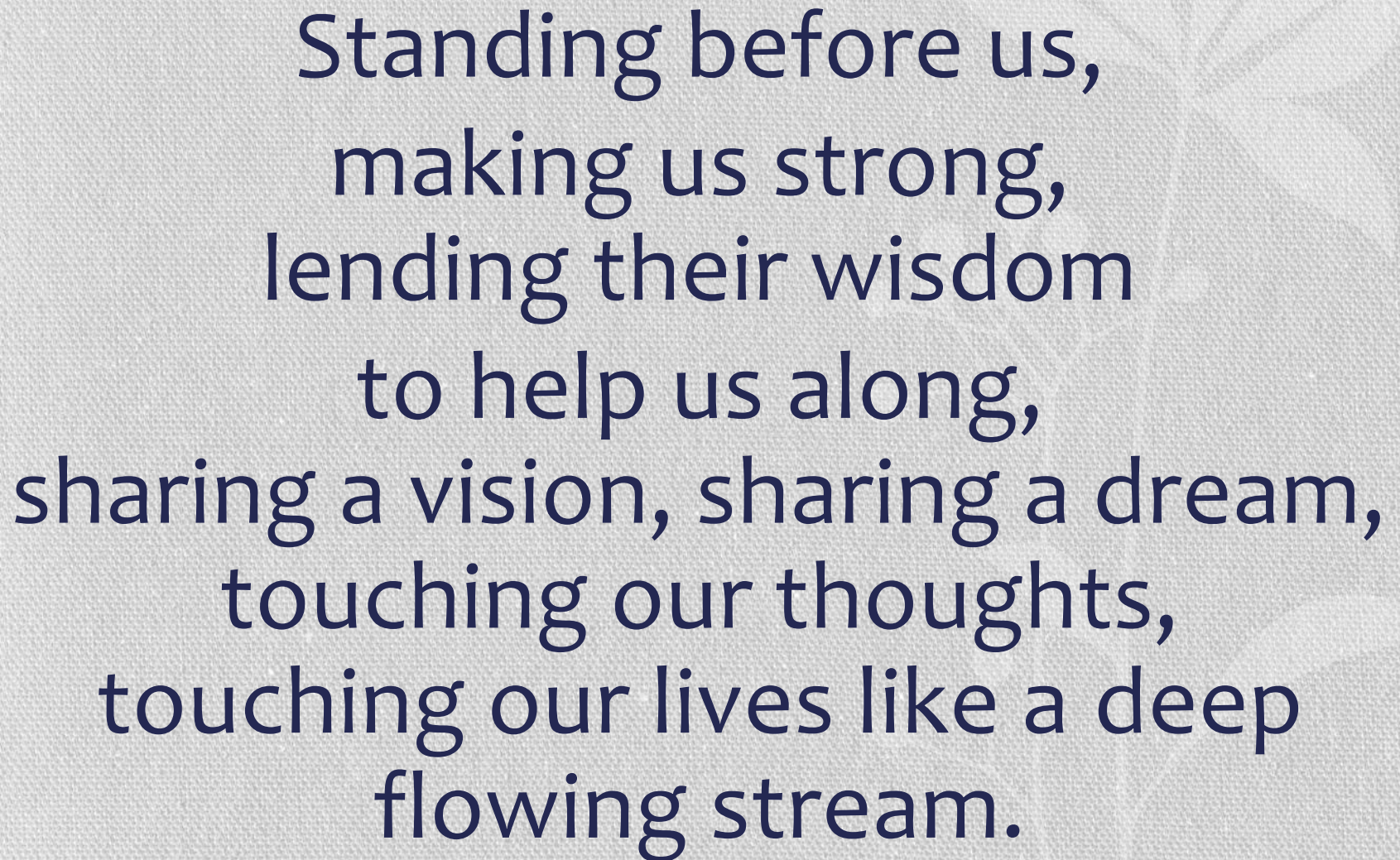


CCS 2002



These are a few of the
women who led us.
We know there have
been many more.
We name but a few,
yet we honor them all,
those women who went on before.

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Invitation to Prayer

God of Our Hope,
We hold these stories
With gentle hands:
Feeling their joy,
Learning their loss,
Knowing that together
Their stories are the stories
which create the meaning of our
community.

We share these stories
With full hearts:
Trusting this keeping of memory
Brings the goodness of God alive.
Amen.

(based on Keri K. Wehlander)

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Prepared by Lori Stewart and
Caryn Douglas. Many thanks to
the families and friends of those
remembered today for their
assistance.

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