



New women's resource premieres

Wisdom of Women – A new series of video interviews with Disciples Women from across the life of the church premiered at the 2010 Quadrennial Assembly. Touching on everything from how and when they heard a call on their lives to balancing wife, motherhood and career – nothing is off limits. Each interview will consist of 60 to 90 minutes of conversation and wisdom, edited into thirteen short 6 to 10 minute segments. A study guide with questions for reflection and conversation after each segment will be available as a free download at www.discipleswomen.org and will accompany each DVD. The cost for each interview session is \$29.95 and they have been designed to be used by women in any type of gathering. They may use it in groups, viewing one or more segments each week, followed by discussion. However you choose to use this new resource, your life will be enriched by hearing and reflecting on the *Wisdom of Women*.

Rev. Nancy Heimer, retired Program Director in the Department of Church Women (now renamed Office of Disciples Women) is the first interviewee in this new educational series. Hear her reflections on becoming a clergy woman in the 70s, the challenges of prioritizing and balancing motherhood, marriage and career, the challenges and gifts she encountered as she learned to

deal with losing her eyesight, and so much more.

“Working on *Wisdom of Women* encouraged me to not only review the experiences and people encountered along my life’s journey, but also to identify the insights which I had gained from them - insights which helped to form my faith and change my life.”

Nancy Heimer

First press run copies were sold in the QA Boutique. Participants who bought the *Wisdom of Women* DVD were also entitled to an additional gift – a complimentary copy of *In the Fullness of Time*. Nancy Heimer was on hand on Saturday, July 26, for a DVD and book signing. She shares, **“At QA I was excited and gratified by the enthusiasm which *Wisdom of Women* elicited as the women there, especially the younger women, not only began to apply a similar thought process to their own lives but were already exploring ways in which the DVD could be used with groups in their home congregations.”**

The *Wisdom of Women* Volume 1 DVD is available through the Office of Disciples Women. Contact odw@disciples.org or call 888-346-2631

Sister Share by Disciples Women

We had our first group viewing of the DVD with Nancy Heimer this a.m.. The women really enjoyed it and were moved by it. Our Pastor Lisa Smith remembered hosting Nancy and her husband when they visited Germany during Lisa and Steve's time there with Global Ministries. And Janice Seaman, also recognized Nancy from some event in our Region.

It is always a plus when we can make connections. I was very pleased to see our next presenter will be Melvia Fields, mother of Rev. Sharon Fields and a trustee of (my) our beloved Cane Ridge Shrine. It has been one of those warm fuzzy days with glimpses of things to come because of these who have gone before and for you who have had the vision to re-visit the process. I get the same feeling when I read B. W. Stone's bio in his own words through the foresight of Hoke Dickinson and Robert Steffer who edited the Cane Ridge Reader. I am not sure

why all this is coming together at this time but it has an air of rejuvenation reminiscent of Nehemiah and the rebuilding of the wall in Jerusalem.

As our beloved leader, Sharon Watkins, would say...See this new thing...! and I would respond with YES, it is both new and old coming together for now and the future.

Peace, Pat Bush, Hagerstown, MD

I am now a 74 year old great-grandmother. CWF has been truly a life saving resource for me. When Nancy Heimer was going to college in the 50s I was experiencing the CWF fellowship circle as a new wife and mother. The 1974 Quadrennial was a life changing event that is as real to me today as it was when I experienced it 30 plus years ago.



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