

From
SOUTHERN UNION WOMEN'S COMMISSION
to **SOUTHERN UNION WOMEN'S MINISTRIES**

**CONFERENCE WOMEN'S
 MINISTRIES DIRECTORS**
 1988 - Present

The conference directors who have served the women in their conferences and have also served as members of the Southern Union Executive Committee:

CAROLINA

Faye Haupt
 Sonja Eberhart
 Ann Pendleton
 Debbie Rapp
 Cindy Mercer
 Elizabeth Grisson

FLORIDA

Hazel Gordon
 Patricia Shanko
 Sheryal Vandenberghe
 Annie Perez

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND Evelyn

VandeVere
 Beverly Holweger
 Mary Jo Dubs
GULF STATES
 Ramona Greek
 Teri Haggerty
 Peggy Fisher
 Phyllis Eisele
 Janice Shipbaugh
 April Hobbs
 Cynthia Bush

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

Sarah Miller
 Sandy Powell
 Helen Boskind
 Gail McKenzie

SOUTH ATLANTIC

Deborah Harris
 Carolyn Hinson
 Sylvia Wilson
 Rosia Parker

SOUTH CENTRAL

Laura Smith
 Shirley Scott
 Sonia Paul

SOUTHEASTERN

Vanessa Melton
 Nicolle Brise'
 Mithra Williams

God's Spirit continues to hover over Women's Ministries.

1980's

- 1984** • Dr. Norwida Marshall served as first SU Women's Commissioner.
- 1988** • One-day Women's Symposium held in Atlanta in April.
 - First meeting of the Southern Union Women's Commission and Women's Town Hall Meeting at Collegedale, Tennessee, in October.
- 1989** • Christian Women's Retreats initiated in the Southern Union.

1990's

- 1990** • Work of the Women's Commission was completed.
 - North American Division created an Office of Women's Ministries. Dr. Ramona Greek from the Southern Union was appointed as assistant director.
- 1991** • Title of Women's Commission changed to Women's Ministries. Title given those in leadership was Women's Ministries Director.
- 1993** • Abuse Awareness Seminars for local churches.
 - Women's Ministries leaders trained during Union-wide Church Ministries Convention.
 - First issue of new women's magazine, *Women of Spirit*, featured Southern Union women in an article.
- 1995** • "Year of the Adventist Woman" focused on women in ministry, helping women in abusive situations, and those in need of literacy.
 - Women's Ministries voted full departmental status at the General Conference session in Utrecht, The Netherlands.
- 1997** • Union director participated in producing an ACN Training broadcast and video.
- 1998** • Southern Union directors participated in the first NAD WM Conference in Toronto, Canada.

SOUTHERN UNION WOMEN'S MINISTRIES COMMISSIONERS AND DIRECTORS



Norwida Marshall*
 1984 -1986



Rosa Taylor Banks*
 1986-1988



Ramona Perez Greek*
 1988-1990



Evelyn VandeVere
 1990-1997



Ann Pendleton
 1997-2003



Laura Smith
 2003-2018



Shirley Scott
 2018-Present

* Commissioner

2000's

- 2000** • Sponsored a Southern Union Women's Leadership Retreat, Nashville, TN.
- 2002** • Sponsored a Southern Union Women's Ministries Convention, Park Vista Hotel, Gatlinburg, TN.
- 2006** • Co-sponsored and conducted GC WM Leadership Training for Georgia-Cumberland leaders through 2008.
- 2007** • Contributed financially to an orphanage in Africa "Reaching Hearts 4 Kids."
 - Hosted a Southern High Tea for NAD WM Executive Committee, Louisville, KY.
- 2008** • Sponsored the Southern Union Women's Conference in Atlanta, GA. Major focus: "God In Shoes" Community Outreach.
- 2013** • Sponsored the "Charleston for Christ" evangelistic meeting.
 - Sponsored the SU Women's Conference in Charleston, SC.
- 2018** • Sponsored CONNECTIONS-A Convention for Women in Chattanooga, TN.

1984-2018

SUWC ADVISORS AND ASSISTANTS



Hazel Gordon
 1990-2003



Cheryl Retzer
 2003-2012



Yolanda Smith
 Advisor
 2012-present



Barbara Pierce
 Secretary
 1990-2008



Lessie Scurry
 Executive Asst.
 2008-Present

