
Vocational Opportunities for Women

Afforded by

The United Church of Canada

In Canada, Newfoundland, Africa, West China, India and Trinidad.

After the war, in North and South China, Korea
and, we hope, in Japan.

THE WORLD IS FACING A CRISIS unprecedented in history. To meet the problems of our day all moral and spiritual resources must be called upon. As Canada endeavours to establish her national life upon enduring foundations, she looks to the Church to play a central role. Here, as in every other sphere, women must accept a greater share of responsibility.

The Church recognizes no geographical frontiers. Because of her very nature special responsibilities rest with her for reconstruction and reconciliation, in Canada and throughout the world. For this task The United Church of Canada seeks to enlist and train a large number of young women.

The Vocational Opportunities listed below should all be viewed as an integral part of the task of the Church in Evangelism, Christian Nurture, and the promotion of Human Well-being. The different types of work are in many cases overlapping and interdependent.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR DOCTORS

In frontier hospitals in Canada.

In our overseas fields qualified medical women find exceptional opportunities in Hospitals, Colleges, and Public Health Services. The training of doctors and nurses is an important part of their work.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR NURSES

In frontier hospitals in Canada, varying from outpost units to 75-bed hospitals. Superintendents and staff nurses are needed.

In our overseas fields, Hospital Administration, Nurses' Training Schools, Public Health and Rural Nursing Services are the chief fields of work.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR OTHER MEDICAL WORKERS

There are a few openings for Dietitians, Occupational Therapists and Physio-Therapists.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEACHERS

In Canada a limited number of Public School Teachers are employed in Indian Schools; and in Japanese Relocation Centres a few High School Teachers, temporarily.

In our overseas fields a large number of educationists are required as Supervisors of Kindergartens, Nursery Schools, Primary and Village Schools; as Teachers, and in a few cases as Principals in Girls' Schools, Vocational Schools, Normal Schools, Women's Colleges, and Universities (co-educational). The western teacher is especially needed for Religious Education, English, Household Economics, Education and Music. Adult Education claims organizers and teachers.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROUP WORKERS

In Canada a major vocation for women in the Church is found in its programme of Christian Education—in Children's Work, Girls' Work, Young People's Work, and Women's Work. Bible Classes, Daily Vacation Bible Schools, Religious Education in Schools, Camps, Summer Conferences, Leadership Training, the organizing and supervising of Sunday Schools, Parent Education, Education for Home and Family Life, all enter into this programme.

Business Women, Teachers, and University Graduates without professional training having ability in group leadership, should consider the following positions within the Church:

Assistants to Ministers and **Directors of Religious Education** in city churches,

Community Workers among Canadians of Anglo-Saxon and non-Anglo-Saxon origin, European and Oriental,

Secretaries for Children's, Girls', and Young People's Work, Provincial and National.

In our overseas fields in the more developed churches there is work similar to that in Canada. Work is constantly being opened up with groups not yet Christian.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOCIAL WORKERS

In Canada workers are needed in downtown churches and city missions and in Social Service institutions, such as Orphanages, School-Homes for delinquent girls, Homes for unmarried mothers, etc.

Overseas, in Younger Churches, social workers help in relief and reconstruction, and aid in training Christian young people in social work.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WRITERS

The Church in Canada employs women with literary gifts for writing Sunday School lessons, stories and other programme material, also in editorial work on Church papers and periodicals.

The Christian Literature Societies of China and India require writers; they will be required later in Africa, Korea, and possibly, in Japan.

CATEGORIES OF WOMEN WORKERS IN THE UNITED CHURCH

Ministers. Since 1936 the ordained ministry of the United Church has been open to women. They assume full responsibility for preaching and pastoral work in self-supporting and mission charges in Canada, and serve as missionaries overseas.

Missionaries. Women (and men) appointed to serve at home and overseas under the Mission Boards are commissioned by the Church as Missionaries.

Deaconesses. Women who have fulfilled the requirements of the Deaconess Order are designated by the Church as Deaconesses. Much of the Social Work which in modern times is done through Social Agencies was formerly done by Deaconesses. Today, Church Social Work being more limited, Deaconesses have broadened their field of activity to include Community Leadership, Religious Education, and Secretarial Work in the Church.

Other Workers. Many qualified women serve the Church in special positions, for example—Executive and Field Secretaries, War-Time Workers, and Assistants to the Chaplains in the Army.

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA EMPLOYS at the present time approximately 450 women, about 350 in Canada, and 100 overseas. This represents a greatly reduced programme which must be extended immediately. The minimum requirement will be from 30 to 40 new workers a year.

EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS. Good academic standing, preferably a University degree, together with standard professional training in special fields, such as nursing and teaching; professional experience; and at least one year of training for Church work, except in the case of doctors. Young women are urged to seek advice early in regard to preparation.

CHURCH TRAINING. Workers other than Ministers and Medical Doctors are trained at the United Church Training School, 214 St. George Street, Toronto 5. Principal—Miss Gertrude L. Rutherford, B.A., B.D.

Ministers are trained in the Theological Colleges of the Church. Those interested should seek the advice of a minister.

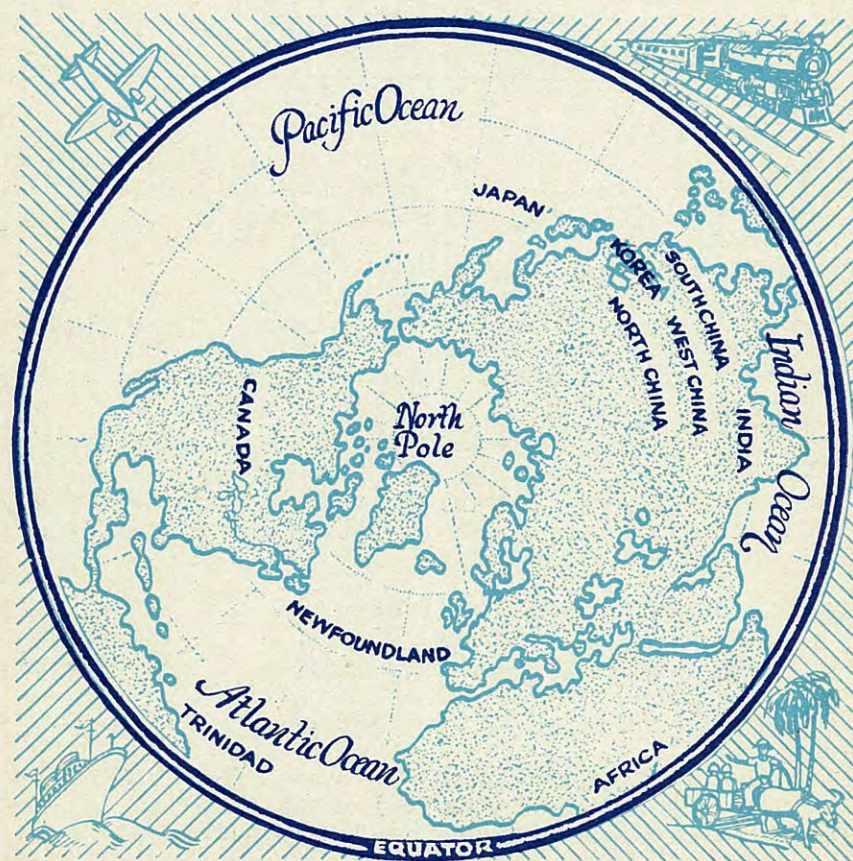
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The Church Needs Young Women For Full Time Service



In Canada and Overseas