

# What do they do?



**W**hat are the opportunities for women workers in the Church? What type of women choose this vocation? What do they accomplish? Here are direct answers not from theory but from life. This folder contains visual evidence, as well as a brief survey of the work actually being accomplished. The pictures reveal the splendid type of women volunteering for this opportunity. Our hope is that these pages will inspire others to do likewise.

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**1. Margaret Brown**, from the Diocese of Los Angeles and a 1942 graduate of St. Margaret's House, had "the rare privilege of helping to establish a new mission" in a war industry area. Now, as director of the diocesan department of Christian education in Los Angeles, she plans institutes, maintains a curriculum library, promotes religious education in many forms.



**2. Jessie Hunter** went from the New York Training School for Deaconesses (St. Faith's) to do rural and community work around Lovelock, Nevada. This included Church School, visiting in the homes, daily vacation Bible school in the summer, and special work with the Indians. Recognizing this effectual Church worker, Northern Indiana, from which she had originally come, asked her to carry diocesan responsibility in religious education.



**3. Letitia Croom** came to Windham House, New York, from Florida State College wanting to prepare for college work, but two years of study plus summer field experience made her change to domestic missions. Now she is doing rural work in West Missouri, around Parkville. It is said that her Southern charm and real ability are adding to the Church's work in that area.





**4. Agnes Hickson** from the Diocese of South Carolina, is a 1943 Philadelphia Divinity School graduate. Before coming to Philadelphia she served for several years as missionary among rural families in North Dakota. Later she was a parish director of Christian education in South Carolina and Louisiana. She is now on the faculty of St. Margaret's House, Berkeley.

**9. Frances Young** (below left) cannot escape being called one of the outstanding professional women Church workers for she is just that, having started out, after Pembroke College and Windham House, as a Christian educator in parish work, as diocesan worker to California, on the staff of the Department of Christian Education of the National Council, and now by popular request back to her original Baltimore parish.

**10. Church work is the most thrilling vocation in the world!** writes Deaconess **Edith A. Booth** of Southwestern Virginia and a graduate of the New York Training School for Deaconesses. Her devotion and zeal initiated a Sunday School in a mountain home and



nourished its growth into a full-fledged mission. Now she directs the Handicraft Guild of the diocese and collaborates with Deaconess Amelia Brereton, another St. Faith's graduate, at St. Paul's Mission, Amherst.



**5. Esther Klein** was in the class of 1906 at the Philadelphia Training School. For the past fifteen years she has served at St. Agnes' House, Philadelphia, in charge of groups of young people in clubs and classes. She has increasingly become their friend and counsellor as they drop in to visit. Miss Klein also has been the teacher of a boys class at Holy Nativity Church for many years.

**11. Deaconess Marian Brown's** mission to the Navajo Indians has been continuous since her graduation from the Philadelphia Training School in 1931. Through patient teaching and evangelistic work she has interpreted the loving heavenly Father, the Saviour, and the Church to the Indian People. Adults and children gather to hear stories, and children beg for games as soon as her car stops. She is known and loved in the Navajo Missions in Arizona and New Mexico.

**12.** At a youth conference in New Hampshire, **Carman Wolff** heard a missionary talk and decided to become a missionary to China. All during college, Western in Oxford, Ohio, this call persisted, and after teaching a year, she entered Windham House, finished her master's degree at Columbia, and went to teach at St. Hilda's School, Wuchang where she hopes to spend her life.



**6. Kathryn Bryan**, dynamic, gay, brilliant, from Memphis, Tenn., and Le Moyne College, never dreamed, when she entered Windham House, that she would go to Haiti as a missionary. But there she already has spent a year, learning French, writing curriculum, teaching Christian education in the seminary, visiting homes in isolated rural areas, doing all the diverse things connected with teaching the Faith.



**7. Marianne Micks**, completing her first year as college worker at St. John's, Northampton, Mass., should do exceptional work as she herself was a skeptic during college, and it was through the same parish that her skepticism was turned into faith. After two years at Windham House, she is now back at her alma mater where her earlier honors in curricular and extra-curricular activities had already won the respect of all.



**8. St. Margaret's House** claims **Virginia Gesner** from Connecticut as one of its former students. She worked for several years with the Indians, in parishes, and in the rural field before taking formal training. Now in Idaho she has a part in vacation schools, the building and maintaining of missions, and the joy of work with the isolated.





**13.** Love of people and more particularly love of children has led Deaconess **Hilda Dieterly** from one position of responsibility to another after her training at St. Faith's. Following a wide variety of institutional, parochial, and missionary experience, she now is head of the House of the Good Shepherd in Utica, N. Y.

**14.** The parish of St. Paul's, Oakland, is bemoaning the departure of their director of Christian education. **Gretchen Claudius**, a 1948 graduate of St. Margaret's House, is now Mrs. Milton McWilliams. As a minister's wife, Gretchen will continue to train teachers, lead Y.P. groups, and help with the Church School.

**17.** **Louise Gehan** always has been active in the life of the Church. After attending Florida State College, she took her training at St. Margaret's House. Her first job in 1940 took her into small rural parishes and missions in Florida. She is now serving as college worker in Columbia, Mo.

**18.** **Mary Louise Villaret** is diocesan director of Christian education in West Texas. Prepared for Church work at Windham House, she not only has her bachelor's and master's degrees, but also, a law degree. During the war she was a Marine officer.





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**15. Helen Skiles** set forth for Japan a month after her graduation from the Philadelphia Training School. The war forced her to return to America where she studied at Windham House and worked in a mission and later a parish. Returning to Japan in 1947, she now carries on again at the House of Light, near Kyoto.

**16.** The lack of a college education could not keep **Helene Schnurbush** out of Church work. Being chairman of the National Youth Commission convinced her of the need for trained leadership, so she worked her way through Boston University, took two years at Windham House, and is now student worker at Oregon State.

**19. Elda J. Smith,** recently returned after ten years in Wuhu, China, has been reassigned to work in Honolulu, where she will continue to use the training she received at the New York Training School for Deaconesses.

**20. Elizabeth Rhea,** daughter of the Bishop of Idaho, worked as a parish director of Christian education for six years after graduating from St. Margaret's House in 1941. In 1946 she went to the National Council to serve in the Home Department. She is now assistant secretary in the Division of Town and Country.



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