



Nazarene Women and Religion

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and related materials

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FOREWORD

The involvement of women clergy was a defining characteristic of the early Church of the Nazarene. It is my hope that the vision and sacrifice of past female leaders will inspire and motivate Nazarene women to consider the call to full-time ministry. May this booklet be a valued resource to all women in the church, and also to church administrators and theological educators.

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*W*e sometimes go into the hovels of poverty and wretchedness where there is sickness and distress, and children unkempt and dirty, ministering to them in their temporal needs. We often times break down the barriers and are enabled to reach hearts.

We esteem it a blessed privilege to be workers together with Him who said in His word: "If a brother or sister be naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body: what doth it profit?"

*Our manifold duties become pleasures under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost.**

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Ora Lovelace



Myrtle Mangum (far left), Sela Hargrove (third from left), and other missionaries in India, including the L.S. Tracy family.

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Mary Scott

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Jane Sharpe



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