Preaching Motherhood and Womanhood from the Christian Pulpit: Information Dissemination and Use.

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Abstract:
The sermons clergy preach every Sunday can provide tremendous insight into current religious thinking about motherhood and womanhood. A database of sermons preached by clergy from a sample of Christian churches in the United States was searched for sermons given on Mother's Day 2014. A grounded theory approach explored how clergy framed these constructs. Results show that although clergy
tend to frame these concepts in stereotypical ways, there is great complexity in how this is done. Clergy use a variety of information sources to preach on the roles of women and mothers, providing insight into the very construction of these roles.

Authors: SHAIKH, KHANUM
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Abstract: The focus of this paper is Al-Huda International, a Pakistan-based Sunni Muslim women's organization working to bring about social reform through women's religious education. Created and led by urban,
upper-class Pakistani women, Al-Huda approaches religious interpretation and praxis in a way that challenges that of the male ulema (religious scholars) who have historically exercised a monopoly over the production and dissemination of religious knowledge in Pakistan. Al-Huda advances a model of piety that casts women as moral religious actors anchored in, but not confined to, their domestic roles and invested in building religious educated families and communities. The group has gained unprecedented popularity among urban Pakistani women, influencing the ways that women practice and participate in religious discourse in everyday life. Due precisely to its influence, the group has become a subject of intense scrutiny from different segments of society. In 2005 the founder of the organization, Dr. Farhat Hashmi, moved to Mississauga, Ontario, Canada to establish a branch of Al-Huda for diasporic Muslim women. In the months that followed, staunch critiques from self-identified progressive Canadian Muslim activists began to emerge and circulate, critiques that represent Hashmi's model of Muslim womanhood as detrimental and potentially dangerous to Canadian values. Employing a transnational feminist framework, I examine how the subject of Al-Huda and her presumed relation to the domestic is configured and reconfigured in narratives of the Pakistani ulema and narratives of prominent progressive Muslim activists in Canada. My analysis of these narratives reveals the anxieties that surface and crystallize around the figure of the Al-Huda woman when analyzed against the hegemonies of nation, class, race, gender, and religion in two very different national contexts, Pakistan and Canada.

Gender historians of South Asia have traced the constitutive role of religion and gender in British colonial rule in India. This article traces those legacies into the postcolonial era. To do so, I employ close reading and interpretation of legislative debates over Hindu religious law from the colonial to the postcolonial period. I find that, as the terms of the debates shifted from religion to gender, the (gendered and religious) colonial civilising mission came to manifest itself as a (gendered and religious) postcolonial 'modernising' mission after Indian independence. In both periods, ‘modernity’ manifested as a gendered and religious horizon, always receding but never reached by the Indian state. Where the British colonial state held that Indians were unfit to govern themselves because of the degraded status of ‘their’ women, the Indian postcolonial state seeks to prove its fitness to govern by continuing to try to improve the status of ‘its own’ women, even if it does so only on paper.

Authors: Browder, Dorothea1
26p.
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Subject Terms:
*WORKING class women
*HISTORY
*WOMEN employees
*YOUNG Women's Christian associations
*WOMEN'S societies & clubs
*EMPLOYEE rights
*PROTESTANTS
POLITICAL activity
OHIO state history, 1865-
Geographic Terms:
OHIO
NAICS/Industry Codes:
813410 Civic and Social Organizations
Abstract:
In 1920, the working-class members of the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA), numbering some thirty thousand, convinced the Association to endorse a workers' rights platform at the height of the red scare. The YWCA's original mission was to extend the protections of middle-class, Protestant virtue to young workingwomen. However,
workingwomen reworked the association’s "Christian Purpose" into a tool to radically increase its commitment to labor issues. This article suggests how both social feminism and the Social Gospel were shaped by working-class women. It shows how workingwomen intervened in intra-Protestant debates to insist on equal citizenship within a purportedly democratic, cross-class women's organization. Having begun by seeking to convert workingwomen to evangelical Protestantism, YWCA leaders had found themselves converted—by a mix of Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish women—to political activism as an expression of faith.

5.
Women religious have been faithful to mission.

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Subject Terms:
*WOMEN religious leaders
*EVALUATION
*LEADERSHIP

Geographic Terms:
UNITED States

Company/Entity:
LEADERSHIP Conference of Women Religious of the United States

People:
LEVADA, William J., 1936-

Abstract:
The article offers information on the doctrinal assessment conducted by the Vatican City's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith on the
officers of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious in the U.S. Cardinal William Levada of the Congregation headed the evaluation and stressed that such assessment is required due to issues that turned up during a 2001 meeting. Levada discovered that women religious have been dedicated to their mission.

6. **Mother Mary Vincent Whitty: Woman of Mercy**.

Authors: Smoothy, Pauline
Document Type: Article
Subject Terms: *RELIGIOUS life of women
*CHRISTIAN life
*SPIRITUAL works of mercy
*LEGITIMATE ecclesiastical acts
*RELIGIOUS communities
Company/Entity: SISTERS of Mercy
CATHOLIC Church
People: WHITTY, Mary Vincent
Abstract: The article examines the life of Mother Mary Vincent Whitty as a model of Christian holiness. It explores the religious works and missions of Whitty highlighting the simplicity and directness of her prayer and character. It looks into Whitty's commitment to loyalty and service to
the Catholic Church and its religious cause. It also notes her involvement in the Sisters of Mercy's mission to provide relief to the suffering and service to the religious community.

7. O'Melia San and the Catholic Japanese Mission, Vancouver, B.C.

Images
Black and White Photograph Black and White Photograph
Authors:
GRESKO, Jacqueline
Source:
Document Type:
Article
Subject Terms:
*CATHOLIC missions
*HISTORY
*JAPANESE
*MONASTICISM & religious orders for women
*WOMEN in the Catholic Church
Geographic Terms:
BRITISH Columbia
CANADA
Company/Entity:
SECULAR Franciscan Order
CATHOLIC Church -- Canada
People:
O'MELIA, Kathleen
Abstract (English)
This essay discusses the origins of women religious' work in missions to Japanese in British Columbia and the gendered nature of writing on them. The first part of the essay relates the story of the Vancouver Catholic Japanese Mission through exploration of the autobiography of an Anglican convert, Kathleen O'Melia, later Sister Mary Stella S.A. [1869-1939]. She established the mission by working with Franciscan tertaries and later by joining the Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement. The latter part of the essay considers Sister Mary Stella's story in light of a theoretical framework developed by the Personal Narratives Group for discussing the gendered nature of women's writing. The essay as a whole aims at widening historical discussion of Catholic missions in British Columbia, especially the role of women religious in their construction.

8.

**Shoulder to Shoulder, Hand in Hand: Resistance under the Iron Fist in Afghanistan.**

Source:

Document Type:
Article

Subject Terms:
*ASSOCIATIONS, institutions, etc.
SOCIAL conditions of Muslim women

Geographic Terms:
AFGHANISTAN

NAICS/Industry Codes:
813990 Other Similar Organizations (except Business, Professional, Labor, and Political Organizations)

Abstract:
Focuses on the Revolutionary Association of the Women of Afghanistan. Religious fundamentalists; Role and mission of association; Resistance against forces of obscurantism and intolerance.

9. **A Woman's Place. (cover story)**

Authors: Zoba, Wendy Murray

Source: Christianity Today. 08/07/2000, Vol. 44 Issue 9, p40. 9p. 5 Color Photographs, 2 Black and White Photographs.

Document Type: Article

Subject Terms: *WOMEN missionaries*  
*RELIGIOUS life of women*

Abstract: Addresses the role of women in religious missions. Background of the missionary attempts of women; Changes in the role of women in missions; Effect of the urgency to spread the gospel on earth on women's roles in missions. INSETS: PRISON MINISTRY IN MOZAMBIQUE; CHURCH PLANTING IN SENEGAL.

10. **Women religious leadership meets in New Orleans.**

Authors: FOX, THOMAS C.

Abstract:
Information about the topics discussed during the Leadership Conference of Women Religious held in New Orleans, Louisiana on August 11 to 14, 2009 is presented. It featured a discussion about the future of the religious women's congregation as they face two Vatican investigations. It also stressed concerns on their apostolic missions and religious activities in various social ministries.

11.
**Our obsession with journalism.**

Authors:
Coday, Dennis dcoday@ncronline.org

Source:

Document Type:
An introduction is presented in which the editor discusses various reports published within the issue which include Jesuit Fr. James Vizzard, the work and mission of religious women, and the essay on conscious evolution.

12. **Asian nuns call for 'radical' ministry.**

Authors:
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Source:

Document Type:
Proceeding

Subject Terms:
*CONFERENCES & conventions
*RELIGIOUS gatherings
*WOMEN missionaries
*CHRISTIAN missions -- Congresses
*RELIGIOUS life
CONGRESSES

Geographic Terms:
OCEANIA
ASIA
Abstract:
The article offers information related to the 15th Asia-Oceania Meeting of Religious held from October 13-21, 2009. A group of women religious from Asia and Oceania stressed on the need of radical changes in the way missions of service are conducted and stated that more emphasis should be given on four aspects of religious life including spirituality, mission, and leadership. A statement presented by the group asked the women to review formation program of the mission, and empowering leadership.

13. **Nigeria: Baobab for Women's Human Rights.**
Document Type: Article
Subject Terms: *WOMEN'S rights
*LEGAL status of women
Geographic Terms: NIGERIA
Abstract: Provides information on Baobab, a not for profit, non-governmental women's human rights organization which focuses on women's legal rights issues under customary, statutory and religious laws in Nigeria. Vision; Mission statement; Objectives; Program areas.
14.

A Woman of Mission: The Religious and Cultural Odyssey of Agnes Wintemute Coates.

Authors:
Ridout, Katherine

Source:

Document Type:
Article

Subject Terms:
*WOMEN missionaries
*METHODIST missions -- History

Geographic Terms:
CANADA
JAPAN
TOKYO (Japan)

People:
COATES, Agnes Wintemute

Abstract:
Focuses on the life and achievements of Canadian missionary, Agnes Wintemute Coates. Personal and educational background; Development of her interest in missions; Missionary work with the Woman’s Missionary Society of the Methodist church in Tokyo, Japan from 1886 to 1892; Involvement in evangelization and education; Effect of her marriage to missionary Harper Havelock Coates on her work.