

Winter 2025

### The Three Wonderful Women



We often speak of the Three Wise Men, the Magi who travelled far to present gifts to the baby Jesus; yet we may overlook three women in the Christmas story. Perhaps we can call them the Three Wonderful Women.

**Anna**, the prophetess, fasted and prayed for the Christ child. She gave thanks to God and spoke to all who were waiting for God about the child. (Luke 2:36-38)

**Elizabeth** comforted and guided her cousin, the young, naive Mary, as she was filled with the Holy Spirit. She assured Mary, "You are the most blessed of all women, and blessed is the child you will bear." (Luke 1:39-45)

**Mary**, mother of the Christ child, manifested her faith by her response to the angel's astounding message, replying, "I am the Lord's servant." (Luke 1:28-38)

These Three Wonderful Women would doubtless embrace the scholar Howard Thurman's message in *The Work of Christmas*

### *The Work of Christmas*

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:  
    To find the lost,  
    To heal the broken,  
    To feed the hungry,  
    To release the prisoner,  
    To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among brothers,  
    To make music in the heart.

## Anna, Local Missionary Nurse

**Anna Virginia (Hafenmayre) Hadley**, nurse, medical missionary, and Director of Nurses, served underprivileged patients in Washington, D.C. for over 60 years.

Born in Virginia in 1894, Anna was one of the first graduates of Shenandoah Valley Academy in New Market, Virginia. She began nurse's training at the Washington Sanitarium (now Washington Adventist Hospital) and met Henry Hadley while he was studying medicine at George Washington University Medical School. In 1917, after she had completed her nursing course, they married, and two years later she joined him in his work at Washington Sanitarium Mission Hospital, known as "the clinic," which opened in 1914 at 1252 Sixth Street SW. Nurse Hadley served as Director of Nursing at the clinic, which served the city's neediest citizens. She also trained postgraduate nurses and foreign missionary appointees.

### The 1923 Purchase

Anna and her husband purchased the clinic in 1923, operating it as a self-supporting institution. They made additions to its facilities, increased its services, and in 1930 donated it to the General Conference.

### Building a Hospital

She and her husband and two young sons lived on the top floor of the clinic despite the dangers in that area. Her husband was mugged, the boys had to play inside, and many times Anna cared for the wounded alone. When her husband decided to build a hospital in , D.C. on Nichols Avenue SW, she supported him. Dedicated as Hadley Memorial Hospital in 1955, it became a thriving medical institution and was transferred to the Columbia Union Conference in 1957.

### Off to California

Anna and her husband moved to Loma Linda, California, in 1981 to be near their sons. While there, her husband died in 1983. Three years later, Anna, age 92, returned to , D.C. for the grand opening of a newly renovated and expanded Hadley Memorial Hospital. There, Anna unveiled a bronze bust of her husband. In 1993, Anna passed away at age 98 and was buried next to her husband in Colton, California. Anna Hadley was a true local missionary, a woman who demonstrated Christ's healing ministry right here in this area.



*Hadley Memorial Hospital 1960s*

## Giving Beyond the Boundaries

This is the season of giving. Right after Thanksgiving, we have Giving Tuesday. We support many of our church's programs. But at this time of joy, sharing and gift-giving, let us consider giving Beyond our own Boundaries. Below are a few organizations that would welcome our support.

**TEAM:** Time for Equality in Adventist Ministry - A private organization supporting the ordination of candidates to pastoral ministry regardless of gender, race, or social class. Contact information: Email: [Teamemail59@gmail.com](mailto:Teamemail59@gmail.com) Phone: 269-277-1812 Tax ID: 52-1757635 Donate online at <https://www.timeforequality.net/support-us> or make checks payable to TEAM. P.O. Box 7816, Langley Park, MD 20787-7816.

**Holbrook Indian School (HIS)** is a first-through twelfth-grade boarding academy providing American Indian youth with a safe place to learn, grow, and thrive in their Creator for over 75 years. Located in Holbrook, Arizona, HIS is operated by the Pacific Union Conference. Over 80% of HIS funding comes from individuals desiring to create a positive change in Native American communities. Contact information: **Online:** <https://www.holbrookindianschool.org/donate> **Mail:** Holbrook Indian School, P.O. Box 910, Holbrook, AZ 86025 Phone: (928) 524-6845.

**Help for Jamaica after Hurricane Melissa.** You may contribute through **ADRA (Adventist Development & Relief Agency)** at ADRA International, or donate directly to the Jamaica Union Conference at [Help Rebuild Jamaica](#).

**Scholarshipping Our Sisters (SOS)**. A program of the General Conference Women's Ministries, SOS supports higher education for Adventist women in the world's most underserved regions. Give online at [women.adventist.org/donate](http://women.adventist.org/donate), or send a check payable to *General Conference of SDA* (memo – WM SOS) to General Conference of SDA, 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20904.

At Christmas and throughout the year, let us remember Christ's words: I was naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me. Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? And when did we see You a stranger and welcome You, or naked and clothed You? Or when did we see You sick or in prison, and come to You?

"And the King will answer and say to them, '**Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.**'" Matthew. 25:40



The Lord has come!  
Let His love fill your home with  
peace, happiness and joy.



**Connection Central:** 9:00 am every Sabbath in Sligo Atrium

### Online Events

**Women of the Word:** 9:30 am every Sabbath, led by women.

**Prayer Gathering:** 11:00 am every Sunday and 7:00 pm every Wednesday.

**Book Club:** 7:00 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month.

### Calendar

**Book Club:** January 14, 2026, at 7:00 pm. Discussion of the book *Freeing Jesus: Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way and Presence* by Diana Butler Bass. (Hybrid – in person and on Zoom.) Led by Kay Rosburg.

**Sligo Gardening Club:** January 17 at 1:00 pm, Sligo Fellowship Room.



Join us for the Information Session on the **Sligo Gardening Club.** Come grow in faith, fellowship, and the joy of cultivating God's creation together in 2026!



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### WM Newsletter Team Members

*Elizabeth Abel, Joan Francis, Carolyn Kujawa, Elma LaTouche, Heather Oliver and Stephanie Roberts.*

## Women's Ministry Vision, Mission, and Purpose

**Vision:** Glorify God by challenging women to know God personally, to grow in Christlikeness, to discover and use spiritual gifts, to love and serve others, and in all we do to reflect the beauty of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Mission:** Empower, nurture, and spiritually uplift women in the church and the community.

**Purpose:** Encourage and support women as they discover their God-given gifts and fulfill their various roles in the church and the community.