



**Sharon
St. Germain**

Sharon was born in Jamaica. She met her husband, Dony, at Columbia International University where both earned masters degrees. Dony serves as

MNA Haitian Church Planting Coordinator and head of El Shaddai Ministries International, a church planting ministry working in the Haitian communities both in the United States and Haiti. Sharon serves as the assistant administrator of the ministry and also as principal of the El Shaddai Academy in Miami.



**Barbara
Thompson**

Barbara Thompson lives in Zachary, LA, where she and her husband, Mark, attend Plains Presbyterian Church. The Thompsons have one son, Greg, who lives in Jackson, MS, with

his wife Judith, and son, John Gordon. Barbara has served on the Women's Advisory Subcommitte of CE&P and as a CE&P consultant for women's ministry. She co-authored with Susan Hunt *The Legacy of Biblical Womanhood*. Currently, Barbara has recently returned to her profession as a social worker. She is using her fifteen years of experience with Bethany Christian Services to provide adoption services for families seeking to adopt internationally.

Mercy Ministry awards are give to women who have made a significant contribution to urban, mercy, or multi-ethnic ministry in the PCA, by one or more of the following:

- ◆Directly serving in a relational, holistic ministry to one or more of the above named groups;
- ◆Inspiring or mobilizing women in service in urban, mercy, or multi-ethnic ministries;
- ◆Educating and training women for effective service in urban, mercy or multi-ethnic ministries.

These awards are given in hope that these women, as well as other women in mercy ministry leadership roles, will be encouraged and strengthened to continue in their ministry. This year, we are pleased to announce that these women will be receiving a small gift of \$500 to contribute toward their ministry.

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Justina Dix

Justina is the Executive Director of Summerhill Community Ministries in Atlanta, GA, under the auspices of FCS Urban Ministries/ Community fellowships, a local nonprofit. In 2004, SCM partnered with Redemption Fellowship PCA to continue reaching the city. Justina is now directing all programs, including a sports program of basketball, flag football, and soccer; an after school program; a summer day camp; a teen job training program; youth night; teen and family counseling; and family assistance and referrals. Justina is the mother of six children.



Maria Garriott

Maria Garriott and husband Craig moved to urban Baltimore in 1981 to plant Faith Christian Fellowship, a multiethnic church committed to ministry in Word and deed. Her memoir *A Thousand Resurrections* was published in 2006. Maria's poetry, essays, and articles have appeared in *The Baltimore Sun*, *The New York Quarterly*, *BreakPoint Worldview*, *Urban Mission Journal*, and other publications. Craig and Maria have five children.



Diane Langberg

Dr. Langberg is a practicing psychologist whose clinical expertise includes 30 years of working with trauma survivors and clergy. She speaks internationally on topics related to women, trauma, ministry, and the Christian life. Dr. Langberg is a faculty member of Westminster Theological Seminary and Reformed Episcopal Seminary, director of Diane Langberg, Ph.D. & Associates (a group practice in suburban Philadelphia, PA), Chair of the Executive Board of the American Association of Christian Counselors, and founder of The Place of Refuge (an inner city, non-profit trauma and training center).



Leanne Downing

Leanne Downing moved with husband Sam to the heart of Denver, CO, in 2000 to plant City Presbyterian Church. In 2004 Leanne founded Street's Hope, a multi-service ministry helping women escape the sex-for-sale industry (those in prostitution, exotic dancing, or the porn industry).



Stephanie Hubach

Stephanie Hubach is chairperson of the Special Needs Committee at Reformed Presbyterian Church in Ephrata, PA. She also serves as chair of the Lancaster Christian Council on Disability, and was recently appointed as the start-up team leader for the MNA Special Needs Ministry: *Encouraging Equal Concern for People with Disabilities and Their Families*. Steph is the author of *Same Lake, Different Boat: Coming Alongside People Touched by Disability* (P&R, September 2006), a freelance writer for Joni and Friends International Disability Center, visiting instructor for Covenant Theological Seminary, and contributing writer for *ByFaith* magazine. Steph and her husband Fred have been married for 24 years and have two sons: Fred (17), and Tim (15)—who has Down syndrome.



Sherry Lanier

Sherry Lanier, a member of Redeemer Church, PCA, Jackson, MS, serves as a volunteer with MNA Disaster Response and on the Board of Directors of the Center for Pregnancy Choices. She teaches Bible studies and is a women's retreat speaker. She and her husband, Steve, have one daughter, Mandy, son-in-law, Brad Bailey, and a grandson, Hayden.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy." Matthew 5:7