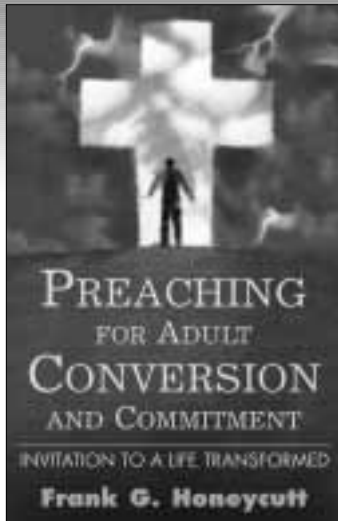


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I was surprised and disappointed to read the May/June 2006 issue of the United Methodist Circuit Rider and to read that there was NO mention of Native American clergywomen in that issue. While I appreciated the articles, it was clear that all racial/ethnic groups were included except Native American women.

It is disheartening to many of us in the Native American United Methodist community who often feel that the UMC ignores our accomplishments and presence in this denomination.

We had a wonderful celebration in the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, with approximately 20 Native clergy women present and celebrated persons like Rev. Lois Neal, Cherokee, the first Native American female district superintendent in the denomination.

Native American clergywomen have made great contributions to this Church and continue to do so. I hope that the editorial staff will be more deliberate to be inclusive in the future.

David Wilson,
Conference Superintendent
Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conf.

Reading my "Charles Wesley" *Circuit Rider* issue (Sept/Oct), I stumbled onto the letter to the editor complaining about Barbara Green's article in "This Holy Mystery" (July/August.) I, on the other hand, was relieved and overjoyed to read Green's article and found it a gentle way of stating some tough theological issues with current communion theology. I particularly appreciated the balance that it gave to the overall issue that month, which was heavily weighted toward orthodoxy. So, thank you for keeping that balance.

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