

W.O.W. Ambassadors with The Way Disciples and terminating the annual "Rock of Ages" national gathering. He has systematically removed people from staff positions and replaced them with recent Corps graduates who have been trained in his "redefined" ways.

Followers are sometimes asked to answer questionnaires which list classes they have taken, and are pressured to take the new ones. They are also told to subscribe to Martindale's newest teachings in *The Way Magazine* and on Sunday night service tapes.

They were also told to burn books, music, pictures and other materials which were published by TWI, but written by people who no longer "stand" with Martindale, including former Way leaders such as Walter Cummins and John Lynn.

This "house cleaning" has further reduced The Way's numbers, leaving what they call a "remnant." It also has prompted The Way to class Way Corps as Active, Emeritus, Alumni (in the ministry but without Corps privileges), and Dropped. Probably more than 80 percent of Corps graduates are no longer with The Way.

Rev. Rosalie Rivenbark replaced Donald Wierwille as Vice President of TWI at the group's annual anniversary observance last October. Donald, the founder's son, had been a trustee for 19 years. His father and the trustees who served with him only left office when they were aged and ready to retire. Since Wierwille is not yet that old and apparently not ill, this change has raised questions in many followers' minds.

Rivenbark was a graduate of Family Corps II (in about 1978), was ordained by TWI in 1981 and has worked on Way publications for many years. Most of all, she has complete commitment to Martindale and TWI.

—JPJ

## CLERGY INVITED TO FAMILY VALUES CONFERENCES

Pastors from across the country were invited to be a "guest for an expense-paid trip to one of the most successful conferences for clergy and church leaders in the nation today." The "Empowering Christianity Through True Family Values" seminars are the product of True Family Values Ministry and are co-sponsored by the Washington Times Foundation and the International Religious

Foundation. The conferences began last June and continued weekly throughout the rest of the year. They were held at the Sheraton National Hotel in the nation's capital.

A flyer, describing the meetings, called the program "A series of ecumenical conferences in Washington, D.C., uniting Baptists, COGICs [Church of God in Christ], Apostolics, Catholics, Lutherans, Methodists, Unificationists, Episcopalians, Pentecostals, Presbyterians, Mormons, Adventists, Evangelicals and Muslims in joint effort to revive the God-centered family." Another brochure said the forum was "Acclaimed by Clergy throughout the Nation."

The founder of True Family Values Ministry is the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, founder of the Unification Church.

Highlights of the four-day events included a video presentation by Moon of "a unique view of the principle of the providential history of salvation," other "multimedia presentations" and a tour of the Unification Church-owned *Washington Times* newspaper.

Moon claims that on Easter Sunday in 1936, Jesus appeared to him telling him that he had been selected to finish the work of the Messiah. He further teaches that Jesus failed in his role as the Messiah when he died on the cross.

—MKG

## LDS LEADER ADMITS SEXUAL ABUSE CHARGES

A spokesman for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons) has admitted molesting a 14-year-old girl. Lloyd Gerald Pond, 51, host of the Mormon church's "Times and Seasons" radio program and director of the church's radio news services, was originally charged with two counts of forced sodomy, but pleaded guilty to a less serious charge of sexual abuse.

A number of radio stations reported dropping the nationally syndicated broadcast after Pond was charged. The LDS church announced Nov. 22 that Pond had resigned and that it would recall its programs featuring him.

Pond will be sentenced Feb. 3 and could receive up to 15 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

—KAM