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**THE IMPACT OF WOMEN'S TRAINING CENTRE
OF THE NIGERIAN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OGBOMOSO
ON THE PASTORAL MINISTRY OF PASTORS' WIVES OF THE
NIGERIAN BAPTIST CONVENTION**

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ABSTRACT

This research is titled "The impact of Women's Training Centre of the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary, Ogbomoso on the Pastoral Ministry of Pastors' Wives of the Nigerian Baptist Convention". It seeks to create awareness for ministers and their wives. The gospel ministry is for the minister and his wife; the pastor's wife needs to be trained in the work for effectiveness.

The literature review of this essay includes the biblical perspectives of Women's ministry both in the Old and New Testaments, the Role of Pastor's Wife, W.T.C and its objectives. This study is a descriptive research. The population samples for this research are all W.T.C alumnae. The questionnaire was the only instrument used for the study.

The study came up with these findings. Most of the pastors' wives are leaders in their various churches. Some are Sunday School Teachers, WMU advisers, counselors and leaders in prayer meetings and Bible study. Some of them are associational leaders and a small percentage serve at the conference level, none is involved in the Convention leadership.

Based on the findings of this research, the following recommendations are given. The student pastors should bring their wives to the Seminary while coming for the training or send them to Seminary later. The pastors' wives should cooperate with their husbands by coming to the Seminary to receive theological training for effectiveness. The church, the associations and conferences should help to support pastors and their spouses financially while in the Seminary. Sandwich and

minimester programmes should be introduced by the Seminary so that the pastors' wives who do not have the opportunity to come full time can come.

B. CONCLUSION

From the results and findings of this work, the researcher can confidentially conclude that Women's Training Centre has contributed greatly to the effectiveness and successful ministry of the pastors and their spouses in the Nigerian Baptist Convention churches. Therefore, all pastors' wives need to attend women's training centre ~~to be trained~~ theologically for effectiveness in the ministry.

C. RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the findings of this research, the following recommendations are given to pastors and their wives. Pastors should bring their wives to the Seminary when coming for the training or send them to the Seminary later. The pastors should appeal to their sponsors so that their wives can be sponsored. Pastors' wives should cooperate with their husbands to come to the Seminary to be trained theologically.

To the Churches, Associations, Conferences and Convention

Churches should help sponsor pastors' wives to the Seminary as they sponsor their husbands. Likewise associations and conferences should help to support pastors and their spouses financially while in the Seminary. The Nigerian Baptist Convention should also help by encouraging pastors to train their spouses theologically.

To the Seminary.

1. The Seminary should take up a disciplinary measure against any pastor that comes to the Seminary with his wife without enrolling her in WTC.
2. The Seminary should encourage the pastors to bring their wives for theological training at WTC by giving them proper accommodation.
3. The Seminary should desist from the old notion that WTC is for the pastors' wives who are not eligible to enroll in the Seminary with their husbands.
4. The Seminary should arrange for some of the courses being taught in the main school to be taught in WTC and should be handled by one or two lecturers per semester or session.
5. The Seminary should give certificate to the WTC graduates instead of testimonials.

6. The WTC supervisor should be allowed to attend some meetings with the faculty when necessary. Fees should be introduced to WTC training; people cherish most what they pay for.
7. The seminary should choose some members of faculty as an advisory committee for WTC. The curriculum of WTC can be looked into and improved by these committee and WTC teachers.
8. The Seminary should allow other women's leaders from our churches e.g. WMU president, WMU vice president, programme personnel, treasurer and Sunday school teacher to attend WTC; they can be exempted from a course like Role of Pastor's wife.
9. The Seminary should help to continue to employ pastor's wives who are qualified, into some departments in Seminary pending the time they will finish from the Seminary training.
10. Sandwich and minimester programmes should be introduced so that the pastors' wives who do not have the opportunity to come fulltime can come.

To the WTC

1. The WTC teachers should relate well with advisory committee and they should organize seminars and symposia at least once in a semester on women's ministry.
2. The WTC should be divided into three departments. The first department should be for those who cannot read and write well. The second department should be for the literate ones while the third department should be a general session for the working pastors' wives.

3. The WTC should have catering and fashion designing departments as her business Centre and these should be managed by an experienced pastor's wife who is skilled in both professions and had graduated from WTC but the husband still have some years to complete his training. She should be employed as an adjunct teacher. Some pastors' wives can be employed especially for cafeteria services and some people from outside can be given the opportunity as well depending on the number of workers needed.
4. The WTC department can organize day care so that babies who cannot attend PREC because of their age can be admitted there.