

AN INVESTIGATION OF THE RELEVANCE OF THE WOMEN TRAINING  
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## ABSTARCT

This research work seeks to create awareness for ministers and their wives. The gospel Ministry is for the minister and his wife. The Pastors wife needs to be trained in the work for effectiveness in order to enhance growth of her Husband's pastoral ministry. So the research work looks deep into what the woman training programme is, what it offers to the pastors wives and the relevance of this training to their effectiveness as regards their expected roles in support of their Pastor-husband's ministry. This essay as such contains five chapters. The first chapter deals with the Introduction- Background to the study, Statements of the problem, Purpose of the study, Significance of the study, Scope and delimitation and definition of key terms. The second chapter is the review of relevant literature, which gives the biblical position as well as writers views on the subject. The third chapter is the methodology, this treats the means of data gathering which is principally through questionnaire. Chapter four, gives the analysis of data and discussed findings. The fifth chapter consists of summary of the whole work, the conclusions and the recommendations. However the essence of this research is to create awareness for the pastors wives as regards their roles and responsibilities being the wife of a Sheppard, hence there need for them to be trained in regards of this assignment at the women training centre. To confirm the relevance of WTC this research work was conducted with the use of questionnaire which was given to WTC 2000-2010 Alumni to fill, the response through this was very glaring that WTC training equips more as regards pastoral ministry and so from this response and the evaluation of the respondents recommendations from this research work was that all pastors wives must endeavor to attend this centre, because pastors wives are not just figure head in their churches but co-leaders with their husbands, therefore they need WTC training in order to perform this expected duties well.

## **Conclusions**

Based on the findings of this study, the researcher could boldly conclude that Women's Training Centre has contributed immensely to the success and effective ministry of the pastors and that of their spouses in the Nigerian Baptist Convention Churches. Hence, all pastor's wives need to attend women's training centre to be trained theologically in order to meet up with the relevant issues that pastoral ministry involves for effectiveness in the ministry.

## **Recommendations**

As regards the outcome of the findings of this research, the following are recommended to the pastors and their wives.

Pastors should bring their wives to the Seminary when coming for the training or send their wives who could not follow them as at the time they came to the seminary later for the training. The pastors should appeal to their sponsors so that their wives can be sponsored as well for the training. Pastor's wives should be ready to cooperate with their pastor husband to come to the seminary to be trained theologically. Female pastors having pastors in training as their fiancé should endeavour to be trained at the WTC too in order to equip them for the role to be a good pastor's wife in future.

To the churches, Associations, Conferences and Convention churches should help sponsor pastors' wives to the Seminary as they sponsor their husbands. Associations, Conferences should help to support pastors and their spouses financially, materially 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 pastors that comes to the seminary with his wife without enrolling her in Women's Training Centre.

2. The Seminary should give conducive accommodating to the married pastors in order to encourage them to bring their wives. So that they could be theologically trained at WTC by building more hostels in addition to the present ones.

3. The Seminary should give certificate to the WTC graduates which will be recognize instead of paper recognition without any value in the convention system.

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. Let the Seminary desist from the old motion that WTC is for the pastors' wives who are not good academically.

6. The Seminary should help in employing pastor's wives who are qualified, into some sectors in the seminary pending the time they will finish from the Seminary training.

7. Seminary should introduce some courses into the curriculum of female students for those that might likely find themselves in the position of Pastors wives for this will definitely help them, to understand what it calls for to be pastor's wife.

To the WTC

1. The WTC should be divided into sub-departments. The first sub-department should be for those who could not read and write well. The second sub-department should be for the literate ones.

2. The WTC department can organize a caregiver home for babies who are small for admission into PREC of Seminary.

3. WTC department can arrange minimester classes for the female pastors who wants to have the knowledge of the courses been run at the WTC.