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Jennifer Newman Receives First Nancy A. Hardesty Memorial Scholarship from EEWC-Christian Feminism Today

Indianapolis—The first Nancy A. Hardesty Memorial Scholarship, funded by EEWC-Christian Feminism Today, has been awarded to Jennifer Newman, a senior student at George Fox University in Newberg, OR.

Ms. Newman, a native of Livermore, CA, is majoring in political science and philosophy, with a minor in women's studies. A member of her university debate team, Ms. Newman has also studied at Oxford University, where she also plans to write a master's thesis in feminist philosophy of religion in the women's studies program. Ms. Newman aspires to be an attorney.

"God has given me a unique calling in life in the realm of Christian feminism," wrote Ms. Newman in her scholarship application. "The Christian feminists before me have opened so many doors, allowing space for young women like me to continue moving dialogue forward. I hope to speak the liberation I have experienced from Christian feminism into others' lives."

The Nancy A. Hardesty Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a student who aspires to exemplify the values and achievements of Nancy A. Hardesty, a founding member of the EEWC-Christian Feminism Today organization. The purpose of the \$1000 scholarship, awarded every June, is to help a student who wants to be in a leadership role that supports and promotes Christian feminism. This year's award is the first scholarship granted by the organization.

Linda Bieze, a member of the scholarship committee, noted that "Jennifer Newman exemplifies all the qualities we wish to recognize and encourage among this

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generation of Christian feminists. We trust that she, and other scholars we hope to recognize, will continue to model the scholarship and service to Christian feminism of Nancy Hardesty.”

Nancy A. Hardesty (1941-2011) was a founding member of the Evangelical Women’s Caucus, which, over the past 41 years, has grown into EEWC-Christian Feminism Today. Until her death, Dr. Hardesty was a professor of religion in the Department of Philosophy and Religion at Clemson University, in Clemson, SC. Previously, she had taught English and writing at Trinity College in Deerfield, IL, and had worked on the editorial staffs of *Eternity* magazine and *The Christian Century*.

Ms. Hardesty’s first book, co-authored with Letha Dawson Scanzoni, was *All We’re Meant to Be: A Biblical Approach to Women’s Liberation*. Originally published in 1974, the book has gone through several editions and has influenced countless Christian feminists from evangelicals, to mainline Protestants, to Roman Catholics. In 2006, *Christianity Today* magazine, ranked *All We’re Meant to Be* among the top fifty books that had influenced the evangelical Christian movement over half a century

Nancy A. Hardesty was born in Lima, OH, and earned her B.A. degree from Wheaton College in Wheaton, IL. She went on to earn a master’s degree in newspaper journalism from the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University in Evanston, IL, and the Ph.D. in the history of Christianity at the University of Chicago. Her dissertation, *“Your Daughters Shall Prophesy”*: *Revivalism and Feminism in the Age of Finney*, was published by Carlson Publishing in 1991.

EEWC-Christian Feminism Today is a Christian feminist organization with a long history of working for gender equality. EEWC welcomes members of any gender, gender identity, race, ethnicity, color, creed, marital status, sexual orientation, religious affiliation, age, political party, parental status, economic class, or disability. Its biennial conferences sustain spiritual connectedness and foster learning about critical Christian feminist issues. The *Christian Feminism Today* website provides Christian feminist news, articles, book reviews, blogs, Bible study, audio, links to explore, and inspiration.

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