



Sally Tureman CoL
April 16, 1929 – December 24, 2011

For many years Sally taught children with disabilities, a work which she loved. In 1976 Sally earned an MAT from Webster University at the Kansas City campus conducted by Sisters Marlene Spero and Eleanor Craig. In later years Sally credited her MAT studies with revealing new capacities and new joys in herself as both learner and teacher. Sally joined the faculty of Loretto in Kansas City, teaching social studies for seven years in the Lower School. She is renowned among Loretto alums for her “pygmy camp” in the woods on the Loretto campus, where eight- and nine-year-old students experienced the culture of the BaMbuti Pygmies as documented in Colin Turnbull’s *The Forest People*.

With the encouragement of Vicki Quatmann and others, Sally considered Loretto co-membership and found it a good fit with her progressive Methodist values. She was accepted as a co-member on March 2, 1983. Over the years, Sally volunteered at the Loretto Motherhouse and with Vicki, at Save Our Cumberland Mountains in Tennessee.

Sally was also an active member and contributor to United Methodist communities, particularly St. Paul School of theology, Trinity United Methodist Church. She was very proud that her church is a welcoming, reconciling

community. She was involved in her Sunday School class and volunteered with Passages, a supportive youth program for gay, lesbian and transgender youth. She enjoyed helping put on the annual prom for them at Trinity so that the kids would have a welcoming place to have their dance each year.

In 1983, Sally began studying for a Doctorate in Gerontology. She served as Chaplain at Swope Ridge Nursing Center and then at John Knox Village, where she made her home in recent years. Sally's great love was working with elders with dementia. She wrote a book with Dr. David Oliver about elder care, *The Human Factor In Nursing Home Care*.

Among Sally's many concerns, interests, and engagements, she listed the following: support of women's rights, particularly women political candidates; service on the Mayor's Commission on Human Relations; active in developing workshops dealing with the Gay Community; active in peace movement, gun control. In her commitment agreement with Loretto Sally said she would share "my abiding faith in what Loretto has been, is – and will be – and interpretation of this to non-Loretto family and friends... [by being] 'Loretto underground' in whatever I do."

Thank you Sally for the gift you were to so many people as an educator extraordinaire. Many people will miss your tender care, including those of us in Loretto.