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I Will Sing Unto the Lord:
Mary Kinney Longstreth

“I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live, I will praise my God while I have my being!” was the motto Mary Longstreth suggested for her Michigan retirement community choir, and it could easily have been her own.

As she wrote before her death in 2002 at the age of 95, “My heart was always in Missouri.” Her love for the people of Missouri developed over 51 years of ministry shared with her late husband Reverend Wilbur Longstreth.

Mary was blessed with exceptional gifts and talents with which she blessed others. The first woman at the University of Nebraska to double-major in chemistry and physics, she was also a member of the Phi Beta Kappa honor society. Her vocational love, however, was music. (She counted among her greatest honors the opportunity to accompany Marian Anderson, the famed opera star – but that is another story!) It was while pursuing graduate study in pipe organ at Northwestern University that she met and married Wilbur.

Mary and Wilbur served churches in Carrollton, Memphis, Montgomery City, Columbia and Rocheport. They raised two children, and Mary usually directed the choir and played the organ. While serving Rocheport she became a diaconal minister.

In 1962 she earned her Master of Arts in Church Music History from the University of Missouri. Her thesis involved documenting the date and origin of “every text and tune” in the United Methodist hymnal - work that was used in the subsequent edition of the hymnal.

Mary served on numerous conference, jurisdictional and national boards and committees. She and Wilbur helped found a camp on land near Columbia that continues today as a camp for diabetic children – Camp Hickory Hill. She was devoted to the Lydia Patterson Institute and became one of two people to be given a lifetime membership on the board.

Accompanying a \$20,000 gift to the Foundation from Mary’s estate was a letter written by her son, John K. Longstreth. “She wanted this gift sent as a token of her gratitude for her 51 years of ministry and Christian service in Missouri.” A generous gift – a beautiful sentiment – an extraordinary life.

(The editors wish to thank Mary’s son and daughter, John K. Longstreth and Reverend Mary Zonola Longstreth for their contributions to this article.)



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- First African American to serve on the Missouri Public Service Commission

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