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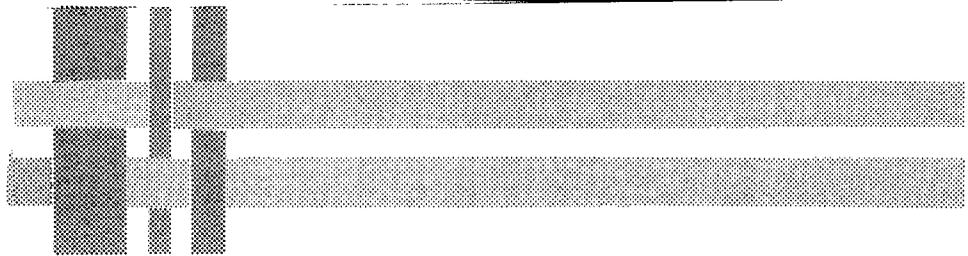
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out their first issue of *Daughters of Sarah*, they told the recipients they could subscribe to a bi-monthly newsletter for \$2 a year. To their horror, two- and three-year subscriptions came in as well. How would they find enough material for more than six issues?

For Christian feminists, conversion is never simply a personal affair, but always has wholistic and social dimensions.

How unfounded were their fears! The years since 1974 have witnessed such a massive outpouring of feminist thought that biblical, historical, and theological studies will never be the same again.

The Daughters of Sarah are still working at integrating faith with feminism

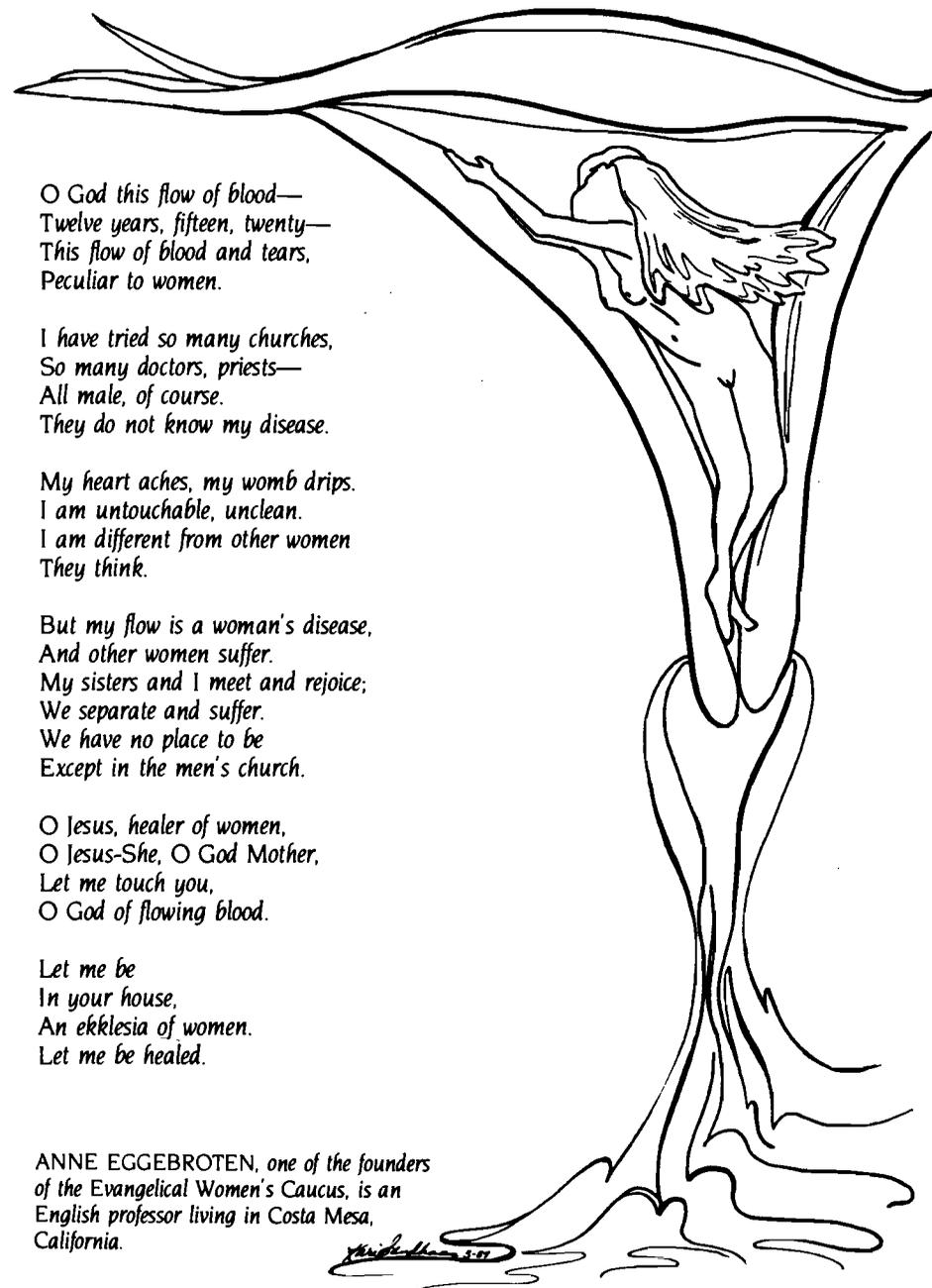
in three general areas: biblical-theological; historical (remembering our foremothers and critiquing androcentric history); and socio-political (abortion, war/peace, domestic violence, divorce, economics, global women's needs, sexual orientation, etc.)

We find the task daunting, especially when we don't all come out at the same place (which is not infrequent!) We talk a lot and we listen a lot, trying to balance our experiences as women with our traditions and our common sense. We are continually making new connections between biblical truth and living in today's world. We do not expect to run out of material for a long time. Certainly not until the New Realm is established, until the glory of the Mother-Father God fills the whole earth, until every trace of human domination and subjugation is abolished forever!

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DIS-EASE

Mark 5:25-34



*O God this flow of blood—
Twelve years, fifteen, twenty—
This flow of blood and tears,
Peculiar to women.*

*I have tried so many churches,
So many doctors, priests—
All male, of course.
They do not know my disease.*

*My heart aches, my womb drips.
I am untouchable, unclean.
I am different from other women
They think.*

*But my flow is a woman's disease,
And other women suffer.
My sisters and I meet and rejoice;
We separate and suffer.
We have no place to be
Except in the men's church.*

*O Jesus, healer of women,
O Jesus-She, O God Mother,
Let me touch you,
O God of flowing blood.*

*Let me be
In your house,
An ekklesia of women.
Let me be healed.*

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