**Editor's Ink**

It is with great sorrow that I announce the death of Carol Thiessen, editor of PRISCILLA PAPERS. After a short battle with cancer, Carol entered into the loving presence of Christ on May 28, 2003. Carol was a long-standing supporter of Christians for Biblical Equality. Following her retirement from *Christianity Today* in 2000, she became editor of *PRISCILLA PAPERS*. Carol made significant contributions during her tenure as editor. She encouraged CBE to join the Evangelical Press Association (EPA), and over the past two years CBE has been the recipient of four coveted EPA awards. Carol established policies and procedures, providing the journal with vision, purpose, and a lasting infrastructure. She not only established and worked closely with a board of consulting theologians, she also collaborated with CBE’s in-house editors, and through these partnerships she furthered the ministry and mission of CBE. Carol leaves behind a lasting legacy through her editorial work, her gentle leadership, and her devotion to the church. Because Carol loved *PRISCILLA PAPERS* and devoted her last years to furthering it, we have established a Carol Thiessen Memorial Fund, and the proceeds will forward the outreach of the journal.

In God’s providence, CBE member Victoria Peterson-Hilleque joined the staff in 2003 as an editorial assistant. Having completed a master’s degree in English literature, Victoria has edited CBE publications passionately and skillfully. With confidence and joy, we announce that Victoria Peterson-Hilleque will serve as acting editor of *PRISCILLA PAPERS*.

*Mimi Haddad, President of CBE*

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**Navigating Silence**

It is such an honor to work as acting editor of *PRISCILLA PAPERS*, and yet, I cannot remember all the times I have longed to pick up the phone and call Carol for help. The sound of her voice has been replaced with silence.

Much of this issue of *PRISCILLA PAPERS* deals with silence. Take 1 Tim. 2:11-12 for example: “Let a woman learn in silence with full submission.” As Linda Belleville points out in her article, this is a reasonable way to learn, calmly with self-control, and she discusses how 1 Tim. 2:11-15 can be understood, so that silence is constructive, not oppressive. Gilbert Bilezikian also considers 1 Tim. 2:11-15. He challenges those who think it should restrict all women at all times to evaluate other passages that apply to men with the same vigor, for the sake of consistency.

David Joel Hamilton provides the first part of a two-part series on 1 Cor. 14:26-40 demonstrating that Paul’s admonishment to women ministered, not prevent them from ministering.

A hierarchical view of 1 Cor. 11:2-16 has also been used to oppress and silence women, but Alan Padgett takes us through this passage backwards to bring clarity to what Paul is saying. Finally, Kevin Giles offers his response to those who do not allow women to have roles of leadership in the church.

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Victoria Peterson-Hilleque, Acting Editor