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Louise Akers, S.C., D. Min., has presented numerous workshops, courses and reflection days on justice related issues. Her past ministries include justice education & advocacy in formal classroom teaching on both the high school and university levels, parish coordinator in the Archdiocesan Social Action Office of Cincinnati, founder & coordinator of Cincinnati's Intercommunity Justice & Peace Center, social concerns director of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR) and coordinator of the Sisters of the Sisters of Charity Office of Peace, Justice & Integrity of Creation. In 1974 her master's thesis in theology focused on the "Prophecy of Martin L. King, Jr.", in 1996 she completed her Doctor of Ministry with a project entitled "Patriarchal Power and the Pauperization of Women". Ministry opportunities include working with migrant farm workers, involvement with the civil rights & women's movements along with international experiences in Malawi-Africa, Nicaragua; El Salvador; Mexico; Czechoslovakia; East/West Germany; Italy; Mondragon, Spain; Beijing, China; Paris, France; Canada.

Education

- Doctor of Ministry / Episcopal Divinity School, Cambridge, MA
- Course Work / Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA
- Certificate / Women's Theological Center, Boston, MA
- M.A. Theology / University of Dayton, Dayton, OH
- B.A. History / College of Mt. St. Joseph, Cincinnati, OH

Professional Positions

- Coordinator, Sisters of Charity Office of Peace, Justice & Integrity of Creation, Cincinnati, OH., 2012-04
- Director, Studies in Spirituality Program, Cincinnati, OH, 1999-1997
- Consultant & Program Manager of Economic Justice Program, Grailville, Loveland, OH, 1999-1997
- Associate Director of Social Concerns, Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR), 1996-1994
- Founder and Coordinator of Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center, Cincinnati, OH, 1992-1985
- Parish Coordinator, Social Action & World Peace Office, Archdiocese of Cincinnati, OH, 1984-1979

Faculty Positions

- Adjunct Faculty, Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH, 2004, 2000, 1999, 1986
- Visiting Professor, Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH, 2003-2000
- Adjunct Faculty, Union Institute, Cincinnati, OH, 2001-1999
- Faculty, Women Defined Theologies, Grailville, OH, 2001-1999
- Xavier University Institute, Cincinnati, OH, Summers, 2000, 1998
- Adjunct Faculty, College of Mt. St. Joseph, Mt. St. Joseph, OH., 2000-1981
- Faculty, Active Spirituality for a Global Community, College of Mt. St. Joseph, 1987-1985
- Adjunct Faculty, St. Meinrad Seminary, IN, Summer, 1985
- Chairperson of Religion Department, Seton High School, Cincinnati, OH, 1979-1975
- Teacher, High School: Religion, English, History, New Mexico, Ohio

Board Experience

- National Women Church Convergence, 2014 – 2004
- Catholic Scholars for Worker Justice, Boston, MA., 2013-2008
- Future Church, Women in Church Leadership National Advisory Committee, 2013-2007
- Greater Cincinnati Women Church 2013-1988

- Drop Inn Center, Cincinnati, OH, 2011-2009
- National Call to Action Board, Chicago, IL., 2010-2009
- CSTAT (Catholic Social Teaching Action Team for High Schools), Cincinnati, OH., 2010-2008
- Women's Freedom Forum, VP, 2014-2007, Member 2014-1996
- Mission Office, Archdiocese of Cincinnati, 2006-2001 Vice President 2004- 2003
- Peaslee Neighborhood Center, Cincinnati, OH, 2003- 2000, 1992-1989
- President, NETWORK, Education Program Board, Washington, DC.,1998-1996
- Mary's Pence, Chicago, IL, 1998-1996
- NETWORK, Washington, DC,1996-1989, Vice President - 1995-1992
- Religious Task Force on Central America, Washington, DC, 1996-1994
- Advocates for Women's Housing, Cincinnati, OH, 1989-1987

Professional Presentations/Experiences

- Ongoing Participant on national and local TV and international and local radio talk shows, panels and public forums, 2014 - 1983
- Creation of educational materials – dvds, videos, newsletters, packets, course syllabi, brochures, transparencies, power point, AV resource library, 2014-1985
- Coordinator, Violence Against Women Symposium with Joan Chittister, OSB., 2013- 2011
- Keynote Speaker, “Primacy of Conscience”, Catholic Network for Women’s Equality (CNWE), Sudbury, Ontario, 2013
- Workshop Presenter, “World Views - Paradigm Shifts”, CNWE, Sudbury, Ontario, 2013
- Panelist, “Revolutionary Voices”, National Underground Railroad, Cincinnati, OH., March, 2013
- Co-facilitator, Madeleva Lectures Book Discussions, Cincinnati, OH. , 2014-2012
- Coordinator of Mary of Magdala Prayer Services, Cincinnati, OH., 2012-1996
- Presenter, “Prophetic Role of Women Religious”, Sisters of Charity, Cincinnati, OH., 2012
- Co-coordinator of Nuns on the Bus to Cincinnati, OH., 2012
- Presenter, College of Mount St. Joseph, Faculty & Staff, Catholic Social Teaching, 2012
- Presenter, St. Vincent de Paul Interns, Catholic Social Teaching, 2012
- Workshop for Educators, “Teach Congo!”, Cincinnati, OH., 2012
- Initiator, Co planner & Presenter of workshop, “Wealth Gap”, Cincinnati, OH., 2012
- Power Point presentation on “Human Trafficking”, National Underground Railroad Board, 2011
- Presenter, University of Cincinnati – Life Learning Course, “Extraordinary Lives”, 2010
- Member, Anti-racism Task Force, Women’s Ordination Conference, 2010-2008
- Initiated and facilitated development of experiential approaches to learning:

Immersion Experiences – planning & facilitating three days highlighting Sisters of Charity ministries with those who are poor and marginalized. 2010 – 2005

School of the Americas, Ft. Benning, Georgia, LCWR Assembly Members, 1996

Women at the Border - day of immersion for LCWR Assembly Members along U.S.-Mexican Border, CA. Focus immigration and women workers in maquiladoras, 1995

Mondragon, Spain - two-week tour to visit Mondragon, a cooperative begun in 1940s based on Catholic Social Teaching, Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center, 1993 - 1989

Women Walk/Talk - bringing African-American and White women from suburbs and city together to focus on justice issues (e.g. housing, shelters, poverty, domestic violence) within central city, Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center, 1992 - 1986

Urban Plunge - two-three day immersion program into central city for parishes, faculties, priests, students, Social Action and World Peace Office, Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Ohio, 1984-1980

- Participant, Leadership Cincinnati USA Program, 2009
- Keynote Speaker, "Everyone Welcome at the Table", Call to Action, Milwaukee, WI., 2009
- Participant at Women's Freedom Forum in Paris, France, 2008-2007
- Workshop, Call to Action , "The Vision & Voice of Martin L. King, Jr. in Today's World," , 2007
- Keynote Speaker, National Conference for Catechetical Leaders, "Diversity: Challenge, Call and Gift," Chicago, 2006
- Participant, 50th Session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women, 2006
- Panelist, House of Representatives, "Women and Fundamentalism", Women's Freedom Forum, Washington DC., 2006
- Panelist, National Press Club, "Women and Fundamentalism", Women's Freedom Forum, C Span, Washington DC., 2005
- International Women's Ordination Conference, Ottawa, Canada, 2005
- Panel Participant, Women-Church, "Women, Religion & Justice", Cincinnati, OH., 2004
- Keynote Speaker, "Everyone Welcome at the Table", National Call to Action Conference, Milwaukee, 04
- Pilgrimage to Italy (Rome, Assisi, Sienna, Padua, Ravenna, Florence, Venice), 2002
- Panel Participant, Fortieth Anniversary of Vatican II, Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH., 2002
- Panel Participant, "Religion, Feminism & Human Rights", Ecumenism Office, Cincinnati, 2002
- Consultant, NETWORK, Washington, D.C., 2002-1999
- Facilitator, Cincinnati Police-Community Relations Collaborative, 2001
- Panel Participant, Women's Solidarity Against Fundamentalism (Islamic & Christian), International Women's Day, Washington, D.C., 1996
- Participant, White House Meeting with First Lady, Hillary Rodham Clinton and Secretary of Health and Human Services, Donna Shalala, to discuss plans for National Teleconference, Post Beijing, 1996
- Participant, Capitol Hill Breakfast with UN Ambassador Madeleine Albright, preparation for Beijing, 1995
- LCWR Representative, UN Fourth World Conference & NGO Forum on Women in Beijing, China, 1995
- Keynote Speaker, Global Education Associates, "Religious Life: A Creative Force", 1995
- Committee Member, Racism, Archdiocese of Cincinnati, OH, 1993-1990
- Radio Show Host, "Faith & Justice Forum," Cincinnati, OH, 1992-1985
- G.A.T.E. (Gaining Awareness Through Experience) participant, Nicaragua, 1989
- G.A.T.E. participant, Czechoslovakia and East Germany, 1987
- Speaker, International Peace Conference, Torgau, East Germany, 1987
- U.S. Religious Delegation, El Salvador, 1985
- Invited & participated in U.S. State Department Conference on Central America, 1984
- Sister of Charity Representative to United Nations Regional Conference, Havana, Cuba, in preparation for Third World Conference on Women in Nairobi, Kenya, 1984
- Study Program, Nicaragua, 1983
- Retreat in the Streets, Mexico, 1982
- Work with Mexican- American migrants, Summers: Ohio, 1979; Michigan, 1970-1966
- Malawi, Africa, Summer, 1978
- Involvement in the Civil Rights, Peace and Women Movements

Organizational Memberships

- American University Women, 2013-1996
- Amnesty International, 2014-1996
- Cambridge Who's Who, 2014 - 2012
- Continental Who's Who, 2013 - 2012
- National Committee to Promote UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), 2014-1994
- National Museum for Women in the Arts, 2013-1995
- NETWORK, 2014-1974
- Southern Poverty Law Center 2013-2001
- Women's Freedom Forum (Women of Islam), 2014-2005

Recent Awards

- Ohio House of Representative Denise Driehaus, One of Ohio's Finest Citizens, 2012
- Enduring Spirit Award, MUSE Cincinnati Women's Choir, 2012
- Honored Guest at Women's Freedom Forum in Paris, France, 2008