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MILDRED EMORY PERSINGER

Mildred Persinger's YWCA career began in 1944 when she worked on racial justice issues with the National Public Policy Committee later to become its chairperson. Her service as a United States delegate to the YWCA World Council took her to Ghana and Greece. As a World YWCA representative to the United Nations, she participated in the Vancouver and Singapore Councils and is currently co-chairing the Funding Committee for WORLD '87, the Council meeting in Phoenix next year. 1985 - Keynote speaker Korea YWCA Council.

She chaired the planning and management of the first United Nations Decade for Women Forum 1975 in Mexico as YWCA Gen'l Sec'y Elizabeth Palmer did in Copenhagen in 1980 and Ambassador Nita Barrow did last year in Nairobi and represented the World YWCA on the planning committees of these truly global events. To keep the momentum going, she initiated and was president for six years of The International Women's Tribune Center. These connections led to two presidential appointments and to the international committee chair of the 1977 Houston National Women's Conference.

Mildred Persinger served on the National Board for several terms and is currently an honorary National Board member.

SOME OF THE OPPORTUNITIES WORK WITH THE YWCA HAS MADE POSSIBLE

1939	AB (Honors) Hollins College
1939-40	Teacher, Jr. High Roanoke County Public Schools
1940-41	Graduate Student, Bryn Mawr College
1941-42	Teacher, Philosophy/Ethics, API, now Auburn U.
1942-43	Graduate Student, Columbia U.
1942-43	Int'l Study Center (work with refugees)
1943-45	Coordinator, Nat'l Committee vs Discrimination
1949-51	NY Governor's Consumer Advisory Council
1950-55	NY State Committee on Housing Discrimination
1944-46	YWCA National Board & committees
1952-70	YWCA National Board & Exec. Committee
1958-59	National Commission on Goals for America
1962	White House Conf. on Fitness and Health
1958	World Y Seminar Problems of Peace Geneva
1961	Producer, 50 Years of Social Action
1963	YWCA Leader, March on Washington
1963	Civil Rights Consultation at White House
1963-64	C'ttee, U.S. Pres. Com'sn on St. of Women
1964	Chair, YWCA Conf. on Open Space Wyoming
1966	Partic. White House Conf. Natural Beauty
1967-68	Planning C'tee Wh.Hs. Conf. on Youth
1969-70	U.S. President's Commission on the UN
1962-68	National Social Welfare Assembly Exec.
1971-Present	World YWCA/UN Representative
1971, 75	World YWCA Council, Ghana, Canada
1977	NGO Conference on Disarmament Geneva
1977	NGO Conference on Environment Geneva
1979, 83, 87	World Y Council, Greece, Singapore, U.S.
1980-90	The Public Affairs C'ttee (Publishers)
1975	Int'l Women's Year Tribune, Mexico (Chair)
1976-83	Int'l Women's Tribune Centre (President)
1979-80	Plan. C'ttee & Partic. Denmark W'mn Conf.
1979-83 1979-83	Women's Mid-Decade Dialogue (Chair)
1983-1984-5	Good Housekeeping Magazine (Guest Editor)
1983-96	Director, then VP, NGO C'ttee/ Disarmament
1985-Present	Advisory Committee, DISARAMENT TIMES
1983-8	Plan. C'tte & Partic., Nairobi Women's Conf.
1995	Speaker & Panel World YWCA Council, Korea
1996	YWCA/USA Rep. to Japan Council of Social Work

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