



## Women on the move – Her Story:



<b>Name:</b>	Regina Samuel
<b>Country of origin:</b>	Malaysia
<b>Date of birth:</b>	1941
<b>Church:</b>	Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malaysia and Singapore
<b>Period of Mandate:</b>	1988 - 1995
<b>Short biography:</b>	

*LWI 32/88, dated 10 November*, explains: A Malaysian woman educator has joined the Lutheran World Federation Department of World Service, Community Development Service (LWF-WS/CDS) as Asia Secretary. Regina Samuel, 47 succeeds Vanita Nallathambi, LWF-WS-/CDS Asia secretary since 1978.

Samuel, an active member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malaysia and Singapore (LCMS) served as a senior high school science teacher for 21 years. She comes to the LWF from the Malaysian Ministry of Education where she has spent the last four years as an examination specialist.

The Malaysian educator, who has been doing volunteer work for 20 years, said she is ready to serve a wider community. In Malaysia, a woman can retire at 45. "I've served the church and Malaysia, now I feel called to serve the Asian community". Samuel said.

Considering the LWF-WS/CDS an arm of the Lutheran churches to encourage development work in global participation, Samuel said she sees herself serving as a finger of that arm, liaising with the churches on matters of education, health and many other aspects.

Samuel has come to know the LWF through her participation in LWF sponsored-activities in Malaysia. She attended the International Women's Consultation in Sri Lanka in 1976. She was also involved in the LWF sponsored leadership training program for rural women in Malaysia.

She served as the only woman on the seven-member Diocesan Council of the LCMS from 1985 to 1988. She has chaired the LCMS National Women's Work Committee in Malaysia for many years.