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## The Rev. Dr. Mary (Dill) Matz

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### *Class of 1953*

The Rev. Dr. Mary Matz is considered a pioneer in the field of religion. Shortly after her graduation from seminary in 1975, she became the first woman to be ordained in the Moravian Church of North America. She was also the first woman to be ordained as a deacon in the Moravian Church, North, and the first woman to be consecrated a presbyter in the Moravian Ministry, Northern Province.

Matz retired as director of educational ministries for the Moravian Church in America.

Following Matz' graduation from Grove City, she served as a director of Christian education, a high school English teacher, and a full-time mother to two sons. She later continued her education, and Moravian Theological Seminary recognized her in 1995 with its John Hus award for outstanding alumni.

She wrote two books during her pastoral education to congregations, *Ministry Together* and *Choices, Choices, Choices*. She served as vice president of the National Council of Churches and led the department which produced the latest English translation of the Bible, The New Standard Revised Version. Matz was active in Lehigh Valley community activities, serving as co-founder of the Lay Academy and on various boards and committees within United Way, YWCA, Rotary International and New Bethan Ministries. She served as co-director of the Grand Camp in Hope, N.J.

She passed away July 30, 2013.

*Additional degrees: M.Div., Moravian College; D.Min., Drew University Theological Seminary*

