Edna (Cookson) Sinclair

Class of 1930

Edna Sinclair gave a lifetime of service to the church.

After college, she taught Latin and English at South Fayette Township High School, Morgan, Pa. She began a career in church work in 1943 when she became president of the New England Synodical of Presbyterian Women. In 1946, she became vice president of the National Council of Presbyterian Women. She was named a board member of the United Church Women in 1950 and was elected National Treasurer in 1958, vice president in 1961 and president of the national group in 1964.

She also served as president of the United Church of Women of Massachusetts from 1957 to 1959. She then served as a member of United Church of Christ’s Board of World Ministries, a member of the general board and a member of the executive board in the Christian Unity Division. She also performed as national chairman of World Day of Prayer. She lectured extensively in the United States and abroad.

She was named Church Woman of the Year in 1968 by Religious Heritage for her leadership and inspiration.

She passed away Nov. 10, 2003.