

Convention Presentation - Priscilla – Women of the Bible
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Having done some research, there is not much in the Bible about Priscilla. She was married to Aquila and they are mentioned only five times in the Bible. In four of these occurrences Priscilla's name is mentioned before Aquila, which is rather unusual in that day and age. It is felt that her ministry ability was more prominent than Aquila's. Both Priscilla and her husband Aquila were very good friends of St. Paul and risked their lives for his sake, however we never learn how or why. Paul spent approx.. 2 yrs. living and working with them. He had confidence in both their abilities as church leaders and he left them in Ephesus where they opened their home to church members. Priscilla and Aquila were very instrumental in teaching Apollos a notable orator and scholar. She took him aside and mentored him on what Jesus did, said, and taught. The fact that Priscilla's name is mentioned first, indicates that Priscilla was more active in giving the explanation than her husband. In his final letter just before his life ends, when apparently many of his friends abandoned him, Paul says good-bye to those who were loyal to him.Priscilla heads the list.

In my opinion, Priscilla was a leader, **inspired by the Holy Spirit** to speak the message of God and explain the Good

News, just as Past Presidents are proven leaders. She was **called to do God's work** alongside her husband who supported her. We know that as executive members we definitely need the support of our husbands to do the work of the league and enjoy the fruits of our labour. Priscilla was knowledgeable about Jesus and the Way of God, just as Past Presidents are knowledgeable of the Constitution & By-Laws so that they can explain the way of the League to others, as well as the "Way of God." Priscilla was a mentor to Apollos, just as past-presidents are mentors to Presidents and other league members. We already know that Priscilla was not referred to very often in the Bible, and like Past- Presidents, we know that they show up, don't say much unless asked, however will make their voices heard if need be. Priscilla was also compassionate in her treatment of others who were welcomed into her home and I trust that all Past-Presidents are compassionate to others. Having been humbled as Past-Presidents, we know all the hard work that those who came before us performed and we are aware of the time, talent and gifts that, **inspired by the Spirit we are all called to do.**

Madam President, this concludes my report.