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Sylvia Boswell had no intention to lead a Charis Bible College extension school when she graduated from Charis Raleigh/Durham's Third-Year Leadership School. Having been retired for twelve years, she filled her time by volunteering at her alma mater and made herself as available as possible. When it was suggested that she enroll in the director's training program at the school, and later to apply for the director's position at the Washington, D.C., campus, she resisted. She wasn't sure God was calling her to this assignment - why would she apply to direct a campus twelve years

into her retirement? She didn't know what God had planned for her after graduation, but Sylvia says, "I knew I couldn't make up an agenda for the Lord and say, 'Okay, Lord, this is who I'm going to be, and You bless that.'" As she waited on the Lord's calling, she continued to serve, knowing that giving of her time and herself would open new doors for her.

Sylvia realized what God wanted for her when she visited the home of the former director of the Washington, D.C., campus and found that it was like walking into

a treehouse. "The Lord knows I love trees," she explains. "It was like a 'fleece' for me. When I saw that, I knew without any shadow of a doubt that the Lord had called me to be a director."

Sylvia reflects that the adjustment to life as the director at the Washington, D.C., campus "was like being a hurdler on the track field of life, and you are just jumping hurdles, and . . . you're jumping and you're jumping and I'm still jumping." No matter how many hurdles she's faced, Sylvia trusts that He will work

every situation out for the good of everyone. Her greatest satisfaction as a director is knowing that He is with her every step of the way and that she hears His voice and follows.

The Washington, D.C., campus has an amazing future ahead of it. Sylvia was struck when she arrived in May 2018 and saw the generosity among the students who donated as much as they could to the school and to scholarship funds. “That generosity, that giving, and anointing is definitely a part of this school,” she says. “There is a great anointing to give in this school.”

This year, Washington, D.C., has twenty-one enrolled students, and Sylvia says the Hybrid Program has been a tremendous blessing to the students who lead busy lives outside of classes. No matter how busy they are, they find time to complete their courses and to participate in three on-campus Bible studies and one on-campus healing service on Friday evenings every month.

The giving anointing is present even after the students leave, because the school’s largest impact on the local community has been alumni-led Bible studies. There are approximately six in the area, and they have been making a huge difference. Sylvia has been blessed by the former students’ generous hearts, and she has blessed them by encouraging them to continue their education in the Third-Year Program.

Sylvia loves that the college and ministry are working to implement changes that are “happening like fireworks . . . it’s just exploding!” She wants to encourage her students and those outside her school to listen to the Lord and trust in His plans.

With your support of Charis Bible College World Outreach, you help people like Sylvia and her students spread the grace message and continue to grow in faith. A little trust goes a long way; if we are willing to follow, He will lead us to great things!



Sylvia Boswell serves as director with a full and happy heart



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