

January 27th, 1972.

Dean Helen McCrae,
University of British Columbia,
Buchanan 456,
Vancouver 8, B. C.

Dear Dean McRae,

Douglas College, in conjunction with the New Westminster Branch of the Y.W.C.A., is planning to hold a "Re-Entry Workshop" for women on April 17, 1972 at the "Y" in New Westminster using as a general guideline, some of the principles outlined in the Royal Commission's report on The Status of Women. This will be somewhat similar to some recent programmes at U.B.C., as well as the "Return to Learn" programme of January 27, 1972 at Hycroft, in Vancouver,

Although our exact plans are not finalized, we expect to have an opening address, followed by a panel of three participants: one on Education as Enrichment, one on Women in the World of Work, and one on New Vistas for Volunteers. Resource persons will be drawn from Educational Institutions, Canada Manpower and volunteer organizations.

Following the panel, questions and lunch, persons may attend any or all of the three areas outlined, returning for report and summary. We expect that various institutions will have counselling booths for women who are interested in "shopping" for ideas and information.

This will be a pilot project for our College District, as it will for the "Y", and though we do not know what kinds of persons will respond we are very keen to offer the highest calibre of programme possible. Our object of course, is to present some alternatives for women for their self fulfillment and enrichment of their lives, concomitant with so much that is happening in North America and elsewhere today.

We are writing to enquire if you would consider giving the "inspirational" opening address, on any theme which you would think suitable for the occasion. This would be approximately 30 minutes long - likely from 9:30 to 10 a.m. at the "Y" in New Westminster, 62 Queens and 6th Avenue.

We do hope you will find it possible to accept. Should you wish to phone, please call either Mrs. Anne Moore of the

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New Westminster Y 526-2485 or myself at Douglas College in
Surrey 588-4411.

Looking forward to an early reply, I am

Most cordially,

(Mrs.) Lillian Zimmerman,
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c.c. Dr. Sheila Thompson
Mrs. Anne Moore