

**Rev. Dr. Ofelia Ortega,
Presbyterian-Reformed Church of Cuba
"Rediscovering the Liberating Message
of the Biblical Texts"**

**Preaching at Opening Worship
IAWM Assembly at Stony Point Center
Monday, July 20, 7:00 pm**

**The International Association of Women Ministers
welcomes visitors for this service.**

RSVP to Stony Point Center (845-786-5674) by Friday, July 17



**The Rev. Dr. Ofelia Ortega Suarez,
Professor and former Rector, Seminario
Evangelico de Teologia, Matanzas Cuba,
WCC president from the Carribbean/Latin
America, 2006-2013**

The Rev. Dr. Ofelia Ortega Suárez, of the Presbyterian-Reformed Church in Cuba, was the first Presbyterian woman to be ordained in Cuba. She served as the rector of the Evangelical Theological Seminary (SET) in Matanzas from 1996-2004, leading it to a multi-faceted ministry of social service and community involvement. In 2004, she hosted the Annual Assembly of the International Association of Women Ministers (IAWM) at the seminary in Matanzas. Ortega worked at the WCC from 1988 to 1996 as executive

secretary for Latin America and the Caribbean in the Programme on Theological Education, and before that, from 1985 to 1988, as professor at the Ecumenical Institute, Bossey. In Cuba, beyond her responsibilities with the seminary, she served as volunteer in the rural areas during the national literacy campaign, as well as for the Ministry of Public Health.

Dr. Ortega is currently visiting and speaking in churches in the USA, and will be at the IAWM Assembly at Stony Point Center, New York, July 20 to 23. She will preach at the Opening Worship, Monday, July 20 at 7:00 pm, and guests are welcome. She will be reporting on the church and women in Cuba and assisting in worship during the Assembly.

For registration information, see www.womenministers.org for a brochure. Registration is still open for commuters. Call Peggy Howland, 407-841-1310, ext. 1416.

Special added treat: The Rev. Dr. Margaret Aymer, Associate Professor of New Testament at Austin Theological Seminary in Texas, who is the keynote speaker and preacher at the Assembly and a concert soloist, will sing at the Opening Worship on Monday evening.