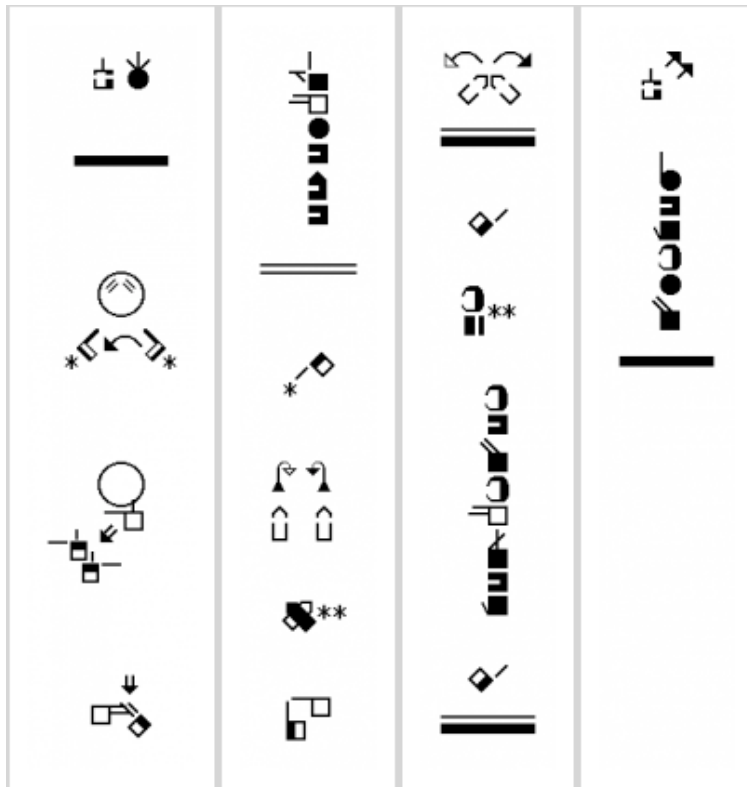
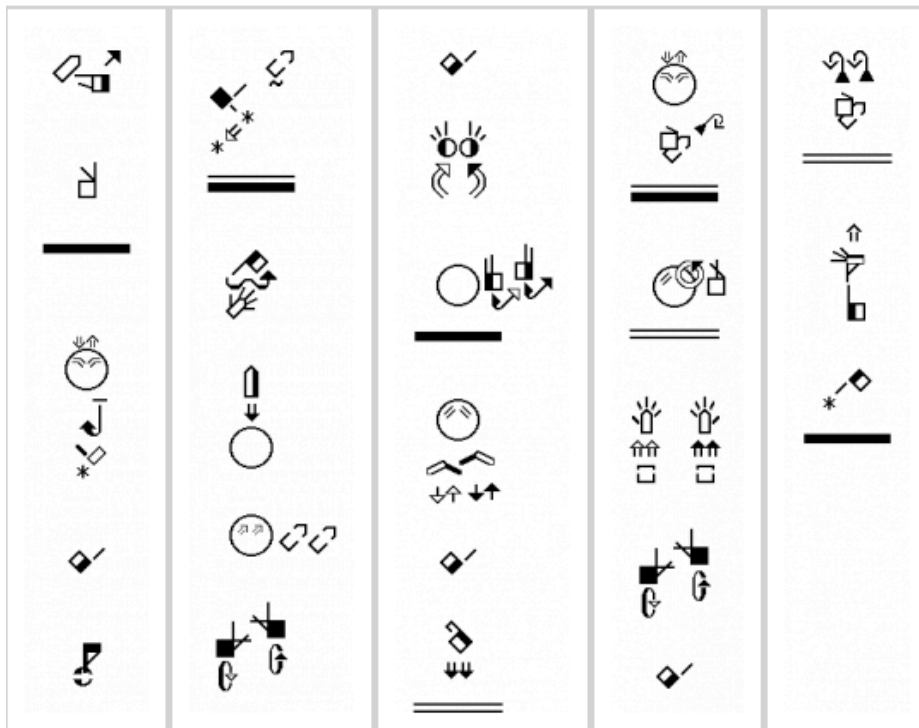


Women in the Ministry



16:1 I commend unto you Phebe our sister, which is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea:

Phebe is not distinguished from a male minister. She is greeted first as would be expected for showing proper respect to a leader. Apparently, she was visiting from Greece and ministering spiritually to the Roman church. Paul recommends her as someone who can help them and had helped many others. He also commends her as someone who has helped himself. Furthermore, no mention is made of a male companion.

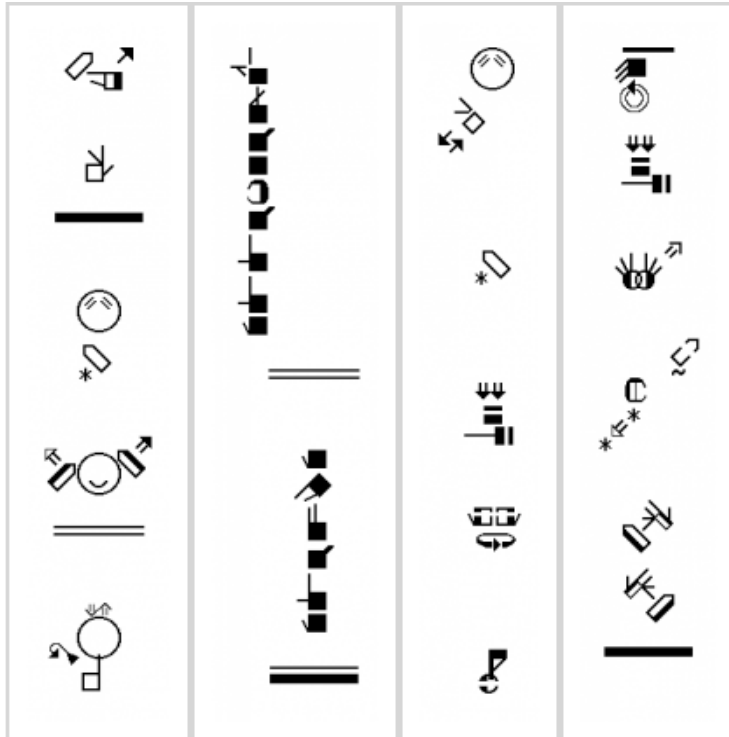


2 That ye receive her in the Lord, as becometh saints, and that ye assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you: for she hath been a succourer of many, and of myself also.

Also, Paul asked that the church assist her. How would that be except she be a leader?

To make women of a lesser class than men puts shame on God's Word.

Acts 2:17, 21:9, Judges 4:4

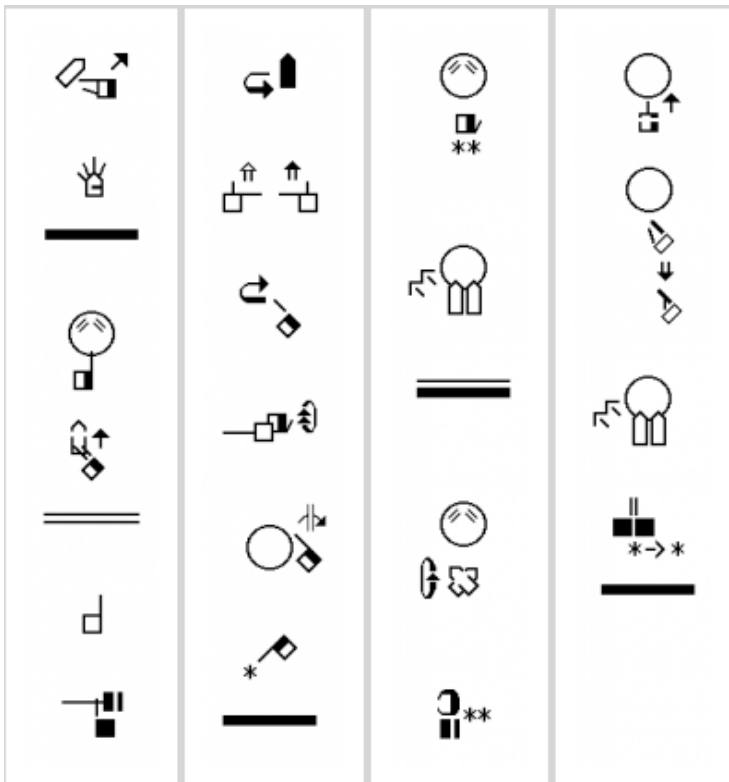


3 Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus:

This husband and wife team did important work in the early church. Here again, we see new traditions being established.

Acts 18:2, 26

No, ministry can succeed without helpers; no Christian can succeed without be a helper. Service to others is the mark of Christianity. **Mt. 23:11**



4 Who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles.

Prisca and Aquila's dedication to the furtherance of the gospel meant they were willing to pay the supreme price.

1 John 3:16, Rev. 12:11

All of us owe those who have gone before us. Those who spread the gospel and those that have preserved it for us deserve honor and respect. **1 Ti. 5:17**

(III. Dr. David Paul Yonggi Cho in Korea, Pastor of the largest church in the world whose leaders are mostly women.) The time has come to help and assist every person who is giving their full time and very lives to the spread of the gospel.