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***YOU WILL IDENTIFY, I AM SURE, WITH THE MEMORIES AND SPIRIT OF YOUR OWN CHRISTIAN LIFE EXPERIENCES, & THESE EXPRESSED AND SHARED IN AMY'S LETTER...***

Dear Jim:

Thank you for contacting me about Boston Chapel and for your interesting letter. Don't the years go by quickly? Attending Boston Chapel from 1955-1959 was an integral and valuable experience during my ENC years.

My task was to walk to the apartments in the Dover Street area, bring women and children to the Chapel, attend the services, and then take them home. Most of the stairwells were foul-smelling and dark. A few times the male students, including my future husband, voiced their concern for my safety. I wasn't brave, but I don't remember being scared because I wasn't conscious of the dangers. However, once I realized danger. Occasionally another woman student and I would baby-sit for a mother so she could attend the evening service. One evening we were shocked when a man emerged from the back room, went to the kitchen, and returned to the back room. We were not alone, and we were not safe. (Bob reminded me of this incident.)

By now you must have a list of all the ENC attendees. Some of the students I remember are Walter Mullen, Mary Lou Wheeler, Ted Esselstyn, Rachel Gray and Evelyn Bass.

Every Christmas I remember a solo, "I Wonder as I Wander", (Appalachian Carol) sung by a young lady who was not an ENC student. She attended the Chapel for a few months. I didn't know where she came from, nor how she knew about the Chapel.

I loved to ride the carry-all to the Chapel and walk the Dover Street area. The carry-all had a driver and I had my assignment. I had no concern or interest about the administrative decisions or responsibilities. Now I know ministries just don't happen, and I'm curious and interested in your research and report. I am especially interested in the long term spiritual impact in the lives of the children and adults that we brought to the Chapel regularly.

My husband and I were not called to be missionaries to foreign countries or to the pastorate, For over fifty years we were active laymen in every ministry and all aspects of our local church, wherever we lived. Today we are blessed and thankful that our three children and our grandchildren are also active in their local churches.

I wish you success in your research and report. I pray that you continue in good health.

Sincerely yours,

Amy E. Landers  
(Mrs. Robert E. Landers)

**NOTE FROM JIM TO ALL: IN FUTURE E-MAILS AND ON THE WWW.JIMTASKER.US WEBSITE AND IN THE MATERIALS BEING ASSEMBLED FOR THE EASTERN NAZARENE COLLEGE BOSTON CHAPEL ARCHIVES I WILL SHARE SEVERAL STORIES UNDERSCORING JUST HOW DANGEROUS IT WAS TO DO WHAT AMY DID IN BOSTON'S MOST CRIME-FILLED NEIGHBORHOODS.**

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