

From This Corner  
**“You the Man”**  
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I have been asked how I will feel being the lone male representative on the appointive cabinet beginning July 1. It has caused me to wonder if the similar question was asked when there was but one female representative. To be honest I never even thought about this reality until after Cathy Stengel’s appointment was announced. I have stated before that I try to be an advocate for women in ordained ministry and that one of my mentors was one of the first women Elders, The Rev. Helena L. Champlin. So it was only in retrospect that I thought about it and the fact I think Helena would like the mix on the basis that it simply offsets what the norm was for so long.

The reality is that I believe that Bishop Fisher truly tries to have a representative cabinet. For instance we have theological diversity to a degree that I know does not exist on many other cabinets.

The only shocking thing about this is that never in my entire life have I ever thought that I would be “The Man.” So you just never know what will happen in life. “Hey ... You the Man.” I like the sound of it. On the other hand be well assured that this particular group of women, as well as my wife Brenda will make sure I remain humble and keep everything in perspective. I know my place and all is well.