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## **Susan Rutledge Stapleton Named to ACNM Fellowship**

**Silver Spring, MD – Susan Rutledge Stapleton, CNM, MSN, FACNM of Mohnton, PA** was inducted into the Fellowship of the American College of Nurse-Midwives (FACNM) at the ACNM 53rd Annual Meeting in Boston this May.

Ms. Stapleton earned her BSN in 1971, her MSN in 1978, and obtained her midwifery education at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in 1984. Ms. Stapleton established two nurse-midwifery practices in Reading, Pennsylvania. One is a private, full-scope nurse-midwifery service that includes an accredited freestanding birth center. The second is a hospital-based nurse-midwifery service serving low-income women that became a model for the Healthy Beginnings Plus program in Pennsylvania. She helped establish and was Education Coordinator for the original Community-based Nurse-Midwifery Education Program (CNEP).

Currently, she is director of the nurse-midwifery faculty practice for the Frontier School of Midwifery and Family Nursing (FSMFN). Ms. Stapleton has served two terms as President of the American Association of Birth Centers (AABC). She is currently chair of the AABC Research Committee, was instrumental in the development of an online data registry, and participated on the research team for the landmark National Birth Center Study. She is a Commissioner, Vice-President, and Site Visitor for The Commission for Accreditation of Birth Centers. Ms. Stapleton has served as ACNM Region II Representative on the ACNM Board of Directors, on the Home Birth Committee, and as a chapter chair. She currently serves in the Division of Research as a member of an ACNM/MANA/AABA collaborative group.

### **About ACNM Fellowship**

Fellowship in the American College of Nurse-Midwives (FACNM) is an honor bestowed upon those midwives whose demonstrated leadership, clinical excellence, outstanding scholarship, and professional achievement have merited special recognition both within and outside the midwifery profession. In light of the vast wealth of expertise and collective wisdom represented within the body of Fellows, its mission is to serve the ACNM in a consultative and advisory capacity.

**NOTE TO PHOTO EDITORS:** Photos are available. Please contact Rebecca Jacob, ACNM Communications Manager, at (240) 485-1822, or via e-mail at [rjacob@acnm.org](mailto:rjacob@acnm.org).

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With roots dating to 1929, the American College of Nurse-Midwives is the oldest women's health care association in the U.S. ACNM's mission is to promote the health and well-being of women and newborns within their families and communities through the development and support of the profession of midwifery as practiced by certified nurse-midwives and certified midwives. Midwives believe every individual has the right to safe, satisfying health care with respect for human dignity and cultural variations. More information about ACNM can be found at [www.midwife.org](http://www.midwife.org).

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