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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--Dr. Jean M. Coyle, a faculty member in Eastern Illinois University's School of Home Economics, has been named to head a national Task Force on Economic Security for Older Americans.

The task force was established by the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America (UPCUSA). Members of the group were selected for their expertise in theology, gerontology, economics, ethics, legislation, and social services delivery.

Dr. Coyle, an Assistant Professor of Gerontology, is chairperson. A primary objective of the force is "to develop social policy for the UPCUSA related to the economics security of older Americans." Dr. Coyle said the first meeting would be in Newark, N.J., in mid-December.

Dr. Coyle said "I am pleased to have this opportunity to serve the Presbyterian Church in a way which I hope will be beneficial to older Americans throughout the U.S. The development of social policy for the Church related to the economic needs of individuals as they age is vitally needed. I hope this will lead to concerned action on the part of many Americans."

Dr. Coyle holds B.A., M.A., and Ph.D degrees in sociology from the University of Evansville, Ball State University, and Texas Woman's University, and a Specialist in Aging Certificate from the University of Michigan.

She is the co-author of "Social and Psychological Aspects of Aging." Dr. Coyle is a member of the Advisory Council of the East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging and a member of the Coles County Coalition

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Against Domestic Violence.

At Eastern, Dr. Coyle is Director of the Life Planning Project, Vice Chairperson of the Women's Studies Committee and she has been awarded two faculty research grants. She joined the faculty in 1980.