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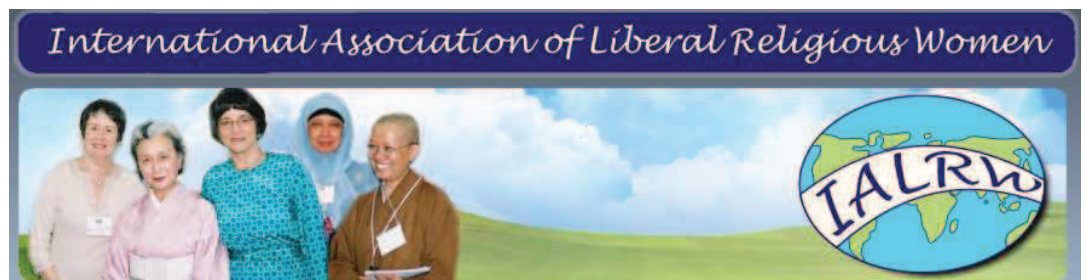
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## ***Belong to the Evolutionary Flow***

Helen Popenoe, Editor

### *Theme Introduction*

Upon rereading **our Women and Religion Resolution** (within which the International Association of Liberal Religious Women, **IALRW**, is included), I see our yearning to facilitate peaceful influence. I call the means to that influence, **egalitarian complementarity**. It is the opposite of controlling, top/down patriarchal ways. It is a way for collaborative partnership when a relationship between two or more persons is based on **sharing leadership power**. Egalitarian complementarity has flexible "give and take" for idea creation as the situation for action specifically demands.



This decision making exchange naturally determines who assumes leadership through respectful exploration to find who has the best ideas and resources "to do the job." **It's a liberating process**, releasing human potential. Freedom for those involved to act from one's best self for the good of all is a prerequisite. This attitude comes from each person's heart and starts with practicing this peaceful process of **creative liberation** with those closest to us at home. As the ancient Chinese put it, the attitude of peacefulness then can spread to neighbors, cities and nations to finally becoming **peace in the world**.

When listening to Secretary Clinton and President Obama speak about the Arab Spring revolutions, May 19, 2011, it was validating to hear such ideas as: "cooperation that can bring **prosperity and justice**" for all of us, "**improved living conditions and fundamental economic reform**", "must **lead in new and innovative ways**" (based on "mutual interests and respect"), "the people of the Middle East and North Africa **acting for their basic rights and dignity**" in their nations, a "people risen up" **against "power in the hands of a few"** who have "the tactics of suppression", the people deserve "a government that does **not smother their aspirations**", "prying loose the grip of an iron fist", "will **increase transparency and accountability**", "**freedom to assemble...** and to **choose their own leaders**", no to coercion/ yes to consent. "The government and opposition must **engage in dialogue**". "The events of the past six months show **the world can change**", the people's "**words can be free**" to be expressed. "The broader aspirations of the people include **valuing the dignity of the street vendor and his/her basic needs**" such as for food. "**When women are empowered, a nation becomes more prosperous and peaceful.**" Think tanks and "business leaders play a strong role in **bringing stability** to the region" of the Arab Spring revolts. We have "**a new opening for ...peace.**"

My present series of reports describing the peace work I heard about at the IALRW September conference continues in this issue with **Michiko Iwabuchi's "MDG's to Defend Life, Dignity and Human Rights in Developing Countries."** WOMUUNWEB'S initial report on MDG's was in a year 2000 issue when they came out for use by the international community.



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Report #3 - From the IALRW Centennial Celebration, September 4 - 7, 2011, Kochi, India

Timeline provided by the women from Rissho Kosei-Kai, the Japanese RKK Buddhists:

## UPCOMING EVENTS



UU Women's Connection  
Fall Retreat in Kenosha WI  
October 21-22, 2011  
(Central Midwest (CMW))

### Breathe: A Lake Side Experience!

Keynote Speaker Rev.  
Georgette Wonders:  
"She Who Is Not Busy"

Join Sisters at the edge of beautiful Lake Michigan as we gather to relax and enjoy the blessings of community, new inspiring...  
For more information about the Women's Connection Fall retreat, please contact Peggy Patty at 217-636-8875 or [earthbeat3@wildblue.net](mailto:earthbeat3@wildblue.net)

[uuwomensconnection.org](http://uuwomensconnection.org)

### Metro NY Women and Religion Annual Luncheon

January 28, 2012  
(Metro New York (MNY))

### Metro NY Women and Religion: Annual Luncheon/Lecture

Location: Community Church of New York UU (Manhattan) [www.ccnny.org](http://www.ccnny.org)

Speaker: Dawn Laguens, Executive Vice President, Planned Parenthood  
Contact: Reena Kondo at [reenakondo@verizon.net](mailto:reenakondo@verizon.net)

"Change: Meaning and Importance of PEACE"

1910 – 1920 The Colonial Period with World War I

1920 – 1945 Totalitarian Regime with World War II

1945 – 1990 The Ideological Era with the Cold War

1990 – 2010 Economical Growth, Over-Population, Mass Consumption, Terrorism, Weather Fluctuation, Poverty/Wealth Gap, Eco – Problems, Natural Havoc, Resource Exhaustion (Water/Fuel/Minerals/Food)

"From the beginning, IALRW women believed that despite the different definitions and ways of explanations of our different faith traditions, there are common threads weaving us together. They strive to embody and nurture a spirit of generosity and trust which encourages care, education, networking and financial support for women, especially those in impoverished and difficult circumstances."

In her report, **Michiko Iwabuchi describes the MDG's, Millennium Development Goals**, as ... "not only **development objectives** – they **encompass universally accepted human values and the right to basic education, the right to health and responsibility to future generations**. The target date is 2015 by which the MDG's are to be achieved... There are eight goals with twenty-one targets and a series of measurable indicators for each target."

I see the denial of these basic human rights causing the kind of accumulated resentment pointed out by Michiko Tsuchihashi in the last WOMUUNWEB issue's IALRW report #2.

I believe our Women and Religion quest is to seek peace-education opportunities (both directly and through modeling) for the liberation of humankind's innate, individual personal gifts. For instance, we teach, on our own, through engaging in political actions to **expose the harmful obstacles patriarchal domination can place in the way of establishing the "universally accepted human values and rights"**, as **Michiko Iwabuchi states**, to exemplify the MDG's. We teach peace, mostly, in day by day efforts by our egalitarian complementarity in personal relationships. I believe this is the way to make decisions. This kind of exchange is based on bringing out the best ideas and the resources that a person can apply to the situation in question.

Are we in the same evolutionary flow as The Arab Spring? Those democratic revolutions tell me that **establishment of the kind of security and freedom the MDG's give comes first**. Then the jobs that would come out of the established MDG stability would be beneficial to the whole world economy, and, much more, to **real world peace**. In this light, Michiko speaks about the importance of IALRW's Ladakh Literacy Project in India (reported on as WOMUUNWEB's #1 of this series, a couple issues back.)

To build on Michiko's thinking, **"Advanced countries are seriously damaged" by today's status quo**. Michiko says, "Certainly the world economy is in a deadlock... However, the **people in developing countries now have their lives threatened**. People in advanced countries should be more conscious that **our daily lives are supported by developing countries**. It is our duty to help developing countries. ...I, myself, would like to take action against poverty in developing countries. Please pay attention to MDG's. Life, dignity and human rights of people in developing countries are threatened because of poverty."

Here are quotes to give a glimpse of Michiko's assessment of the **MDG progress**:

"How much has the world achieved the United Nations' MDG's? In fact, the Lehman Brothers shock in September, 2008, (and now, I, Helen, add Japan's current post-earthquake economy, faltering in recession) affected the world economy seriously, so that advanced countries which had pledged to support developing countries have less interest in MDG's. **The action plans have not been achieved.**

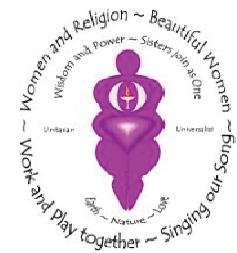
Then, let's see the state of developing countries:

1. **"Conflict gives rise to poverty** among people who have no direct involvement in the dispute.
2. "Progress in reducing hunger is now being eroded by the **worldwide increase in food prices**..."
3. "Mortality rates are higher for children from rural and poor families, whose **mothers lack a**



### "Exploring the UUniverse of Women's Spirituality"

with Meg Barnhouse!  
Please join us at the Hilton Houston NASA Clear Lake for the 2012 SWUUV Conference.  
See our website for more information,  
[www.swuuv.org](http://www.swuuv.org)



**Celebrating Our Herstory With PCD W&R In Napa, California**  
March 2-4, 2012  
(Pacific Central (PCD))

The PCD W&R Spring Retreat will be held at [Enchanted Hills Camp](#). We are planning to offer an extended option, in addition to the regular Friday afternoon through Sunday retreat. We do not yet know exactly what it will be. All dates are tentative while waiting for confirmation. Check [www.pcduur.org](http://www.pcduur.org) for more information as it becomes available.

**Eliot Chapel Women's Weekend - St Louis MO**  
April 21

**FL District Women's Retreat - Ellenton FL**  
April 27

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**to the UUWR Calendar!**

- basic education.**
4. "Open defecation continues to be practiced by almost half the population in South Asia and more than a quarter of those living in sub-Saharan Africa."
  5. "Those living in slum conditions ...suffer from **contaminated drinking water and inadequate sanitation and housing.**

"Some important progress has been made these ten years, however the world is not on the track to fulfill commitments.

"To achieve the Goals, the following efforts are needed:

1. "Advanced countries should increase contributions to **bilateral aid** and to **multilateral development institutions** to achieve their pledges.
2. "**Tariffs and import quotas to exports** from developing countries to advanced countries **should be removed.**
3. "**Indispensable medicines** should be offered in developing countries at **low prices** in cooperation with the pharmaceutical companies.
4. "**Debts** of the developing countries should be **reduced.** Financial support from advanced countries is a big key. **We have to do something for 5.5 billion people whom we can not allow to remain unnoticed.**"

Secretary Clinton, I'm sure, is well aware of the MDG's for use to achieve much of what she and President Obama advocated, May 19. The Arab Spring gives me hope work to achieve the MDG's will be sped-up. The **people who have come alive** in revolution represent a first step though it be so filled with **extreme sacrifice**, agonizing setbacks such as the Libyan Viagra-fed troops using **rape as a weapon of war**, and **great hardship for innocents**. This reality makes following the news sleep-disturbing. I know the change will be slow (maybe in a decade?) With an unknown future outcome, I end with a quote from Rev. Rob Keithan:

"What is certain is that, thanks to the combination of audacity, action and circumstances, **transformation is happening right before our eyes.** Although it may not touch our lives directly, I pray that we all **feel some sense of connection** to what is happening in that region. Even if our only role is to **witness**, I believe that it is a serious – and even sacred – act to see people **fight for self-expression and self-determination.** Let us appreciate the opportunity we have been given."

IALRW and the Women and Religion movement are in alignment with this historical flow. We belong to the evolutionary urge for peaceful, liberated human life for all on our planet Earth.



### UN Sunday

In celebration of the founding of the United Nations on October 24th, 1945, the UU-United Nations Office invites congregations and individual UUs to deepen their understanding of the UN by devoting one service in October to reaffirming the connections between UU principles and vital issues dealt with at the UN.

The [UN Sunday Resource Packet](#) includes everything you need to plan a UN Sunday service, from the history of the UN to a sample Order of Service with suggested hymns and readings. The packet also includes information about our theme for this year's UN Sunday: **Empower Women for a Better World.**

This year's UN Sunday will take place on **October 23rd.**

We invite you to submit the sermon or address from your UN Sunday service for the [2012 Dana Greeley Award](#). Consisting of a \$1,000 honorarium and the opportunity to deliver the winning address at General Assembly 2011, the award honors the memory of the Rev. Dana McLean Greeley, first president of the Unitarian Universalist Association and a strong supporter of the United Nations.

Sermons highlighting the work of the United Nations and the UU-UNO will be given priority consideration. Send submissions by February 1, 2011 to [greeleysermon@uu-uno.org](mailto:greeleysermon@uu-uno.org).

<http://international.blogs.uua.org/2011/08/03/un-sunday-october-24-2011/>

## ***UU Women's Heritage Society and UU Historical Society Consolidate***

Rev Gordon Gibson



Send your news to Helen Popenoe, or mail to 6307 Wiscasset Road, Bethesda, MD 20816-2111

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See WOMUUNWEB issues at [www.uuwr.org](http://www.uuwr.org)

Deadline for next issue is NOVEMBER 12.



*Photo L to R: Rev Gordon Gibson, Rev Dorothy Emerson, Rev Kate Walker*

In simultaneous meetings on June 24, 2011, the **Unitarian Universalist Women's Heritage Society** and the **Unitarian Universalist Historical Society** voted to consolidate. The new organization, which will carry forward the missions of its predecessor bodies, is called the Unitarian Universalist History and Heritage Society.

The Rev. Kate Walker of Alexandria, Virginia, formerly President of the Women's Heritage Society, was elected President of the UUHHS, and the Rev. Gordon Gibson of Knoxville, Tennessee, formerly President of the Historical Society, will serve as Past President.

The Unitarian Universalist Women's Heritage Society was organized in 1988 when study of the role of women in history was a neglected field in need of special emphasis. The UUHHS was a vigorous organization with a broad, grassroots membership base. They produced monographs on Unitarian and Universalist women, calendars featuring women from our heritage, and a number of excellent scripts for dramatic presentations in worship.

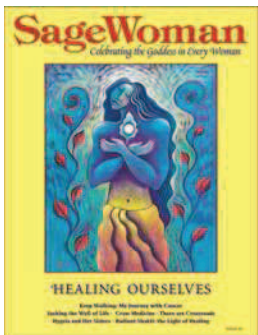
The Unitarian Universalist Historical Society brought together Universalist (founded 1834) and Unitarian (founded in 1901) Historical Societies in 1978. It has a long history of publishing annual journals of scholarly work. In recent years the UUHS has also branched out into on-line publication and other endeavors. There is an on-line history chat (UUHS-Chat), and the on-line Dictionary of Unitarian Universalist Biography (<http://www.uuhs.org/DUUB.htm>), which makes accessible to the public carefully researched and edited biographical information on women and men of our heritage. The UUHS has also sponsored re-publication of new editions of key historical works such as Charles Lyttle's *Freedom Moves West*, Roland Bainton's *Hunted Heretic*, and George Huntston Williams' *American Universalism*. Through the Unitarian Universalist Funding Program, UUHS has developed a program to assist with congregational archiving and histories. It has also sponsored history and heritage competitions for seminarians, youth, and religious educators.

The new UUHHS aspires to build on the work of its predecessor organizations and bring new energy to the exploration of our history and heritage. The consolidation of the two groups grew out of several years collaboration in Partners in Unitarian Universalist History and Heritage (PUUHH), an umbrella organization which began with four groups. Active conversation about consolidating the work of these two groups began in the course of the first-ever Unitarian Universalist History Convocation, which was organized by PUUHH and held in Waltham, Massachusetts, in October 2010.

UUHHS can be contacted by mail at 27 Grove Street, Scituate, MA 02066 or via e-mail at [membership@uuhs.org](mailto:membership@uuhs.org). The new organization is in process of establishing a new web address, but for the time being is found at [www.uuhs.org](http://www.uuhs.org).

Officers and Trustees of the UUHHS in addition to Walker and Gibson include Mark Harris, Elizabeth Strong, Paul Sprecher, Barbara Coeyman (holding the women's heritage portfolio), Kathleen Parker, John Marsh, Dan McKanan, Jim Nugent, Peggy Ward Rawheiser, George Whitehouse, and Helen Zidowecki (holding the religious education history portfolio).

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September marked SageWoman's 25th year of connecting women to the Goddess and to one another. However, this anniversary also comes at the time of serious crisis. Borders — a major retail bookstore chain which sold 40% of their wholesale copies in the U.S. — went bankrupt and is closing all of its stores. Borders owes SageWoman Magazine \$12,064 for sales in 2010 and 2011 for which they will never be paid.

[www.sagewoman.com](http://www.sagewoman.com)

## ICUW Fall Newsletter



The **fall edition** of the International Convocation of Unitarian Universalist Women's (ICUW) newsletter is now available.

[www.icuw.com](http://www.icuw.com)

### Included in this edition:

Philippines Doldol Livelihood Project

Rep. Luz Llagan Keynote Speaker in Philippines

Transylvanian Convocation

Report on GA Micro Enterprise

Olga Flores Marches to Preserve Rainforest

CEDAW Update and more!

### MORE NEWSLETTERS:

[UU Women's Federation](http://www.uuwf.org)  
Summer issue  
[www.uuwf.org](http://www.uuwf.org)

[UU Womenspirit](http://www.uuwomenspirit.org)  
Summer issue (SE District)  
[www.uuwomenspirit.org](http://www.uuwomenspirit.org)

[UU Women's Connection](http://www.uuwomensconnection.org)  
Summer issue (Central Midwest District)  
[uuwomensconnection.org](http://www.uuwomensconnection.org)

[Covenant of UU Pagans](http://www.cuups.org)  
(CUUPs) Summer issue  
[www.cuups.org](http://www.cuups.org)



## Rosemary Matson Awarded Honorary Doctorate

May 18, 2011 - Rosemary Matson received an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from [Starr King School for the Ministry](http://www.pcduuwr.org). Pacific Central District UUW&R women gathered to help celebrate the occasion. Visit their Facebook page for more: [www.pcduuwr.org](http://www.pcduuwr.org).

[Rise Up and Call Her Name](#) curriculum author Liz Fisher, created a booklet honoring Rosemary's life. ([DOWNLOAD](#) a PDF file) Liz says:

"In 1977 Rosemary advocated with other lay women for passage of the [Women and Religion Resolution](#) at General Assembly. She was soon appointed by UUA President Paul Carnes to co-chair the President's Continental Committee on Women and Religion (1977-1980). During this period the

activities to rid the denomination of sexist practices were vibrant, including: revisioning theology (thealogy), correcting sexist language in hymns and readings, and exposing and transforming sexist attitudes regarding leadership capabilities. Rosemary was in the thick of it. ..."

Congratulations, Rosemary!

## Northern New England Retreat Cancelled

Susan Gorman and Faith Barnes

It is with great sadness that I report to you that as of our registration deadline we do not have enough women to hold our retreat scheduled for 9/30-10/2. It was our hope that becoming part of the district would free up our energies for programming at the retreat, but we simply do not have enough workshop leaders or participants to go forward.

There is another issue which I see needs to be addressed: a very small group of women have been shouldering the organizing of these retreats for many years. There has been an urgent call for new volunteers for more than two years now, and only one new person has stepped in to help.

We see this cancellation as a natural consequence of this dynamic. It is impossible for only a few to continue to have the energy, time, and resources to create value for such a large group.

New women must step forward. We have received many sincere and concerned suggestions for how we could have prevented this cancellation, but I'm left with a heavy heart wondering where was that energy and commitment when so much work (by so few) was being put into: finding a new site after Rockcraft, allying with the District, and planning /this/ retreat. It is too little, too late.

We have a tentative date for a retreat at Geneva Point Center for next year. It is not guaranteed however and may be released. The current planning committee is largely taking a step back.

The question is posed: How much do you value our weekends of connection and restoration and community?

Susan Gorman and Faith Barnes, [faithb.56@gmail.com](mailto:faithb.56@gmail.com).



UU Women and Religion of Northern New England



## UU Foremothers Remembered in UU World

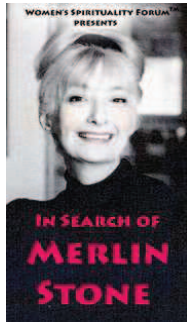
The Fall 2011 issue of UU World contains a [letter from Rev Dr Linnea Pearson](#) mentioning two of the foremothers of the Women and Religion Resolution, Lucile Longview and Rosemary Matson.



UU World's Summer 2011 issue has an [article on the impact of women ministers](#) in the UUA by Carolyn Owen-Towle. She mentions the Ministerial Sisterhood, a group that seems to have disappeared from view. A photo of their banner is at right.



## Remembering Merlin Stone



On September 24th, people gathered at the UU Church of Clearwater Florida to honor the life and work of Merlin Stone. The event was streamed live on Z Budapest's Ustream channel: <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/merlin-stone-memorial> and the video files now are there to view. Video was quite fuzzy but much of the audio can be heard if you turn up the volume. I was particularly moved by Merlin's "significant other ... soulmate and kindred spirit" of 34 years, Leonard Schneur. "I thought I was a free spirit," he said, "then I met Merlin. I thought I was a non-conformist, then I met Merlin... You were the lighthouse, I was lost at sea..."

Z Budapest and Merlin Stone's family have been raising money to produce a documentary DVD "In Search of Merlin Stone." Rev. Shirley Ranck was [interviewed](#) for inclusion in the DVD. Learn more at [www.merlinstone.net](http://www.merlinstone.net).

## Membership

We'd like to invite you to join UUW&R! MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS:

- Information about activities, programs
- Invitations to UUW&R meetings, events
- Opportunities to change the recipe!

Suggested annual donation: \$25. Send this form (check payable to UUW&R) to:  
Patti Clark, UUW&R Treasurer, 3224 Timmons Lane #165, Houston, TX 77027

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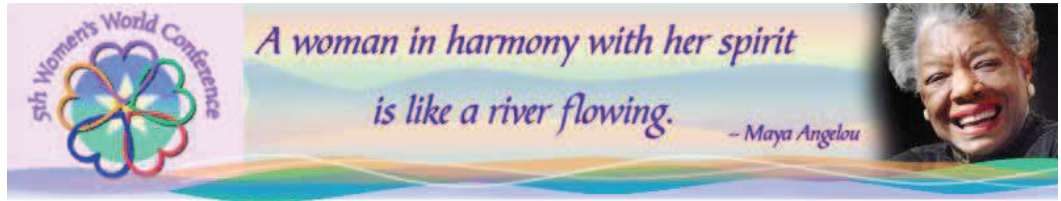
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For additional information, e-mail: [info@uuwr.org](mailto:info@uuwr.org) Please also consider working with the core group to bring your ideas to the Continental level, and UUWR events and ideas to your District! Call co-convenor Gretchen Ohmann at 269-369-1114.

## ***Support a Fifth World Conference on Women!***



The first four World Conferences on Women were sponsored by the United Nations. The last was held in Beijing in 1995 and produced the [Beijing Platform for Action](#), which if fully implemented on a global scale would make the world a safe place for women and children. This will be possible only when violence of all kinds—from domestic to war, is no longer acceptable.

Now at the beginning of the 21st century with the state of the world as it is, it is a crucial time for women to come together to make a difference. This conference would be the first since the Internet made worldwide communication easy and would likely be the largest and most effective gathering of women ever held. It would accelerate reaching a tipping point.

UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) meets in Geneva July 2011. A Written Statement was submitted to ECOSOC by Elly Pradervand, president of Women's World Summit Foundation (Geneva) advocating 5WCW. On short notice before the April 22 submission deadline, the following UN NGO's signed on as co-sponsors.

Intervida International  
International Alliance of Women (IAW)  
Human Rights Advocates, Inc.  
World Movement of Mothers (MMM)  
International Council of Women (ICW)  
International Public Policy Institute (IPPI)  
Worldwide Organization of Women (WOW)  
The Women's Intercultural Network (WIN)  
Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem (OSMTH)  
Women's Welfare Centre (India)  
Women's Forum (Sierra Leone)  
Girls' Power Initiative (Nigeria)  
Women's UN Report Network (WUNRN) part of the Tandem Project  
US Federation for Middle East Peace  
African Commission on Health Promoters and Human Rights  
Catholics for Choice

For the list and description of 123 organizations that support a UN 5th World Conference on Women:  
<http://www.5wwc.org/organizations/>

ACTION step: for your organization to be listed:  
[http://www.5wwc.org/organizations/org\\_listing\\_form.html](http://www.5wwc.org/organizations/org_listing_form.html)

ACTION step: add to grassroots individual support—now at 11,500, sign 5WCW petition (GO Petition logo and link <http://www.gopetition.com/petitions/support-a-un-5th-world-conference-on-women.html>)

ACTION step: There is a need for a Resolution from a UN member-state to begin the process in the UN for 5WCW to be introduced at ECOSOC and/or the General Assembly in 2011. An Ambassador to the UN from any of the 192 countries can introduce the resolution — Someone reading this may be in a position to set this in motion!

### **Rev. Dr. Dorothy Emerson**

Minster, Rainbow Solutions, Medford, MA [www.RainbowSolutions.us](http://www.RainbowSolutions.us)

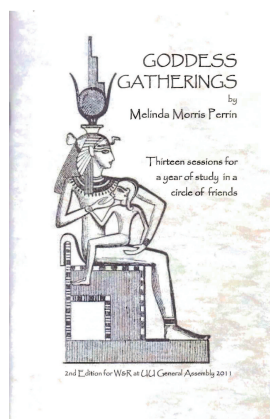
Co-Creator, Becoming Women of Wisdom: Marking the Passage into the Crone Years

[www.cronecurriculum.net](http://www.cronecurriculum.net)

Author, book in progress, Sea Change: How the 1960s transformed my life and the world we live in

Coordinator, Margaret Fuller Bicentennial [www.margaretfuller.org](http://www.margaretfuller.org)

## Goddess Gatherings



By Melinda Morris Perrin.  
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## Cakes - buy the set and save

A religious education curriculum in feminist theology for adults and older youth

by Rev. Shirley Ann Ranck, PhD

**IN ANCIENT TIMES** (five sessions)  
**ON THE THRESHOLD** (six sessions)

**Both volumes for \$75!**  
**(separately \$40 each)**

**IN ANCIENT TIMES:** This five-session Volume I of the popular adult religious education curriculum includes an introductory section featuring author Shirley's Ranck's "Statement of Feminist Theology," Elinor Artman's "Brief Herstory of Cakes," and Nancy Vedder-Shults, "[Baking Cakes for the Queen of Heaven](#)." The themes of the Session Plans are: The Sacred Female, In the Name of the Mother and the Daughter, Womanpower, The First Turning-From Goddess to God, and Reclaiming Women's Heritage of Peace." The resource section includes supplementary essays by a number of important authors, a listing of highly recommended materials, and the sheet music of songs by Carole Eagleheart and Ann Forfreedom for use with the curriculum. The curriculum also includes a CD-ROM with five Visual Programs to accompany the sessions, plus resource material for easy distribution to participants.

**ON THE THRESHOLD:** In the six-session continuation of the course, Volume II, we will continue our journey into the past to reclaim the stories of powerful women to be found in ancient Judaism and in early Christianity. We will also look at the global silencing and brutalization of women that accompanied the rise of patriarchal religion and society. Finally we will celebrate the exciting new world-view and theology that has emerged in our time, and explore the personal and social changes that may be suggested by that new world-view and theology. We will continue the complex process of telling a new story.

In addition, you may order Carole Etzler Eagleheart's CD "[She Calls to Us](#)," which contains many of the songs in the curriculum. Sound samples are available on the MUSIC page. To read more about Cakes, exchange comments with other facilitators, and find resources for Facilitator Training, go to [www.cakesforthequeenofheaven.org](http://www.cakesforthequeenofheaven.org).

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For individual study, you might enjoy the [BOOK](#).

## Chalice Jewelry

As I've traveled to a handful of places (like General Assembly) I have frequently heard requests for



"more chalice jewelry!" So I've been keeping a lookout for more. If you saw us at GA this year you noticed we did have new ones by [Charlot Martin](#) and [Jordan Gribble](#). One day a woman stopped by to talk to us about something and I couldn't help admiring the flame-shaped chalice pendant she wore. So we got to talking about it and kept in touch.

K Robins' [website](#) describes this sterling silver pendant as being 2"x2" but it is actually a more

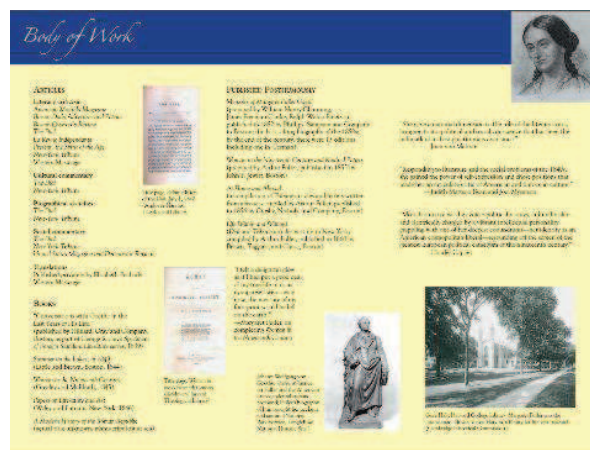
moderate 3/4" by 1-1/2". Solid yet lightweight, this pendant floats nicely on the silk cord that comes with it. I don't find it turned backwards when I'm wearing it the way some of my other jewelry tends to end up. What I like best about the design is the chalice/person. I see it as a person with arms extended, the graceful flow of their lower garment almost giving it a feminine aspect -- but then again not. K says:

The sterling silver Flaming Chalice pendant ... 'incubated' for a long time - for many years it seems, Unitarian Universalists that I met have requested a chalice and flame combo from me. Around Easter this year (2011), I gave it a try. A wide spectrum of symbolic meaning revealed itself... from birth, to living in the flame of truth, to death and resurrection. As Flaming Chalice was not a commissioned piece for UU, I was free to immerse myself in the experience of chalice and flame union. I loved working on this piece! The deep meaning and alchemy of these two powerful symbols (the UU symbol incorporates two circles) is perfect for the open arms and spiritual quest of the Unitarian Universalist. *k*

I don't know if we'll carry them at a GA some year, but I did want to let you know about this one. This pendant is \$49 and you would order it directly from K Robins at [www.krobinsdesigns.com](http://www.krobinsdesigns.com). It's worth browsing through all the other beautiful symbolic jewelry she's created! -- *Gretchen, UUWR Storekeeper*

## **"WHY MARGARET FULLER MATTERS" TRAVELING DISPLAY**

"Why Margaret Fuller Matters" is a series of text-and-image panels designed to answer the fundamental question of why this great nineteenth-century figure remains important two centuries after her birth. Multiple copies will allow various libraries, community organizations, and Unitarian Universalist congregations to present the display.



For those who have heard of Margaret Fuller only through her connection with her colleagues, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Bronson Alcott, Elizabeth Peabody, and other Transcendentalists, the display will allow them to honor Fuller's own ideas and contributions. For those who have never heard of Fuller, the display will reveal how her work impacted the actors of the "second revolution" of the nineteenth century—those who dedicated themselves to applying the ideals of the American ("first") Revolution through courageous actions grounded in revolutionary philosophy and literature.

The ten colorful 24-inch x 18-inch foam core panels that comprise "Why Margaret Fuller

Matters" include: an introductory panel; brief sketches of her key colleagues; a chronological telling of her life and her views on women's rights, education (especially female), class, slavery, American Indian rights, religion, Transcendentalism, her world view as a trans-nationalist, and her vision of a just world.

The Margaret Fuller Bicentennial Committee believes that this major figure matters because virtually every woman in the Western world who has determined her own destiny, who has forged her own spiritual life, who votes, who enjoys legal rights and full citizenship, who has sought political office, and who is free to use her intellect and talents freely without condemnation stands on Margaret Fuller's shoulders. There are few individuals in our past to whom we can point and say, "That one person changed the course of history for the better." Margaret Fuller was such a person.

[READ THE TEXT](http://www.margaretfuller.org) at [www.margaretfuller.org](http://www.margaretfuller.org).

*The author and designer of the display is Bonnie Hurd Smith, who created a similar display on Emerson during his Bicentennial year in 2003. Smith, the author of numerous books on historical subjects, particularly women's history, also is an accomplished graphic designer.*

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